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**THE CHILI COOK-OFF - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Dear Chili Cook-Off Interested Participants:

Thank you for your interest in the Chili Cook-Off, part of the Claremont Fall Festival!

The Parks & Recreation Department considers this year's event to again be most rewarding for all involved. It is one of our most popular fundraising special events. This event is considered a "cook-off", with balloting and 1st-3rd places awarded in each category. We have the "People's Choice Award" voted on by this year's chili enthusiasts and the "Judges Choice" submitted by a secrete panel of chili tasters. The best decorated booth in each category will again receive awards. We appreciate your involvement and look forward to your participation.

Again, this year, we will gather at the **Visitor Center Green** on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, from **10:00 AM to 2:30 PM**. The actual contest will begin at 10:30 AM. We anticipate 20+ entries and a tremendous crowd of citizens and tourists sampling and voting for their favorite entry. The voting is in three separate categories this year: Business, Individual, & Non-Profit Organization. The sign at your table will indicate your chili's name, group, and heat category (hot, medium or mild). NOTE: This sign is provided by the Parks and Rec. Dept.

The Chili Cook-Off is all part of the Claremont Fall Festival. Musical entertainment will be provided. As a chili cook-off participant, here is what you need to provide:

**You Need to Supply:** 10 gallons of chili, No Electric Please!

- Main ingredient to Rec. Dept., such as pork, beef, or vegetarian. Secrets are not necessary. (Rec Dept. will put this info. on a sign that will be displayed at your chili serving station)
- People to serve your chili, business banner, or decorative sign and any decorations for your booth. (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be awarded for best decorated booth!)
- You may also sell other items at your booth if you wish.

**Parks & Rec. Provides:** Table, table cloth, ladle, and a sign for your table.

- Bowls, napkins, & spoons.
- Ballots, pencils, and ballot punch all under our tents.

**Chili Cook-Off Facts:** 10 gallons of chili equals 1,284 oz. which serves 642 people a 2 oz. portion. As well, if one individual consumed 2 oz. of all 20 Chili's they would have consumed 40 oz.'s of chili. Now that calls for Tums! We cannot provide any heating sources and electricity is very minimal! But experience has shown that the total volume of the chili keeps it warm for the 3 to 4 hours.

Individuals who gather for the Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser will pay \$5.00 (adult) and \$3.00 (child) to taste the entries. To be listed on the ballot, we will need a name for your prize-winning recipe by Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 2018. The Cook-Off is expected to be another exciting community fundraising event. We look forward to working with you. For further information or questions, please contact the Claremont Community Center at 603.542.7019.

Register your chili online TODAY! @ [www.claremontparks.com](http://www.claremontparks.com). It is FREE to register a chili!

Sincerely, Justin Martin, Superintendent of Recreation Programs