

Kersey Area Chamber of Commerce  
3<sup>rd</sup> **ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF**  
Saturday, December 7, 2019  
KOHLER PARK

**CHILI COOK-OFF RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**TEAMS:** Due to limited space; No more than 3 members to a team; One individual must be charged with responsibility of team, representation, and the food product. **A table left unattended will be disqualified.**

**FEES:** Competition Entry Fee is \$25.00 per Team. Team members will not be charged to participate in the sampling and voting process. Deadline for entries is November 29, 2019 (one week prior to the event).

Public entry fee is \$2.00; 12yrs and older, and \$1.00 11yrs and younger.

**SET-UP:** Begins 3:30pm; Team table must be ready for competition and the public by 5:00pm. Team "space" must not exceed a 4'x6' area (Contestants will be sharing a 8'x3' table. 4' of tabletop and 3' behind table). Contestants are responsible for supplying their own cooking utensils, cookers, paper towels, etc....

**PROVIDED:** ½ of table (8'x3'), Chair upon request, and access to electricity, Serving bowls, spoons & napkins.

**UNLOADING OF EQUIPMENT:** Please keep all unloading to a maximum of 15 minutes and be considerate of others. Unloading area: 4<sup>th</sup> Street on East side of Kohler Park.

**COOKING:** All variations of chili recipes are welcome; traditional, white or green, and vegetarian. Only one Chili recipe per team can be offered. Chili and/or ingredients must be pre-cooked before the event. Cooking process must be in a self-contained environment, using safe and sanitary conditions. Toppings/additives: Cheese, Chips, onion, etc., are permitted but not a factor in the Judges Choice Award.

**SERVINGS/QUANTITIES:** Each team should provide 4 gallons of Chili minimum, but no more than 5 gallons. Ladle or serving size must not exceed 4 ounces.

**BE CREATIVE:** Teams are encouraged to decorate their booth and promote a theme for their team, chili recipe, holiday, or business. Banners, decorations, or promotional displays are limited to the designated (4'x6') area of the team. Handouts are acceptable, keeping in mind the event is to be family focused.

**SAFETY:** Booth and cooking areas are subject to inspection for safety. Open Flame/Grills/BBQ or propane stoves are not permitted. Sterno cans are acceptable under supervision. Electricity is provided, electrical cords should be managed in a way to not be cause for trip hazard. Cooking and serving food in a sanitary manner is required. Any team managing their booth in a manner considered unsafe or unsanitary will be disqualified, and the booth will be closed.

**CLEAN UP:** Each team will be responsible for cleaning up their booth area entirely. Leaving the area in the condition they started with. All waste is to be disposed of responsibly and properly. Trash cans will be provided.

**COMPETITION:** Teams are automatically placed into three areas of competition:

- a) **JUDGES CHOICE AWARD:** Blind sampling – bowls will be identified by number only. 3 assigned individuals will Judge the on following criteria: Aroma, Flavor, Presentation, and Balance. Judges will give each criteria a number ranging 0-5, (0 being no opinion to 5 being the highest). The sample scoring the greatest in number will be the deemed the winner and named "Judges Choice Award" winner. Judge's decision is final.
- b) **PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD:** Public Participation; majority vote will be deemed the winner. Votes will be collected in ballot box placed in prominent central location.
- c) **SPIRIT AWARD:** 3 assigned members of the Kersey Area Chamber of Commerce will anonymously visit each booth, and collectively decide which booth will receive the coveted Spirit Award. Criteria for the decision will be: 1) Observing each team and their interaction with the crowd, 2) Presentation and décor of the booth, and 3) Positive impact – most spirited.

**AWARDS:** Will be determined by sponsorship, fees from participation of teams and community, are not in any way guaranteed in value or content. Last call for voting will be announced at 6:00pm. Awards will be announced at 6:30pm, Event will conclude at 7:30pm, or when Chili runs out.

- a) **JUDGES CHOICE AWARD:** Trophy
- b) **PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD:** Trophy
- c) **SPIRIT AWARD:** Trophy

**SPONSORSHIP:** Donations, contributions, or prizes from any organization, business, or individual will be accepted. The Kersey Area Chamber of Commerce will use these proceeds for awards, prizes, and costs incurred by this event; supporting community and business in the Kersey Area.

**DOOR PRIZE TICKETS:** The purchase of entry ticket to event qualifies for the Door Prizes drawing. Additional Door Prize tickets can be purchased for \$1.00 with no limit. Door Prize winners must be present to win.

### **Kersey Area Chamber of Commerce**

#### **Chili Cook-off Committee:**

- Pam Elliott – Officiating over the event, Judging, and Trophy presentations
- Teresa Sappington -Treasurer; Event monetary management & reporting
- Booth compliance and safety
  - Manage setup and take down, table organization and electricity/lighting functions.
  - Door prize booth and Voter's Choice tallies
  - Drink table and collection of money

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(332 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Kersey CO 80644)

**ENTRY REGISTRATION FORM**

**Deadline for entries is November 29, 2019**

(Please Print Clearly)

Participant or Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_, City, State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_, Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Leader Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Leader Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Entry fee is \$25.00 per Team; Check or Cash, accepted.

Mail entry form and payment to:

Kersey Area Chamber of Commerce PO Box 620 Kersey, CO 80644

Or Email to: [kerseycochamber@gmail.com](mailto:kerseycochamber@gmail.com)

(Note: payment for entry must be received before the day of the event)

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Entry Form Receive Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Received by: \_\_\_\_\_, Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

## **Chili Cook Off – Team Participation Notice:**

- Town of Kersey and Kersey Area Chamber of Commerce is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.
- Decisions made by Judges and Officiant are final.
- No Alcoholic beverages are to be brought to the event
- No concealed weapons may be brought to the event.
- The Team Leader is responsible for:
  - Keeping their area clean and safe
  - The conduct of their team

Violation of the above mentioned and or failure to comply with the rules and regulations will result in disqualification of the team and the entry will be forfeited.

**Location:** Kohler Park – Big Tent next to Pavilion  
(setup/access from east side / 4<sup>th</sup> St)

### **Times of the Chili Cook-off event:**

3:30pm Start for Set-up

4:45pm Booth's Ready for Event

5:00pm Judging, Community participation by sampling begins

6:00pm Final Call for People's Choice Vote, start Door Prize give away

6:30pm Award Announcements, and final Door Prize give away

7:30pm closing and clean-up

### **Additional questions or concerns please contact:**

Pam Elliott, Officiant of Cook-Off.....970-381-1980