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MELHA SPORTSMAN CLUB
CHILI
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The Melha Sportsman Club is again challenging the entire chili cooking world (*Greater Springfield Area*) to ply their culinary expertise at our 8th annual Chili Cook-off on Sunday, January 27, 2019 at the Melha Shriners Building 133 Longhill Street, Springfield, MA. Here is your chance to put your chili where our mouth is and compete for cash prizes, trophies and the bragging rights of having the best chili in Western Massachusetts.

There is only a \$20 pre-registration fee due by January 20, 2019. Any Applications filed after this date will be \$25.00 up to the day of the event. There is a limit of 30 slots.

Register online at: <http://www.melhashriners.com/events/chilicookoff/>

We are throwing down the gauntlet (*oven mitt*) to all: both amateurs and professionals alike to square off in the chili arena to and match talents for the coveted 'Best of Show' and 'People's Favorite' Awards

We are asking contestants to arrive at 10:00 AM on the day of the event with the following minimum requirements:

1. \$20 prepaid entry fee (*includes a very cool souvenir chef's apron*)
2. 12 quarts of chili. [enough chili for the judging and the public]
3. A heating device to keep your chili hot. i.e. Crock-Pot or portable electric cook range.*
4. 12 ft. extension cord
5. Paper towels, serving utensils and condiments.

FAQs

Q. Why can't we use STERNO® ethanol chafing fuel, propane or Coleman® burners?

A. No open flame burners are allowed in the auditorium as per the Fire Marshal

Q. What am I allowed to put in my chili?

A. With this Chili Cook-Off, anything goes; meat or meatless, beans or no beans, rice, pasta, or anything else for that matter is ok. It's your chili. It does, however, need to fit in the tasting cup and spoon.

Q. Am I limited to condiments?

A. You may bring any condiments you want that might embellish your chili, i.e. onions, sour cream, shredded cheese, chopped jalapeños, chili sauce, etc.

Q. Should I bring any napkins or plates?

A. The Melha Shriners will be providing napkins, tasting cups and spoons. There will also be corn bread, beverages and hot dogs available for sale to the public.

Q. What if I didn't have time to heat up my chili or it's not hot enough?

A. You will be allowed to heat up you chili on our kitchen stove and transfer it over to your crock pots or coolers.

Q. When does the judging take place?

A. Contestant samples will be provided to the judges at 12:00 PM when the event is opened to the public.

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Q. How many people can I have with me and do they have to pay the \$7 fee?

A. You can bring as much help as you need but each contestant is allowed only on free admission. All guests are required to pay the public entry fee of \$7

Q. How are you going to promote the event and what can I do?

A. The Chili Cook-Off committee will be distributing flyers, sending press releases, advertising in the media, placing signs and banners in strategic areas of the Greater Springfield area and posting on social media. You can post the Chili Cook-Off event page link on your personal Facebook page and share it with a thousand of your closest friends.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/664094657359257/>

You also can distribute and post the enclosed flyer and clip art in your personal or company's promotional efforts too.

Contestant Application

Melha Sportsman Club Chili Cook-Off Contestant Application

Contact Person:

Business Name (if applicable):.....

Tel.: () _____ Cell: () _____ Text Capable Y / N (Circle)

Email: _____

Chili Category (check one): [] Meat [] Vegetarian

Do you require electricity: Y / N (Circle)

Pre-registration Entry Fee is \$20. After February 4th 2018 the registration fee will be \$25 up to the day of the event.

Mail your check/money order made out to the Melha Chili Cook-Off for \$20 to Melha Shrine c/o Melha Sportsman Club 133 Longhill Street Springfield, MA 01108

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**Pre-registration deadline Jan 20, 2019*