



36th Annual Chugwater's Chili Cook-off & Roundup

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Chugwater's warmest greetings to all cooks!

With great pleasure, we announce the presentation of the **36th Annual Wyoming State Championship Chili Cook-Off**, held on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at Staats Park in Chugwater, WY. This event (commonly known as the Chugwater Chili Cook-off) has been the premier, single-day summer event of the state and we are thrilled to share it with you.

We invite you to join us as a **cook** in celebrating western heritage, great food, and a wonderful community at this year's event. Whether you are new to competitive cooking or a seasoned pro, **we welcome you** and hope to see you this year!

As the fame of our event continues to grow, so do our ideas. This year, we are excited to announce the **new additions** to our event.

- **Cobbler Cook-Off**

Showcase your sweet side when you enter Wyoming's first-ever cobbler cook-off. Get as creative as possible, because anything goes as long as you prepare everything on-site and do not use any type of "mixes". Be sure to make enough for a crowd because this will be judged by People's Choice ONLY!

- **CASH Prizes!!**

You asked and we answered! Along with the State Champion Title, we will now be offering CASH prizes to the winners of select categories. Our red chili and showmanship categories are still CASI sanctioned and thus cannot be given a cash prize, however ALL other categories will receive a payout to the top 3 winners. Payouts will be given as a percentage of entries PLUS added money.

Remember that the first place Red Chili contestant will win the Wyoming State-Champion title in addition to the chance to compete at the National Finals in Terlingua, TX. Points will also be given to top contestants that will help them earn a spot in the Terlingua competition.

As a registered 501c(3), all proceeds from this event go to supporting Chugwater's non-profit organizations including Economic Development, Historical Unity, Volunteer Fire Department, and our public schools. This year, a portion of the proceeds will also be used to establish our first-ever scholarship program to recognize deserving youth. We could not make this event happen without your participation and sincerely hope to see you there!

Enclosed is a registration form to be completed and returned with payment to our mailing address. The categories offered this year are **Red Chili, Green Chili, Salsa, Cobbler, and Showmanship**. Juniors are welcomed to enter any category at a discounted rate. Please see the reverse page for rules and guidelines. If you have further questions, please reach out via email at chugwaterchilicookoff@gmail.com

Once again, we thank you for your consideration and hope to see you this year!

Sincerely,

Ryleigh Vaughn

Chugwater's Chili-Cookoff and Roundup, 2022 Chair



Basic Rules and Guidelines

All cooks will provide their own equipment including tables, cooking materials, and cooking fuel (i.e. propane, camp stoves, pots, etc.)

All cooks must obtain a permit from the State Health Department - a representative will be on site to issue permits at no cost.

All cooking may begin the morning of the event and must be turned in to judges at the time specified. Please see our website for the exact schedule of events.

Chili Cooking (Red and Green)

- All chili must be cooked on-site, in the open, and from scratch (raw meat, no marinating, no complete commercial chili mixes)
- No fillers (rice or beans) in chili. *NOTE* Fillers may be added after chili is presented to judges for crowd samples
- One chili per cook per category - each cook is responsible for preparing one pot of chili per category and turning in one judging cup from that pot
- We will provide one large can of pinto beans and one sleeve of sampling soufflé cups to each cook. If more is required, please plan accordingly
- We recommend cooks provide a minimum of 4 gallons for chili sampling. REMEMBER, the more samples given, the better chance of winning the People's Choice!
- Please see CASI rules at (www.casichili.net) for all other rules. Failure to comply will result in disqualification of the individual cook

Showmanship

- Showmanship must be in good taste (remember, this is a family event) and will be judged on 1) Theme, 2) Costume, 3) Booth Set-Up, 4) Action, and 5) Audience Appeal
- Anyone wishing to enter the showmanship contest must enter the Red Chili Cooking competition
- Contestants will bring signs identifying their chili team name and booth #. Decorations, props, costumes, battery-powered amplifier, musical instruments, giveaways, and your imagination are all encouraged to be used!

Salsa

- Must be prepared on site
- Make enough for sampling (recommended 3 gallons)
- We will provide one bag of chips for sampling and one sleeve of souffle cups. If more chips or sample cups are required, please plan accordingly

Cobbler

- ~~Must be prepared on site~~ and commercial mixes are not permitted **You may make ahead as desired!**
- We will provide one sleeve of souffle cups to cobbler cooks. If more will be required, please plan accordingly
- Cobbler will be judged based off of People's Choice ONLY! Be sure to prepare enough for the crowd for a better shot at winning! We recommend between 3 and 4 gallons.

All categories will be open to Junior Cooks (18 and younger) at a discounted rate. The same rules will apply to Junior cooks. Junior cooks will be awarded for first-place only.

No-hookup RV campsites will be available to cooks at a first-come, first-serve basis. All cooks will receive a complimentary cook's bag as a thank-you for entering. All cooks are also invited to a free dinner the evening before the event.

