

2025 Chilly Chili Cook-off

Saturday February 15th, 2025

12:00 to 3:00pm

Chester Park

Hosted by The Almanor Foundation with proceeds to benefit the Chester Community Ice Skating Rink operated by the Lake Almanor Area Chamber of Commerce.

WANT TO ENTER A TEAM?

Each team will prepare 3-5 gallons of chili and serve the public and judges, vying for coveted prizes of “People’s” and “Judge’s” Choice chili, as well as a Showmanship Award for the best-decorated booth. Entry fee is \$20 per team. Teams should consist of at least two (2) members, but the more the merrier! Interested teams can register on-line at almanorfoundation.org or email admin@almanorfoundation.org for more information.

WHAT’S PROVIDED? ·

- Event staff will provide taster kits (small cups, forks or spoons and napkins) and trash bags.
- Electrical outlets will be available for decorating booths (lights, music, etc.) only. Please **DO NOT** plan to use the electricity for cooking/heating your chili; we’ll blow a fuse. Please **DO** plan to bring your own source of heat, i.e., camp stove, propane burner, grill, etc.
- The Lake Almanor Area Chamber of Commerce will be selling drinks (alcoholic and non, cold and hot). And we’ll have a good old-fashioned fire pit for warming up and s’mores.

WHAT TO BRING

- 3- 5 gallons of your best chili.
- A heat source for cooking/heating your chili (some pre-cook it and others do the prep work at home and throw it together there). Either way, please know that it will need to be simmering for about 4 hours. Teams typically start arriving 1-2 hrs prior to opening of event so they are ready to serve at 12 PM.
- Hand sanitizer is helpful if you have some finger foods (i.e. crackers, chips etc.); need we say, no running water outside where we’ll be cooking.
- Table
- Water for drinking (for the team).
- Dish or paper towels and supplies to clean-up and transport your dirty dishes/utensils.

- Pop-up awning/tent

WANT TO TASTE THE CHILI?

Each team receives two free admissions for tasting. If additional admissions are needed, tasting ballots are available \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 years old. This allows you to taste all the teams' chilis and submit a vote for your favorite. Ticket sales can be found at <https://almanorfoundation.org> or purchased at the event.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Judges' Choice Award – panel of community members will judge all chili's in blind tasting and rate them on aroma, consistency, color, taste.

Peoples' Choice Award – all teams will be serving their chili to guests that allows them to sample from each team and vote for their favorite. The team receiving the most votes wins the People's Choice Award!

Chili Showmanship Award – this award goes to the team with the best decorated booth, costumes, presentation and/or entertainment.

CAN'T ENTER A TEAM BUT WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR THE EVENT?

To sponsor or donate, please go to The Almanor Foundation's website, <https://almanorfoundation.org/> or for more information on sponsorship, please email admin@almanorfoundation.org.