

3rd Annual Coopersville Rotary
Chili Blast!
“Official Fuel of the Coopersville Outhouse 500”
February 23, 2008



Chili Cook-off Registration

All interested parties are required to complete and submit a signed copy of Rules and Registration form along with the required non-refundable entry fee by **February 15, 2008**.
The event will be limited to the first 18 entries on a first come, first registered basis.

Registration fee per contestant - \$20.00

Late entry registration will be accepted through February 22nd with a non-refundable registration fee of \$25.00.

Space is limited. **NO** on-site registrations will be accepted.

Mail completed form and registration fee to:

Coopersville Rotary Chili Blast
Attn: Cindy Timmerman
289 Danforth Street
Coopersville MI 49404

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ MI: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Nighttime Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Entry Fee Enclosed: \$ _____

Additional information at (616) 997-5164 or ctimmerman@cityofcoopersville.com
23rd Annual Coopersville Rotary
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February 23, 2008
Noon – 4:00 PM

Rules & Regulations

1. Official signed chili cook-off registration forms must be received with a non-refundable \$20.00 entry fee by February 15, 2008. All registration is in advance of the cook-off. Late registration will be accepted with a non-refundable \$25.00 late registration fee through February 22, 2008. Space is limited. **There will be no on-site registration the day of the cook-off.**
2. A chili entrant team will consist of 2 people: 1 person to dispense chili into tasting cups and 1 person to serve the public.
3. Set up of your assigned area must be complete and chili ready to serve to official judges by 11:00 AM. Rotary staff will be on site at 8:00 AM. Entrants may begin setting up their booths at 8:00 AM. Winners of the "Peoples Choice", 2nd and 3rd Place winners will be announced shortly after closing at 4:00 PM.
4. Appropriate "themed" decoration of your area and related costuming is encouraged.
5. The Coopersville Rotary will provide an assigned table, testing cups and spoons for the public, tickets and a ballot box to contestants.
6. Chili must be cooked from scratch at home and brought on site the day of the cook-off. Each cook must prepare 8 – 10 gallons of chili to be judged by the public.
7. All meat and poultry must be obtained from USDA approved sources. Please note: **Home canned and home prepared foods are not allowed.**
8. A listing of ingredients used to make the chili must be displayed. Quantities do not need to be included.
9. The chili container must be a crock-pot or electric roaster to maintain the chili at a temperature of 140 degrees or higher. It is recommended that contestants also bring extension cords.
10. Contestants will provide a food thermometer to check internal temperatures of chili to assure proper temperature for serving. Coopersville Rotary will have a thermometer on site for use, if necessary, and will be monitoring food temperature periodically throughout the event.
11. Contestants will provide multiple sets of utensils to be changed out in case of contamination.
12. The Coopersville Rotary will provide power strips and a limited number of extension cords, buckets containing sanitizing solution for cleaning work surfaces and spills.
13. All food, equipment and utensils must be stored at least six inches off the floor on pallets, tables or shelving protected from contamination.
14. No bare hand contact with food is allowed. REMINDER: ***Contestants must wash their hands after using toilet facilities, coughing/sneezing and handling soiled equipment, etc.***
15. All food-handling personnel shall maintain a high degree of personal cleanliness by wearing clean outer garments and hair restraints (cap, hat or hair net).

16. At the discretion of the representative from the Ottawa County Health Department or Rotary Chili Cook-off Chairperson, cooks may be required to taste their own chili prior to serving or at anytime so requested during the event.
17. All food must be covered when not in use to protect from customer handling, coughing, sneezing or other contamination.
18. NO Smoking, eating or drinking will be allowed by people handling food while in the food preparation and service area. NO non-working, unauthorized persons will be allowed in the food preparation and service area.
19. All personal belongings must be stored in a designated area away from food, equipment, utensils, etc.
20. No deliberate sabotage to another contestant or their entry will be tolerated and such an act would lead to automatic disqualification.
21. Contestants agree that all money(s) collected will be donated to the Coopersville Rotary.
22. Firearms, explosives or other pyrotechnics will not be allowed on the premises.

Trophies and other awards for:

Judges Choice

Best Decorated Booth

1st, 2nd and 3rd People's Choice

Chamber's Choice

I, _____ have read the above listed rules and regulations for the 2008 Coopersville Rotary Chili Blast and agree to abide by them. Date: _____