

# North Carolina Pickle Festival

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chili Cookoff

### Friday and Saturday, April 27-28, 2018

*International Chili Society (ICS) Sanctioned Event*

#### **Homestyle Chili Competition**

**First Place: \$300 and Plaque; Second Place: Plaque; Third Place: Plaque; Fourth Place: Plaque; and Fifth Place: Plaque**

Homestyle chili is defined by the International Chili Society as the cook's favorite combination of ingredients resulting in a dish seasoned with chili peppers and spices. The competition places no restrictions on ingredients but the entry must be entirely homemade and have chili pepper flavor. Homestyle chili must be prepared on-site, and pre-cooked meat will not be allowed. For complete details, see the attached rules. The first-place winner advances to the ICS World's Championship Homestyle Chili Cookoff as a North Carolina Homestyle Regional Champion.

***Homestyle Chili Cookoff will be held on Friday Night***

#### **Homestyle Chili People's Choice Competition Prize: Plaque**

Competitors are required to bring with them a minimum of 1 gallon of pre-made homestyle chili. This will be sold by the 4 oz. cup (provided by the N.C. Pickle Festival) beginning at 6:00 PM. The People's Choice Award is given to the competitor who sells the most chili throughout the evening competition, so competitors are encouraged to bring more than the required one gallon. Competitors may also opt to sell the chili they prepare on-site for the homestyle competition once their entry is turned in for judging. NOTE: the pre-made chili is NOT eligible for the homestyle competition.

***Homestyle People's Choice Competition will be held on Friday Night***

#### **Traditional Red Chili Competition**

**First Place: \$300 and Plaque; Second Place: Plaque; Third Place: Plaque**

Red Chili is defined as any kind of meat or combinations of meats cooked with red chili peppers, various spices and other ingredients with the exception of beans, pasta, or corn, which are strictly forbidden. Judged by panel of selected judges. Red Chili has to be prepared on-site, and pre-cooked meat will not be allowed. For complete details, see attached rules. The First Place will advance to the ICS World's Championship Red Chili as a North Carolina Regional Champion.

***Red Chili Cookoff will be held on Saturday***

#### **Traditional Red Chili People's Choice Competition Prize: Plaque**

Competitors are required to bring with them a minimum of 1 gallon of pre-made Red chili. This will be sold by the 4 oz. cup (provided by the N.C. Pickle Festival) beginning at 9:00 AM. The People's Choice Award is given to the competitor who sells the most chili throughout the day, so competitors are encouraged to bring more than the required one gallon. Competitors may also opt to sell the chili they prepare on-site for the Red Chili competition once their entry is turned in for judging. NOTE: the pre-made chili is NOT eligible for the Red Chile competition. The People's Choice Red Chili must contain beans, pasta, or corn.

***Red Chili People's Choice Competition will be held on Saturday***

**Salsa Competition Prize: First Place: \$125 and Plaque**

Salsa must be homemade. There is no set of ingredients required. It can be made on site or prepared ahead of time.

***Salsa Competition will be held on Saturday***

**Booth Appearance and Showmanship Competition Prize: \$75 and Plaque**

Competitors may also compete for the showmanship prize. Extra consideration will be given to those who incorporate the N.C. Pickle Festival and/or Mt. Olive Pickles (and peppers) in their theme.

Decorations cannot exceed the 10 x 10 booth space, but there are no limitations in height. No pyrotechnics are allowed. Costumes, music and signs are encouraged. Please assist in our efforts to control litter. No live animals other than service animals are allowed in cooking area.

***This will be judged on Saturday only***

Judging in all categories will be done by a non-partisan committee whose members are not part of the North Carolina Pickle Festival or ICS.

**Cooks Timeline**

<b>Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Booth Set-Up and Fire Inspections</b>
	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Homestyle Chili Cooks Meeting (MANDATORY)</b>
	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Start prepping</b>
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Start Fires</b>
	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Start Selling People's Choice Chili</b>
	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>Turn in Chili for Judging</b>
	<b>9:30 PM</b>	<b>End of People's Choice Chili sales</b>

**All awards presentations will be done on Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:15 PM.**

<b>Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:00 AM</b>	<b>Booth Set-Up and Fire Inspections</b>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Red Chili &amp; Salsa Head Cooks Meeting (MANDATORY)</b>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Start Prepping</b>
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Start Fires</b>
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Start Selling People's Choice Chili &amp; Salsa Sales</b>
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Turn in Salsa</b>
	<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>Turn in Red Chili</b>
	<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>End of People's Choice Chili &amp; Salsa sales</b>
	<b>2:15 PM</b>	<b>Awards Presentation</b>
	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Festival Ends</b>

**All awards presentations will be done on Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:15 PM.**

**Location**

The Cookoff will be held at the News Argus Corner, at East James and North Center Streets.

**Contact**

Jamie Grady, NC Pickle Festival Chili Cookoff Chairman: 919-920-9351 or  
[jamie\\_grady28365@yahoo.com](mailto:jamie_grady28365@yahoo.com)

## **2018 N.C. Pickle Festival Homestyle Chili, Red Chili and Salsa Cookoff**

### **Participation Guidelines**

Please initial the following statements to acknowledge:

#### **Competition and Judging**

- ☐ Competitors must be Homestyle members of the International Chili Society. See the application for details.
- ☐ Competitors for Red Chili and Salsa must be ICS Members. See the application for details.
- ☐ Homestyle chili and Red Chili must be prepared and cooked on-site based on the published competition schedule. Pre-cooked meat is not allowed.
- ☐ Salsa can be prepared ahead of time. Competitors must make a minimum of 32 ounces that is set aside for judging.
- ☐ Chili competitors must make a minimum of one gallon on-site, of which 32 ounces must be set aside for judging.
- ☐ Competitors must bring with them a minimum of one gallon of chili and/or salsa made in advance to be used for the People's Choice competitions.
- ☐ Competition chili may not be sold in People's Choice until the entry is submitted for judging.
- ☐ Judging will be blind taste.
- ☐ A minimum of 15 competitors are required for the Homestyle, 15 competitors for Red Chili, and 7 competitors for the Salsa Competition. If we do not receive enough competitors for this event, we will proceed with the competition and prizes, but the winner will not be ICS recognized in order to proceed to the World's Championship Homestyle, Red Chili, or Salsa Cookoff.

#### **Setup and Logistics**

- ☐ Set up begins at 3:00 PM on Friday for Homestyle Chili. Vehicles should be unloaded and then immediately parked in a designated lot. (Parking is available in the adjacent Town Hall parking lot, but is available on a first come, first served basis.) Competitors can then return to set up their booths. Vehicles must be out of the festival area by 4:00 PM.
- ☐ Set up begins at 6:00 AM on Saturday. Vehicles should be unloaded and then immediately parked in a designated lot. (Parking is available in the adjacent Town Hall parking lot, but is available on a first come, first served basis.) Competitors can then return to set up their booths. Vehicles must be out of the festival area by 7:30 AM.
- ☐ Booth spaces are 10 x10 in size, and competitors must provide their own 10 x 10 tent and everything they will need for the day. This includes tables and chairs, decorations and cooking utensils. Cups, spoons and napkins will be provided by the N.C. Pickle Festival for the People's Choice competition and chili judging.
- ☐ No direct water source is provided. However, a water spigot is available on site.
- ☐ No Electricity or Generators will be available.
- ☐ Booth assignments will not be changed once made. If you have any special requests, please submit them with your application. The NC Pickle Festival does not guarantee the ability to meet every request.

**Sanitation, Cleanliness and Safety**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Competitors agree to clean their area of festival grounds at the conclusion of the Chili Cookoff. This includes the removal of all trash no matter how small.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Competitors must make prior arrangements to transport any used cooking oil away from festival grounds. If participant is observed disposing of cooking oil on the festival grounds, the participant will be asked to leave and no refund of fees will be given.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Any gray water must be disposed in the gray water barrels provided. If a participant is observed disposing of gray water in a storm grate or on the ground, they will be asked to leave and no refund of fees will be given.
- \_\_\_\_\_ In addition, competitors who violate the above rules can be subject to fines of up to \$500, and will not be allowed to participate in future N.C. Pickle Festival Chili Cookoff events.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Competitors must complete the enclosed Town of Mount Olive Fire Protection Permit and abide by its requirements, including having a dry chemical ABC extinguisher in their booth and posting a copy of the permit for inspection by fire officials.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Competitors should review and be familiar with the Food Safety Checklist provided by the Wayne County Environmental Health Department at <http://www.waynegov.com/DocumentCenter/Home/View/114>

**Deadline**

- \_\_\_\_\_ All the Festival information forms and ICS Application (or member number) must be completed and returned with all required fees on or before April 20, 2018
- \_\_\_\_\_ There will be a \$50.00 Late Fee
- \_\_\_\_\_ Participants should keep a signed copy of these rules.

**Hold Harmless Agreement**

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we, the undersigned participant, will indemnify the Mount Olive Area Chamber of Commerce, the Waylin Area Foundation, the North Carolina Pickle Festival, its sponsors and invitees; and save them harmless from and against any and all claims, damages, actions, liability expense (including attorney fees) or any loss whatsoever, now or in the future, in the connection with arising from my/our participation as a competitor in the 2018 North Carolina Pickle Festival Chili Cookoff, to be held Friday and Saturday, April 27-28, 2018 in downtown Mount Olive.

**PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT TO THE RULES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA PICKLE FESTIVAL HOMESTYLE CHILI COOKOFF:**

My signature verifies that I have read and understand this agreement of participation. I understand that my fees are non-refundable. (Make a copy of this signed document for your records.)

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Print name of organization/team and your name

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Signature

Date

# 2018 NC Pickle Festival Homestyle Chili Cookoff Application

## *International Chili Society (ICS) Sanctioned Event*

Team Name

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Contact Name

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Contact Address (mailing address, include city, state, zip)

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Contact Phone Number

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Contact Cell Phone Number

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Contact Email Address

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Chief Cook:

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Additional Team Members:

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Will you be sponsored by anyone? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No If yes, sponsor name(s):

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Special Requests for Booth Placement

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*(Requests are NOT Guaranteed)*

**ICS Membership YES or NO    If Yes My ICS Homestyle Membership # \_\_\_\_\_**

(Apply directly for ICS Homestyle membership online at

[www.chilicookoff.com/Membership/Membership\\_home.asp](http://www.chilicookoff.com/Membership/Membership_home.asp))

Submit these forms with payment to the Mount Olive Area Chamber of Commerce by **April 20, 2018**. No refunds after April 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be a \$50.00 Late fee after April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Make checks payable to:

Waylin Area Foundation

123 N. Center St., Mount Olive, NC 28365

To pay by credit card, please contact the Mount Olive Chamber of Commerce at (919)658-3113.

Questions? Contact Chili Cookoff Chairman Jamie Grady 919-920-9351 or [jamie\\_grady28365@yahoo.com](mailto:jamie_grady28365@yahoo.com)

# 2018 NC Pickle Festival Red Chili and Salsa Cookoff Application

## *International Chili Society (ICS) Sanctioned Event*

Team Name

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Contact Name

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Contact Address (mailing address, include city, state, zip)

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Contact Phone Number

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Contact Cell Phone Number

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Contact Email Address

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Chief Cook:

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Additional Team Members:

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Will you be sponsored by anyone? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No If yes, sponsor name(s):

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Special Requests for Booth Placement

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*(Requests are NOT Guaranteed)*

**ICS Membership YES or NO      If Yes My ICS Membership # \_\_\_\_\_**

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## Cookoff Fees

		ICS Members	NonMembers
Homestyle, Red Chili, and Salsa (Fri & Sat)	1@	\$75	\$120
Red Chili and Salsa only (Sat)	1@	\$60	\$105
Red Chili only (Sat)	1@	\$45	\$90
Salsa only (Sat)	1@	\$35	\$80
Homestyle Chili only (Fri)	1 @	\$30	\$75
Late fee after April 20, 2018		\$50	\$50

Total Amount Submitted     \$\_\_\_\_\_

Notes:

- \$15 Town of Mount Olive Fire Permit is included in the entry fee.
- If **NOT** a member of International Chili Society the membership fees are included in the NonMembers rate.

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*Town of*  
**Mount Olive**  
**Fire Code Enforcement**

Phone 919-658-3243

Fax 919-658-9996

**Directions**

1. Submit this completed form with your vendor application to the Waylin Area Foundation.

2. Bring a copy of this completed permit with you to the N.C. Pickle Festival.

**Fire Protection Permit Application**  
**North Carolina Pickle Festival**

Business name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

**You must fulfill these requirements by order of the Mount Olive Fire  
Inspector in accordance with the North Carolina Fire Prevention Code**

1. An unobstructed fire access road shall have a width of no less than twenty feet.
2. Fire apparatus access roads shall not be obstructed in any manner, including the parking of vehicles
3. All vendors shall have a 2-A:10 - B:C fire extinguisher (dry chemical ABC extinguisher)
4. **All vendors using cooking equipment involving grease, vegetable oil or animal oils and fats, shall have both a 2-A:10 - B:C portable fire extinguisher.**
5. All tents, canopies and tarps shall be composed of flame resistant material or shall be treated with a flame retardant in an approved manner and labeled or certified as such.
6. All compressed gas containers, cylinders and tanks shall be secured to prevent falling.

**Call the Mount Olive Fire Department at 919-658-3243 for further information.**

I have read the above and am prepared to comply with all requirements. I understand that my booth will be inspected by a representative of the Mount Olive Fire Department and that if I am not allowed to participate at the NC Pickle Festival, there will be no refund of my Vendor Fees.

The undersigned makes applications for permits and inspection of work described and agrees to comply with all applicable state and local codes and laws regulating to the work.

**Please make a copy of this signed document. A copy must be on hand during the festival in order to operate. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Applicants Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_