

North Carolina Pickle Festival

2nd Annual Homestyle Chili Cookoff

Presented by First South Bank and Goldsboro News Argus

Saturday, April 29th 2017

An International Chili Society (ICS) Sanctioned Event

First South Bank

Goldsboro
News-Argus
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Homestyle Chili Competition Prizes: First, \$300 and trophy; Second, \$150 and plaque; Third, \$75 and 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.

People's Choice Competition Prize: \$300 and trophy

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 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 homestyle competition once their entry is turned in for judging. NOTE: the pre-made chili is NOT eligible for the homestyle competition.

Homestyle 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, 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.

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

Saturday, April 29th

6:00 AM	Booth Set-Up and Fire Inspections
7:30 AM	Chili Head Cooks Meeting (MANDATORY)
8:00 AM	Start prepping
9:00 AM	Start Fires
9:00 AM	Start Selling People's Choice Chili
11:30 AM	Turn in Chili for judging
2:00 PM	End of People's Choice Chili sales
2:30 PM	Awards Presentation
6:00 PM	Festival Ends

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

2017 N.C. Pickle Festival Homestyle Chili 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.
- _____ Homestyle chili must be prepared and cooked on-site based on the published competition schedule. Pre-cooked meat is not allowed.
- _____ Competitors must make a minimum of two gallons on-site, of which 32 ounces must be set aside for judging.
- _____ Competitors must bring with them a minimum of one gallon of chili made in advance to be used for the People's Choice competition.
- _____ 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 10 competitors are required for the Homestyle 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 Cookoff.

Setup and Logistics

- _____ 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.
- _____ Electricity will be available on an as-needed basis, but must be requested in advance on the application.
- _____ 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 ABE 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 14th.

_____ 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 2017 North Carolina Pickle Festival Homestyle Chili Cookoff, to be held Saturday, April 29, 2017 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.)

Print name of organization/team and your name

Signature

Date

2017 NC Pickle Festival Homestyle Chili Cookoff Application

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Team Name _____

Contact Name _____

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

Contact Phone Number _____

Contact Cell Phone Number _____

Contact Email Address _____

Chief Cook: _____

Additional Team Members: _____

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

Special Requests for Booth Placement _____

(Requests are NOT Guaranteed)

Need electricity? _____ Yes _____ No

ICS Membership

_____ I am a current ICS Homestyle Member My ICS Homestyle Membership # _____

(Apply directly for ICS Homestyle membership online at www.chilicookoff.com/Membership/Membership_home.asp)

_____ I am not an ICS Homestyle member, and by this application I authorize the N.C. Pickle Festival to secure my membership in ICS. I understand that part of my fee includes the \$20 one-year ICS Homestyle membership.

Cookoff Fees

Registration for ICS Member 1 @ \$30 _____

Registration for non- ICS Member 1 @ \$50 _____

Late Fee After April 14th. \$50 _____

Total Amount Submitted \$ _____

(Note: \$15 Town of Mount Olive Fire Permit is included in the entry Fee.)

Submit these forms with payment to the Mount Olive Area Chamber of Commerce by **April 14th**. No refunds after April 14th. There will be a \$50.00 late fee after April 14th.

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

Town of
Mount Olive
FIRE CODE ENFORCEMENT

PHONE 919-658-3243 FAX 919-658-9996

FIRE PROTECTION PERMIT APPLICATION
NORTH CAROLINA PICKLE FESTIVAL

Directions

1. Submit this completed form with your vendor application to the Waylin Area Foundation.
2. Include a check for \$15 for the inspection/permit fee, payable to Town of Mount Olive.
3. Bring a copy of this completed permit with you to the N.C. Pickle Festival.

Business name _____ Contact person _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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 ABE 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 AND a Class K 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 _____ / _____ / _____