

April 14, 2010

Dear Chili Chef:

With summer in full swing, we like to welcome you to Joplin, Missouri, the Boomtown Days Festival and the 1st Annual Boomtown Days Chili Challenge!! Not only are you invited to participate in the Boomtown Days Chili Challenge, but you will find a vast amount of special activities, music events, kid's games and family fun throughout the entire weekend!!

Here is your registration and information packet for the **2010 Boomtown Days Chili Challenge**. This year's date is June 12, 2010. We are hoping for a great event and look forward to making this an annual cook-off during the Boomtown Days Festival event.

This year there will be two (2) chili divisions (CASI & Homestyle), a salsa contest, and a hot wing contest. We will also have a special "FIRE" chili division for any team comprised of members who are current fire fighters for a local municipal or volunteer fire department. Our contest is sanctioned by Chili Appreciation Society International, Inc. (CASI). The CASI (competition) division will follow the rules and regulations set forth by CASI. You can access complete C.A.S.I. rules and regulations at www.casi.org . The Home-style division, which includes "filler." "If you call it chili we will judge it." There will also be two fun divisions for salsa and wings.

In your registration packet, you will find a registration form, a rules sheet, a map of the event site and information on all the Boomtown Days Festival events. If you have an "RV" or larger vehicle/trailer that will impact our parking, please indicate it on your registration form.

All proceeds from this year's contest will go to support Community Support Services and Challenger Sports, Inc. Both of these organizations are local non for profits that provide all types of special services for children with developmental disabilities. Please help support their cause.

If you have any questions, please call me at (417) 781-3062. I hope to see you in Joplin, Mo. on June 12 for the 1st Annual Boomtown Days Chili Challenge.

Sincerely,

Jon Tupper

Event Chairperson

1ST ANNUAL BOOMTOWN DAYS

Chili Challenge – June 12th

Sponsored by Culver Creek Trading Company

As a sanctioned contest, The Boomtown Days Chili Challenge will follow the 2010 Chili Appreciation Society International, Inc. (CASI) Rules and Regulations. For complete C.A.S.I. rules and regulations go to www.chili.org

The following are clarifications and additions to the 2010 CASI Rules & Regulations.

ADDITIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS TO 2010 CASI RULES:

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. COOKS MEETING: The Cooks meeting will be held Saturday morning, June 12, 2010 at 9:00 am in the main VIP Tent area, located within the Boomtown Days Festival grounds located in Landrith park. The Contest Director and the Chief Judge will give final instructions and answer any questions at that time.

2. JUDGING: Judging for Salsa will start at 11:00 am. Judging for Home Style Chili will start at 11:30 am. Judging for CASI Chili will start at 12:00 noon. Judging for Hot Wings will start at 12:30 pm.

3. SAMPLE TURN IN TIMES WILL BE: All entries will be turned in to the Judges Tables located at the National Guard facility located just north of the cook area. The exact location will be provided during the cooks meeting. Times are as follows:

Salsa - 11:00 am

Home Style Chili – 11:30

CASI Chili – Noon

Hot Wings - 12:30 am

4. All chili must be prepared at the cook's assigned booth. Each contestant is responsible for providing all needed cooking utensils and equipment. Contestants must use propane/charcoal grills, propane cookers or self-contained gas cook stoves. **NO GROUND FIRES WILL BE PERMITTED.** All chili must be cooked from scratch on site the day of the cook off. All chili must be prepared in the open, under a canopy with a min. size of 10' x 10'. All food prep and cooking must be done completely under the canopy. No cooking will be allowed in motor homes, etc. There will be NO electrical hook-ups available. Generators are not permitted. Each team is responsible for the cleanliness of its site during the contest and for its clean up afterwards. Non-cooperation of the cleanliness standard may result in disqualification from future **BOOMTOWN DAYS CHALLENGES.** Chili **MUST NOT** be accessible to the public or handled in an unsanitary manner. Everyone within the confines of the cooking and serving area **MUST** wear shirts and shoes **AT ALL TIMES.** For safety reasons, contestants **WILL NOT** be able to have any vehicles within the cooking site.

5. No more than one (1) quart of chili from each division of each contestant's chili will be collected at the end of the cooking period for purposes of judging. Each contestant will be allowed to enter (1) one sample from each division. Teams may not enter more than one Home style or CASI chili.

6. There will be two divisions of chili judged in this contest: "CASI Chili" and "Home Style Chili."

CASI CHILI is described as any kind of meat or combination of meats cooked with chili peppers, various other spices and other ingredients, with the exception of items such as beans or spaghetti, which are strictly forbidden.

HOME STYLE CHILI is described as any kind of meat or combination of meats cooked with various spices and other ingredients, which may include any variety of beans, spaghetti, or other fillers.

SALSA is described as any kind of sauce containing various spices, herbs, etc. that can be used as a dip for chips. Excessively hot salsas will be disqualified. Cooks must be willing to eat their own salsa.

HOT WINGS is described as a chicken wing either whole or part that may be cooked with various spices and other ingredients. Wings must be cooked on site. All cooking methods (deep fried, grilled, smoked, etc.) accepted for judging. Excessively hot wings will be disqualified. Cooks must be willing to eat their own wings.

7. Contestants may check in and set up between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 12. All vehicles must leave the site and will be denied access to the site after 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 12. Any contestants needing special arrangements need to call Jon Tupper at 417-439-8605. We will try to accommodate you as best we can. All props, tents, or any equipment related to these items may not exceed the boundaries of the assigned space. If you need more than the assigned space, you should let us know so we can try to accommodate your request. Motor homes, vehicles, bands, combos and/or loud amplification of music is prohibited within the cooking area.

8. Teams will consist of one (1) Chief Cook and at most four (4) Assistant Cooks. No cooking or preparation of any kind may begin until the ingredients have been inspected. For HOME STYLE CHILI, pre-cooked or canned beans may be added. Inspectors will be available during the check in times. Once the ingredients have been inspected, they may not leave the site. All meat used in any chili must start out raw. No precooked, pre-salted or pre-marinated meats are allowed. Sausage need not be ground and/or stuffed on site, but it must be raw. All meat must be inspected in sealed original container or in butcher paper with original packing tape or seal. No private butchered meat or wild game will be allowed.

9. The decisions of the **BOOMTOWN DAYS CHILIL CHALLENGE** Director, the Chief Judge, and/or the judges are final.

10. Refund of team entry fees will be given ONLY IF a replacement can be found for your booth space.

11. The entry deadline for booth assignments is Friday, May 21, 2010. All entries received after May 21, 2010 will receive first available booth placement.

12. Security will NOT be provided at any time except during the event from 7:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 12. The City of Joplin, its employees, volunteers and officers and the sponsors and their employees, volunteers, officers and members of the Boomtown Fesitval Committee are not liable for theft of or damage to personal or group property and are not liable for any and all injuries suffered during the event.

13. **EXCLUSIVITY RULE:** The Boomtown Days Chili Challenge relies on corporate sponsors to promote and underwrite the event. Because of their involvement, major corporate sponsors have exclusive rights to distribute their products and display signage. Therefore, teams competing in the event and/or other companies may not distribute products or display signage for companies that directly or indirectly compete with the major corporate sponsors of the Boomtown Days Chili Challenge.

14. **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:** Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in the event site during the Chili Challenge as per City Ordinance. It is the responsibility of the Chief Cooks of all teams to ensure that only legal consumption of alcoholic beverages occurs. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages may be grounds for disqualification. Violations may result in disqualification and/or in arrest.

15. **DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS/PETS:** The Boomtown Days Chili Challenge allows seeing eye dogs and other service dogs for people with disabilities. No other dogs or pets are allowed at the Boomtown Days Chili Challenge or on the grounds at any time.

16. Any person with a disability needing to be accommodated for the purpose of attending or participating in the **Boomtown Days Chili Challenge** needs to call Jon Tupper at (417) 439-8605. Please give us at least 48 hours notice to arrange for your accommodation.

17. Awards for the Boomtown Days Chili Challenge will be presented at the conclusion of the judging process. Tentative time of awards is scheduled for 2:00 pm on June 12, 2010. The following shall serve as the order for awards;

Peoples Choice Awards

C.A.S.I. Chili Division – Plaque & Ribbon

Salsa, Home Style Chili, Wings and CASI Division

10th Place - 4th Place: Ribbon

3rd Place Plaque & Ribbon

2nd Place Plaque & Ribbon

1st Place Plaque & Ribbon

Showmanship Award

3rd Place Plaque & Ribbon

2nd Place Plaque & Ribbon

1st Place Plaque & Ribbon

BOOMTOWN DAYS CHILI CHALLENGE
SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2010

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

TEAM NAME: _____

CHIEF COOK: _____

STREET: _____ **CITY:** _____

Email: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

DAYTIME PHONE: (____) _____ **EVENING PHONE:** (____) _____

BOOTH SPACES: SPACES ARE APPROX. 15'D x 15'W or 225 SQ. FT. This event will take place at Landrith Park on a grass surface. There will be no electricity provided. There will be no parking available at your space. You will have an opportunity to unload at your space, but vehicles will need to be moved to the parking area. Additional parking will be available for other cooking team members. Please list any special accommodations that you need:

DIVISIONS: (PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE DIVISIONS):

____ **CASI** ____ **HOME STYLE** \$ _____
Registration Fee: \$20.00 for one or \$30.00 for both.

____ **FIRE Division** Only teams comprised of firefighters from a local municipal fire departments or volunteer fire departments will be allowed to compete in this division. \$ **NO CHARGE**

____ **HOT WINGS** ____ **SALSA** \$ _____
Registration Fee: \$10.00 for one or \$15.00 for both.

TOTAL: \$ _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "Heartland BBQ & Chili Society" AND REMIT PAYMENT & ENTRY FORM TO:

Heartland BBQ & Chili Society
c/o Boomtown Days Chili Challenge
PO Box 3645
JOPLIN, MO. 64803
417-781-3062

RELEASE & WAIVER OF LIABILITY: In consideration of accepting this entry, I, the undersigned Chief Cook, intend to be legally bound, hereby, for myself and my team members, heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I or my team members incur or for the loss of personal or group property during our participation in the Boomtown Days Chili Challenge. Further, I hereby grant full permission to the City of Joplin, Missouri, all sponsors and/or their authorized agents to use any photographs, video tapes, motion pictures, recordings or any other records of this event for any legitimate purposes. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read the rules and regulations of the Boomtown Days Chili Challenge and agree to abide by those rules and regulations and that I have read and understand this release and waiver of liability.

Chief Cook: _____ **DATE:** _____
SIGNATURE OF CHIEF COOK (MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD)

**** THIS ENTRY FORM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF IT IS NOT SIGNED BY THE CHIEF COOK ****