



## 2009 Springfield Farmers Market Chili Cook-Off Entry Form

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Date:** Saturday, May 2, 2009  
**Time:** Set-up Starting at 8:00 AM  
Public Tasting from 12:00 PM-2:00 PM  
**Location:** Springfield Farmers Market, 503 Military Ave (Near Dickman Rd. and Avenue A)

**REGISTRATION** - Applications for the 2009 Springfield Farmers Market Chili Cook-off, including entry fee must be received by Monday, April 27, 2009.

**ENTRY FEE** - **\$15.00 for all participants registered by deadline.** \$30.00 if entry fee is **received** after the **April 27, 2009 deadline.** Entry fees will also be accepted on the day of the event until 9:00 AM. Registrants can enter up to three recipes, but full entry fees must be paid for each, and all rules and regulations shall apply to each recipe.

Checks should be made payable to **"City of Springfield"**. Entries will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis and are limited to the first 30 entries.

### Please send application and entry fee to:

City of Springfield, Kris Vogel  
601 Avenue A, Springfield, MI 49037  
Phone: (269) 965-2354, Fax: (269) 965-0114  
Email: [kvogel@springfieldmich.com](mailto:kvogel@springfieldmich.com)

**TEAMS** - Chili Cook-off teams can consist of up to four (4) people. Each team will receive 50 tasting/sample cups, tasting/sample spoons, one 10' x 10' prep area, one 8' table, chairs, and four tasting tickets (to sample other participant's chili after the judging).

### TIME TABLE - Saturday, May 2, 2009

8:00 AM: Participants allowed on site for setup  
11:00 AM: Judging Begins  
12:00 PM: Tasting by general public begins  
12:30 PM: Cook-off Awards Presentation  
2:00 PM: EVENT ENDS

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Chili cannot be prepared prior to the competition. No prep work can be done offsite prior to the event, unless it is completed in a licensed kitchen.
2. All chili teams must cook a minimum of two (2) gallons of chili. One quart of chili from each team must be reserved from your batch for judging at 11:00 AM. Chili must be kept at a minimum temperature of 135 degrees.
3. Please be aware of your team's liability for the wholesomeness and safety of your chili, as it will be consumed. All competitors are subject to inspection by the Calhoun County Health Department.
4. Chili teams must furnish own table cover, napkins, containers for spoons and napkins, cooking utensils, heat source, and probe thermometer.
5. Grills and open fires are allowed, but must be utilized outside of the Farmers Market Building. **Contestants that require the use of a grill or open flame must request a booth that adjoins an overhead door.**
6. Your entry fee entitles you to one 10'x10' exhibition space in the building, one 8' table, and access to one electrical outlet.
7. All entries must be ready for judging by 11:00 AM of cook-off day. The lead cook of each chili team will present the judging sample. Winners will be announced at 12:30 PM. Prizes will be ready prior to the end of the event.
8. Chili teams may sell drinks and/or novelties to the public during this event, but chili may not be sold during the sampling periods; sampling shall be limited to the cups provided.
9. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** are to be distributed or sold to the public by chili teams. **In addition, chili teams may not bring any alcohol into the site or consume any alcohol during the set-up, cooking, or tasting periods.**
10. Contest will be held rain or shine (the event is indoors).
11. **NO ANIMALS** will be permitted in the event area.
12. Smoking is not allowed in the cooking/prep areas.

## **JUDGING**

- The Chili Cook-Off judges will sample and score all entries. Their decisions are final.
- Each chili will be judged on taste and scored 1 to 10 (10 being the highest).
- Each entry will be judged on its own merit and will not be compared with any other.
- The scores from the judges will determine the winners.

## **PRIZES-Best Chili Awards (Judged)**

First Place Chili \$200

Second Place Chili \$100

## **QUESTIONS?**

Please contact Kris Vogel by phone at 269-965-2354 or email at [kvogel@springfieldmich.com](mailto:kvogel@springfieldmich.com)



**2009 SPRINGFIELD FARMERS MARKET CHILI COOK-OFF  
SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2009  
ENTRY FORM**

**AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE**

By this agreement duly signed ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) officially confirms its participation in the 2009 *Springfield Farmers Market Chili Cook-Off* to be held Saturday, May 2, 2009 at the Springfield Farmers Market in Begg Park (503 Military Ave).

It is agreed that all rules and regulations attached to this agreement are a part thereof and that no agreement other than those contained herein shall be binding upon the parties unless delivered in writing, signed by an official of *Springfield Farmers Market Chili Cook-off*. The application fee of \$15.00 must accompany this agreement and is due no later than Monday, April 27, 2009.

Establishment or Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Head Cook: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Head Cook: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you require power? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Will you use an open flame or grill? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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