

1st Annual Ski McQueeney Youth Foundation Chili Cook Off

To benefit Ski McQueeney Youth Foundation

Dear Prospective Chili Cook Off Participants:

This year we are pleased to announce the 1st Annual Ski McQueeney Youth Foundation Chili Cook Off is scheduled for **November 26th, 2011 at the McQueeney Lion Club**, 3211 FM 78, McQueeney, TX 78123. The proceeds of the Cook Off benefit Ski McQueeney Youth Foundation, a non-profit organization promoting the development of self-confidence, self-esteem, teaching the importance of team work and building a competitive spirit in our youth through outdoor sport activities at Lake McQueeney. We believe youth who have an active lifestyle will propel in the right direction and enrich our communities.

We are inviting businesses and organizations as well as individuals in the area to show off their cooking skills and to compete with their peers for the best tasting chili. It's an excellent means of advertising your business, while at the same time supporting your community. In addition to chili, we have entertainment throughout the day, an award winning BBQ vendor, plenty of beverages, and some of the area's best crafters and arts vendors selling their goods.

Registration Fee: \$75.00 if registered on or before November 10th.
\$85.00 if registered after November 10th.

We will award a first, second and third place winners and have included a copy of our official rules and regulations, as well as a registration form. Registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis, so be sure to get your registration form in to take advantage of our reduced price structure and prime locations.

First Place Prize: \$500.00 Second Place Prize \$300.00, and Third Place Prize \$200.00.

We look forward to hearing from you and having you, your family, your friends, your company/organization join us in the fun. If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

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**Official Rules and Regulations for the Chili Cooks for the
Ski McQueeney Annual Chili Cook Off**

The following rules are to be adhered to by all cook off chairmen, cooks, and/or assistants:

1. Each team shall bring or prepare **3** gallons of chili to be sold to the general public during the contest day. This chili **MAY** contain beans, spaghetti, rice or pasta. **(THESE ITEMS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE CHILI TO BE JUDGED.)**
2. True chili is defined as any kind of meat or combination of meats cooked with chili peppers, various other spices and other ingredients with the exceptions of items such as beans or pasta which are **STRICKLY FORBIDDEN**.
3. No ingredients may be pre-cooked or treated in any way prior to the preparation period which will begin approximately (1) hour prior to the commencement of the official cook off. The only exceptions are canned or bottled tomatoes, tomato sauce, peppers, pepper sauce, beverages, broth and grinding and/or mixing of spices. Meat may be pre-cut or ground, but no treated in any way. All other ingredients must be chopped or prepared during the preparation period.
4. The cooking period will be a minimum of three (3) hours and a maximum of four (4) hours, the exact starting and ending of the cooking period will be announced at the cook's meeting. Cooking during the entire cooking period is at the sole discretion of the contestant.
5. A representative of the Chili Cook Off Committee shall conduct a contestant's meeting, at which time final instructions will be given and questions answered, no later than one (1) hour prior to the official starting time of the cook off. The official start time of the cook off is **12:00 p.m. (noon)**.
6. Contestants are responsible for supplying all of their own cooking utensils, cooking products, cooking support items, cooking tables and displays. **NO CONTESTANT SHALL HAVE ELECTRICITY. NO CONTESTANT SHALL BE ALLOWED TO USE GENERATORS TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN SOURCE OF ELECTRICITY.** Spoons and cups for use in serving chili to the general public will be provided.
7. Contestants are permitted (and encouraged) to set up their equipment, decorations and other facilities anytime after **9:00 a.m.** on the day of the cook off, and no later than **11:00 a.m** on the day of the cook off.
9. When selling chili to the public (Peoples Choice), **only tickets can be collected.** NO CASH shall be accepted by team members for chili.
10. Each contestant must cook a minimum of two (2) quarts of chili. Contestants are permitted to prepare only one (1) pot of competition chili which may be submitted for judging. If they desire to prepare additional pots, for public tasting, such pots may contain fillers (beans, spaghetti or rice).

11. Each contestant will be assigned a contestant's number by the Chief Scorekeeper and be given a container in which their chili will be collected at the time of the official judging. Each contestant should verify that the number on the bottom of their container is the same as their contestant's number assigned to them by the Chief Scorekeeper. At the option of the Chief Judge, each contestant may be required to cover their number on the bottom of the container prior to giving their bowl to the collector or delivering it to the judging area.

12. No more than one (1) quart of each contestant's chili will be collected at the end of the cooking period for the purpose of judging.

13. **The decision of the judges is final.** Judging will be based on score cards which are numbered. 90% of the final tally will be from the judges score cards. 10% will be from the ticket tally of the team's "people's choice" tickets.

14. Each contestant is responsible for completely policing and cleaning up their area at the end of the day and removing all items from the area. No items shall be allowed to remain after the close of the Cook Off.

15. Booths must be removed immediately after the official closing of the event. Anything left after the Cook Off will be disposed. Leaving a mess may result in not being allowed to return to future cook offs.

1st Annual Lake McQueeney Chili Cook Off

November 26th, 2011

Team Name: (may be company name for program) _____

Team Captain: _____

Number of Team Members: (limit 6 per booth) _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State: _____ **ZIP** _____

Phone #: (daytime) _____ (night) _____

E-Mail _____

Business website: _____

Entry Fee per Team/Booth (Booths are 10' X 10'):

\$75.00 if registered by November 15th

\$85.00 late registration after November 15th.

◆ T-shirt order form on back

Make checks payable to: check # _____

Ski McQueeney Youth Foundation

c/o Chili Cook Off

1967 Terminal Loop

McQueeney, Texas 78123

Ski McQueeney Youth Foundation Annual Chili Cook Off – Judging

Chili

Judges score card for the competition chili is blind judged (**judges do not know the identity of the team**) and will be scored on the following six characteristics and make 90% of the overall score with 15 points available in per characteristic:

- Good flavoring and chili pepper taste (not too hot or not too mild)
- The texture of the meat - not tough or mushy
- Consistency – chili should be a smooth combination of meat and gravy – not too thin or too thick
- Blending of the spices – how well they have permeated the meat
- Aroma – usually a personal preference of the judge
- Color – chili should look appetizing

There will be a Peoples Choice box at each cook's table for the collection of tickets for people to score the chili. The team with the most tickets collected in their box will win the Peoples Choice and an additional 10 points will be added to the overall score. The runner up in tickets collected from the Peoples Choice will receive an addition of 5 points to the overall score. Tickets will be collected at the end of the judging and tallied. The Peoples Choice and runner up scores will be added to the final Judge's tally.

Ski McQueeney Youth Foundation Cook Off Committee will provide the cups and spoons for sampling chili and the 1 quart container for your competition chili submission.

The judges' decisions are final.

Suggested Team Supply List

Use 1 table across the front of each booth to serve chili to public. **We are not responsible for rented equipment or tables left on the premises. You must return the equipment yourself.**

Surface to work on for cutting vegetables, a small card table works well and cutting boards.

Utensils - 1 medium knife, serving and stirring spoons, spatula, can opener, matches, oven mitts, etc.

2 burners - 2 big pots - frying pan to cook meat and sauté vegetables. **Remember no electricity** - one pot to heat chili for the public and the other for competition chili. Do not leave valuable items unattended. **Cover the chili with a lid or aluminum foil to keep the dust out – PLEASE!!!!**

NO BEANS IN THE COMPETITION CHILI!!!!!!!

Bring a couple of gallons of water and paper towels and soap for quick cleanup.

Box for Peoples Choice tickets will be provided - NO CASH.

Each team must provide at least 3 gallons of chili for the People Choice sampling. This chili may have beans in it and may be pre-prepared.

It can be made ahead and frozen in freezer bags or prepared on site. There needs to be enough so that you can continue interacting with the crowd, remember, this can add 10 points to your overall judging score.

The Ski McQueeney Youth Foundation Chili Cook Off Committee **provides cups and spoons** for serving chili and the **1 quart container** for your competition chili. **No Napkins, please.**

Bag or box for trash in the booth.

Remember if you have a business or organization to promote, this is a great opportunity. Hand out flyers, coupons, etc. to the public. **PLEASE DO NOT GIVE AWAY/SELL OTHER FOOD ITEMS – this is a fundraiser!!**

Ski McQueeney Youth Foundation Chili Cook Off and Fall Fest T-Shirt Order Form

Team or Organization Name _____

T-Shirt Size	Quantity	Price	Subtotal Amount	
Small		\$15.00	\$	
Medium		\$15.00	\$	
Large		\$15.00	\$	
X-Large		\$15.00	\$	
Total Amount of T-Shirts Ordered				\$

Make Checks Payable to:
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McQueeney, TX 78123

T-Shirts will be available for pick-up upon team registration. There will be additional T-Shirts available for purchase the day of the event.