

15th Annual Celebrate Estero
CHILI & RIB COOK-OFF

REGISTRATION PACKET



Presented by:



Saturday, March, 10, 2018

Miromar Outlets

Hello and Thank you for your interest in the Estero Fire Rescue Annual Chili & Rib Cook-off. As always, this should be a GREAT competition! The Chili Cook-off Committee is hard at work to ensure that this year's event is a huge success.

Teams can enter in the Chili competition, the Rib competition or both – your choice.

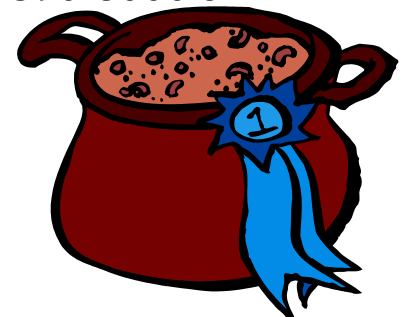
A team of local judges will be used. There are three awards for both the Chili and the Rib categories: Best Overall, People's Choice Award and Best Booth Display. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winner of the Best Overall Chili as well as Best Overall Ribs; trophies will be given in each category.

Teams will be required to provide samples to the judges beginning at 12:30 pm for chili and 1:00 pm for ribs. Awards will be presented at 1:30 pm and the event will wrap up at 2:00 pm.

The following pages provide information, including dates to remember, rules and guidelines and the 2018 registration form.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Susan Lindenmuth at Estero Fire Rescue at (239) 390-8000 or Lindenmuth@esterofire.org.

Thanks for your participation and Good Luck!!



The Details....



Who?

Teams of cooks who love FOOD! Come one, Come all!

What?

The Estero Fire Rescue Annual Chili & Rib Cook-off at Miromar Outlets

Award will be given for Best Booth Display (Trophy) as well as in two categories for both Chili and Ribs:

- Best Overall (Cash Prize and Trophy)
- People's Choice Award (Trophy)

Where?

Miromar Outlets, Corkscrew Road in Estero. Exit 123 off I-75

When?

Saturday, March 10, 2018. Cook teams set up and preparation may begin as early as 8:00 am. Celebrate Estero begins at 11:00 am. Judging begins at 12:30 pm. Awards will be presented at 1:30 pm.

Remember - to ensure that everyone has enough space, there will be assigned areas. Please look for your team name when you arrive and set up at your location. Do not set up without getting your team location.

Sample chili cups and rib containers will be provided to the teams for judging by the organizer and delivered to each booth prior to 12:00pm.

All teams are encouraged to donate part or all of their proceeds from the event to a charity of their choice. That charity should be displayed at the booth for chili patrons to see clearly.

Dates to Remember

Celebrate Estero Annual Chili & Rib Cook-off

Saturday, March 10, 2018

Miromar Outlets

Registration Deadline:

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

5:00 pm

**Booth Set up and
Preparation:**

Saturday, March 10, 2018

Starting at 8:00 am

Spaces will be assigned so look for your team name upon arrival.

Judging:

Saturday, March 10, 2018

12:30 pm

Cook-off Committee members will be collecting your samples any time between 12:00 pm and 12:15 pm for chili and 12:30pm and 12:45 pm for ribs.

Awards:

Saturday, March 10, 2018

1:30 pm.

Booth Clean Up:

Saturday, March 10, 2018

By 2:00 pm.



Chili Rules

General:

1. Chili teams are responsible for all of their own equipment and supplies, including cups and spoons for their chili to be sold. The Cook-off Committee will supply sampling cups and spoons for judging. Don't forget to bring all the appropriate booth supplies including a table, chairs, tent, serving utensils, cleaning supplies, etc. All Chili Cook teams are encouraged to be creative with their booth displays. Awards will be given for booth presentation.
2. All vendors must be self supporting. No electricity will be provided. Generators are not permitted.

Setup/Teardown:

1. Each team will be allocated a space of 15' x 15'. Chili teams are responsible for all of their own equipment and supplies. Don't forget to bring all appropriate booth supplies including a table, chairs and a tent. Weights for tents and table are encouraged in the event of wind.
2. Judging cups and spoons will be provided by the Chili Cook-Off Committee. Cups and spoons for patrons will be provided by the individual chili teams.
3. All chili vendors must have their vehicles unloaded in their assigned places by 9:45 am. **For safety reasons after that time, vehicles will not be allowed into the set up area.**
4. Booths must be completely torn down and your area must be free of garbage by 3:00 pm.

Chili:

1. Chili cannot be defined. Whatever you call chili, we call chili! Chili may or may not contain meat or beans. Chili may be red, white or any other color. Only one recipe will be judged per team. However, teams can make more than one recipe for public sampling.
2. Spectator sampling may begin at any time that your team is ready to do so. However, don't forget that the judging sample will be collected between 12:00 pm and 12:15 pm so make sure to save enough.

3. You must prepare a minimum of 2 gallons of chili for the event.

Judging/Awards:

1. Chili will be judged by the following criteria: Aroma, Appearance, Consistency and Taste. The winning Chili must rate well in each of these criteria. All criteria will be weighted equally for each category.
2. To ensure confidentiality and impartiality during the judging process, each team will be randomly assigned a team number and will be given an official sample judging cup with their number on it. The Chili Cook-off Committee will control cup numbers and samples to ensure anonymity.
3. Team theme, visual display and showmanship will be evaluated in determining the Booth prizewinners. Teams will only be judged on presentation within their assigned area.
4. Chili Cook-off patrons may cast votes to select the "People's Choice" award winning chili. All votes will be tallied before 1:30 pm and the winner will be announced with the other winners. Chili teams are encouraged to engage the cook-off patrons and encourage them to place a "People's Choice" vote. Voting sheets must be completely stamped to be counted so encourage visitation to all the booths.
5. The decisions of the judges are final. All entrants participate at their own risk. The Estero Chamber of Commerce, Estero Fire Rescue or Miromar Outlets are not responsible for losses or damages resulting from team participation in this event. The Chili Cook-off Committee reserves the right to change or modify these rules at any time. Any changes will be communicated to all entrants. The committee also reserves the right to disqualify any team for violation of these rules.



Rib Rules

General:

- Rib teams are responsible for all of their own food, equipment and supplies, including containers for their ribs to be sold. The Cook-off Committee will supply sampling containers for judging. Don't forget to bring all the appropriate booth supplies including a table, chairs, tent, serving utensils, cleaning supplies, etc. All teams are encouraged to be creative with their booth displays. Awards will be given for booth presentation.
- All vendors must be self supporting. No electricity will be provided. Generators are not permitted.

Setup/Teardown:

- Each team will be allocated a space of 15' x 15'. Teams are responsible for all of their own equipment and supplies. Don't forget to bring all appropriate booth supplies including a table, chairs and a tent. Weights for table and chairs are encouraged in the event of wind.
- Judging containers will be provided by the Cook-Off Committee. Containers for patrons will be provided by the individual teams.
- All vendors must have their vehicles unloaded in their assigned places by 9:45 am. **For safety reasons after that time, vehicles will not be allowed into the set up area.**
- Booths must be completely torn down and your area must be free of garbage by 3:00 pm.

Ribs Rules:

Note: You are responsible for observing prudent temperature and sanitary requirements.

- Only one recipe will be judged per team. However, teams can make more than one recipe for public sampling.
- Spectator sampling may begin at any time that your team is ready to do so. However, don't forget that the judging sample will be collected between 12:30 pm and 12:45 pm so make sure to save enough.

- Teams must cook a minimum of six (6) racks of ribs (baby backs or spare ribs may be used). We suggest a whole bunch! People love ribs!
- Each team must prepare six individual pieces of meat or servings in each category for the judges.
- Anything placed in the container that identifies your team will cause your entry to not be scored.

Judging/Awards:

1. Ribs will be judged by the following criteria: Appearance, tenderness/texture and taste. The winning rib must rate well in each of these criteria. All criteria will be weighted equally for each category.
2. Garnish will not be allowed in the turn-in container.
3. Products may be presented with or without sauce or seasonings. However, no sauce containers will be allowed in the turn-in box. If you choose to use a sauce with your ribs, it must be applied to the ribs. Sauce must not be pooled in the container.
4. Marking or sculpting of any kind, of the meat or of the container, will not be allowed.
5. No aluminum foil or stuffing is allowed in the container. No toothpicks, skewers, foreign material or stuffing is permitted.
6. To ensure confidentiality and impartiality during the judging process, each team will be randomly assigned a team number and will be given an official sample judging cup with their number on it. The Cook-off Committee will control numbers and samples to ensure anonymity.
7. Team theme, visual display and showmanship will be evaluated in determining the Booth prizewinners. Teams will only be judged on presentation within their assigned area (15'x15').
8. Cook-off patrons may cast votes to select the "People's Choice" award winning ribs. All votes will be tallied before 1:30 pm and the winner will be announced with the other winners. Rib teams are encouraged to engage the cook-off patrons and encourage them to place a "People's Choice" vote.
9. The decisions of the judges are final. All entrants participate at their own risk. The Estero Chamber of Commerce, Estero Fire Rescue or Miromar Outlets are not responsible for losses or damages resulting from team participation in this event. The Cook-

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Registration Form

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A separate form for Chili and Ribs must be submitted

Team Name: _____

Business/Organization
Name: _____

Category (circle one)

Chili Cook-off

Rib Cook-off

Head Chef (one name only): _____

Head Chef email: _____

Head Chef Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: (Day) _____
(Evening) _____

Team
Members: _____

Proceeds from event to go to the following charity:
