

Annual Chili Cook-off  
Sunday, January 28, 2024

Thank you so much for bringing a pot of chili to the Pledge Drive kickoff!

**Directions**

- Bring your cooked chili (preferably in a crock or instant pot) to the kitchen before service so we can plug in and keep your masterpieces warm during service. If you don't have a crock pot, no worries, we will keep your pot warm on the stove. We expect about **90 people** to taste chili **(of course, not everyone will taste every chili depending on their dietary restrictions)**
- Tables will be set up outside on the patio and when we're ready, the pots will be brought outside and two pots put on each table. Please bring a ladle to serve your chili.
- *Plan on serving your own chili* just for everyone's first time through so *that if people have questions about ingredients* (those with food issues, not those trying to steal your recipe) they can ask you. After everyone's been served once, those wanting 2nd helpings can then serve themselves.
- On each table there will be a stack of dinner plates and 4oz tasting cups; give a small spoonful/taste (not a full cup) to those who ask.
- Bring a sign to put on or next to your crock pot with the name of your chili. Be creative with it to help people identify the chili they like. *Be sure to indicate if it includes a meat (and what it is).*
- If you want to offer toppings (sour cream, cheese, etc.) for your chili please bring them.
- Towards the end of the event, we will be giving away any left over chili for a goodwill offering. If you don't want to participate & plan on taking your chili home, please let Jane Zaun know. If you have any take away food containers or large yogurt containers, or something similar that chili can be put in and given to people, please bring those.
- Because we want this to be no mess, the kitchen crew will NOT be cleaning the crock pots/pots and appreciates that you will be doing it at home. *If you need to leave before it's over, please arrange for someone to take your crock pot/pot home.*
- After people have had a chance to taste and vote, we'll announce the winners for each category. The absolutely amazing (tacky) perpetual trophy will go to the overall winner.