

Tustin Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off

Frequently Asked Questions



Q: Can I enter in more than one competition?

A: Yes! The more the better! You just need to satisfy the requirements for each category and follow any relevant rules. Restaurants can compete in all categories except for People's Chili.

Q: Can I make my chili at home?

A: Only People's Chili, Restaurant Chili, and Salsa can be made at another location and brought to the Cook-Off. ICS Chili cannot be made at any other location; it must be prepared on site. Please closely read the ICS rules.

Q: How do I cook or heat my chili?

A: You need to bring your own stove. Typically, participants use propane camping stoves. We do not allow open flames (i.e. charcoal BBQ pits).

Q: Is there electricity?

A: Yes, but it is limited and you MUST pre-register and ask for electricity. If you pre-registered, you must bring a heavy duty upto 100ft. extension cord and a heavy duty power strip.

Q: Can we decorate our booth?

A: Yes! We will be giving out 2 awards: Chairman's Best Decorated Booth and Chairman's Most Spirited Award. You can tape, staple or nail your banners and decorations to the booth. You must REMOVE and CLEAN up your booth by 6:00 PM. Please do not dump anything in gutters!

Q: What size is the Chili Booth?

A: Three-sided 8ftX8ft wood booths

Q: Does the City provide any stoves or canopies?

A: No, you are required to bring all your own equipment including all cooking supplies. We strongly suggest you bring a canopy for shade. Make sure it fits into an 8X8ft space.

Q: What does the City provide?

A: We will provide you with a table, two chairs, and a 8ftx8ft three-sided plywood booth. We will also provide you tasting cups, spoons, and napkins. You can request additional tasting cups, spoons, and napkins at the Info Booth.

Q: How do the "tastings" work?

A: We will provide you with tasting cups, spoons and napkins. Anyone that wants to try or "taste" your chili, will give you a ticket. In return you will give them a sample cup filled with your chili. All tickets can be purchased at any of the City ticket booths.

Q: How is the People's Chili or Restaurant Chili judged?

A: The winner will be determined on a two-part system. **Part one:** Randomly selected members of the community will be part of the judging panel scoring on your submitted chili. **Part two:** Based on the number of tickets you collect. You need to put all tickets in the bag we provide you. All tickets need to be to the information booth at **4:30 pm**, no later, **even if you still have chili**. We will weigh all tickets to determine who has collected the most. Based on the combination of taste and tickets scores, there will be a winner! Note: Additional competitions are held for People's Chili.

Q: How is the ICS Chili and Salsa judged?

A: ICS Red Chili and ICS Salsa are judged by a panel of experts and other community members. Please read the ICS rules on their website. It specifically goes over the criteria.

Wood "Chili" Panel Dimensions

