

NEW for 2018

ALL ICS COOKS MUST PRE-REGISTER THROUGH THE ICS WEBSITE: WWW.CHILICOOKOFF.COM

ENTRY FEES:

By 2018 ICS Contestant Rules (attached below) Red Chili entry fee will be waived in lieu of minimum of 4 gallons of PC chili or provide 2 gallons with entry fee. This will be verified by Cook Off Officials!

Standard Entry Fees:

ICS Red Chili: \$35.00

ICS Chili Verde: \$25.00

ICS Salsa: \$15.00

PA Open Chili Keystone Cup: \$35.00 (Included with PA resident ICS Red Chili entry)

EARLY ENTRY FEE:

Early Entry Discount will apply ONLY to entries received with payment on or before August 20, 2018 see entry form page 4.

ICS MEMBERSHIP FEE If you only cook in Hanover, the new ICS fee is \$10.00 – this leaves you more cash to purchase ingredients for your chili! We no longer process ICS applications - **all ICS applications/memberships are processed through chilicookoff.com.**

PEOPLE'S CHOICE VOTING will now be done by a TEXT – 2 – VOTE system. Counting ticket stubs was tedious, time consuming and error prone. Each ticket holder will be able to send one vote by texting from their phone.

YOUTH COOK OFF

Details of the GHON ECKLEY MEMORIAL YOUTH COOK OFF for Cooks 17 & under are below. Judging is based on ICS Traditional Red Chili standards. Parents must email Vickie at vmarnick@icschili.com to apply for a youth membership (see page #5) AND to register the youth for the Cook Off. Membership info below.

ULTIMATE RESTURANT CHILI CHALLENGE:

Open to any commercial kitchen. Bring 7 to 10 gallons for crowd samples & 16oz. for judging. No entry fee, no winner's awards, only a perpetual trophy and eternal fame & glory for your restaurant! E-mail for more info.



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Dear Chili Cook,

The Cook Off Committee has been busy planning the 23rd Annual Hanover Chili Cook Off on Labor Day Sunday, September 2, 2018. We are working to create an event that is enjoyable for all. Our goal is to again break the \$65,000 level for donations from this community fund raising event! Our judging affiliation will remain with the International Chili Society (ICS) allowing us to offer cash awards to all of our competition winners as Pennsylvania State Champions!

Our Open Chili competition will remain **The PA Keystone Cup Chili Competition**, open to **PA RESIDENTS ONLY** with **cash awards** and permanent trophy. The entry fee will remain \$25.00 for Early Entries and will be included with an ICS Red Chili entry. To enter any ICS competition you must be a member of the ICS. Entry fees increase for all entries received between 8/21 to 9/3. The winner of each ICS category earns the right to represent Pennsylvania at the 2018 World Championship Chili Cook Off September 27 – 30 in St. Louis, MO. Visit the ICS at, www.chilicookoff.com for details and recipes for past winning Red Chili, & Chili Verde and Salsa.

- ★ **Only PA residents are eligible to compete for the PA Keystone Cup Open Chili prize.**
- ★ **Good Samaritan and People's Choice Awards will be conducted with SEPARATE COLLECTIONS AND AWARDS.**
- ★ All communications should be sent to: hanovercookoff@yahoo.com.
- ★ Chili for public sampling, or "throw down" chili, and competition salsa may be made in advance of the event. Each ICS Cook is **required** to have a minimum of 2 gallons of chili for public sampling with paid entry fee or 4 gallons in lieu of entry fee. **All competition chili (ICS Red, Chili Verde, Youth and PA Keystone Cup Open Chili) must be made on site** during the designated cooking times. ICS rules stipulate a three (3) hour cook time for competition chili. Please review the time schedule below.
- ★ **We ask all Cooks to have at least 12 gallons of chili for public samples.** With around 10,000 chili fans through the gate, every taste helps feed the masses! **ICS Red Chili entry fee waived in lieu of 4 gallons of PC chili.**
- ★ Local meat markets and grocery stores will again be offering a discount to Chili Cooks for chili meat and supplies.
- ★ Sales of food, soda, water or any items are prohibited without prior written permission from the Cook Off Committee. If you have used these sales as part of your **Good Samaritan Collection**, your request *will be approved* but please send notice so that an "Approved Vendor" sign can be posted on your booth. Commercial vendors will be contracted solely at the discretion of the Cook Off Committee.
- ★ **No vehicles, pets, campers, RVs or electric generators** will be allowed on the field during the Cook Off.
- ★ **NO BEER OR ALCOHOL MAY BE BROUGHT INTO THE COOK OFF GROUNDS.** This is a **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY**. Please make sure your entire team understands this policy. If pre-entered, your team will be allocated tickets for beverages. Only tickets will be accepted. **Each Team Member must have valid photo ID at the Cook Off.** Be prepared to have your coolers and all containers inspected by Cook Off Security staff.
- ★ If you or anyone on your Team is on FaceBook, please "like" the Hanover Chili Cook Off. This is a great tool for us to attract the attention of more major Sponsors!
- ★ **All funds** collected for or raised at the Cook Off will be added to the donation pool administered by the Cook Off Committee. These funds will be donated to the charities selected by the Cook Off Committee.

The organizing Committee thanks you for your support and participation in The Hanover Chili Cook Off. This is a significant fundraising event for local nonprofit organizations and a great social event for our community. Let's all try to make it even better and always remember "if you don't have fun on Cook Off Sunday, it's your own fault!"

Your Cook Off entry and ICS membership forms are attached to this message. A confirmation message with complete Hanover Chili Cook Off rules and discount coupons will be sent when your paid entry is received.

Thank you,

The Hanover Chili Cook Off Committee, 2018

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Competitions at The 23rd Annual Hanover Chili Cook Off

The 2018 ICS PA State Championship Chili Cook Off

ICS RED CHILI, The PA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP: Traditional RED CHILI is defined by ICS as any kind of meat or combination of meats, cooked with red chili peppers, other spices and other ingredients with the exception of beans and pasta which are strictly forbidden. **Chili must be made on site within the 3-hour cooking period.** Judging will be based on the following six criteria:

GOOD FLAVOR: Chili pepper taste, not too hot, not too mild.

TEXTURE of the meat: Not too tough or not too mushy.

CONSISTENCY: Not too thick or not too thin.

BLEND OF THE SPICES: How well they have permeated the meat.

AROMA: The chili should have a pleasing smell, usually a personal preference.

COLOR: The chili should look appetizing, with a rich reddish-brown color

AWARDS: 1st \$1,250.00, Trophy and Entry into the 2018 World Championship Chili Cook Off
2nd \$500.00 plus Trophy
3rd \$300.00 plus Trophy
4th and 5th Trophy

COOKING PERIOD: Stove light at 12:00 noon. Turn in at 3:00 pm

ICS CHILI VERDE, The PA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP: CHILI VERDE is defined by ICS as any kind of meat or combination of meats, cooked with green chili peppers, various other spices and other ingredients with the exception of beans and pasta which are strictly forbidden. **Chili must be made on site within the 3-hour cooking period.**

AWARDS: 1st \$500.00, Trophy and Entry into the 2018 World Championship Cook Off
2nd to 5th Trophy

COOKING PERIOD: Stove light at 10:30. Turn in at 1:30.

ICS SALSA, The PA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP: Whatever you call salsa *is* salsa, as long as there are chili peppers. There are no strict rules, vegetables, fresh herbs, fruits or whatever the cook feels will taste good is allowed in this competition. Salsa for competition and public sampling may be prepared in advance of the Cook Off or prepared on site. Turn in at 11:00 am.

AWARDS: 1st \$500.00, Trophy and Entry into the 2018 World Championship Chili Cook Off
2nd to 5th Trophy

OPEN CHILI - The PA Keystone Cup Chili Competition: Aroma, consistency and taste are the three primary components for this chili competition. Just about anything can be called chili, Red or Verde. A blend of meat with beans, vegetables or pasta is what the judges will be expecting. Chili **must be made on site and have beans, pasta or other ingredients** to distinguish the entry from ICS Red Chili or Chili Verde. Open to **PA RESIDENTS ONLY!**

AWARDS: 1st \$1,250.00 plus Trophy
2nd \$500.00 plus Trophy
3rd \$300.00 plus Trophy
4th \$250.00 plus Trophy
5th \$200.00 plus Trophy
6th \$100.00 plus Trophy
7th \$50.00 plus Trophy
8th to 10th Trophy

COOKING PERIOD: Begin as soon as your kitchen is prepared. Turn in at 12:00 noon.

PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD = PUBLIC VOTES BY PHONE WITH A TEXT-2-VOTE SYSTEM

GOOD SAMARITAN AWARD = PUBLIC VOTES BY CASH DONATIONS

These are a combination of chili flavor, friendliness of staff and presentation at your chili-cooking booth. Patrons will vote with cash donations or their ticket stub at their favorite booth. The more chili samples you have for those attending will increase your potential to earn votes. We recommend that you prepare to cook at least **20 to 30** gallons of sample chili to increase your chances for this award! **Each category will be counted and awarded separately!**

AWARDS: Trophy and Complimentary entry for 2019 Hanover Chili Cook Off. Separate Good Samaritan Awards will be presented to Individual and Sponsored Teams.

LAST COOK STANDING: \$50.00 award to all Cooks serving chili at 4:00 pm. One drawing winner will be awarded a complimentary entry into the 24th Annual Hanover Chili Cook Off in 2019 and an additional \$50.00 award.

SHOWMANSHIP AWARD: To be judged by Committee members and volunteers. Booth presentation and litter control will be keys. Details with your entry confirmation.

AWARD: \$250.00 plus Trophy



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ICS PA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP and PA KEYSTONE CUP OPEN CHILI COOK OFF

Sunday, September 2, 2018 at the

23rd ANNUAL HANOVER CHILI COOK OFF

Please complete this form and return to the above address with the entry fees to reserve your 12' X 15' cooking space. A minimum of 12 gallons for public sampling is **requested** for this event.

THANK YOU for your support of this event raising funds for nonprofits in our community.

The 2018 Hanover Chili Cook Off Committee

PLEASE PRINT

TEAM NAME: _____

HEAD COOK: _____ **SHIRT SIZE:** _____

ICS MEMBER # _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PHONE #: _____ **NUMBER ON TEAM:** _____

PLEASE CHECK COMPETITIONS YOU WILL ENTER

EARLY ENTRY: PAID before 8/20/2018

STANDARD ENTRY: Received 8/21 To 9/2/2018

ICS Red Chili: Fee \$25.00 _____ (4 gal. waiver) \$35.00 _____ (4 gal. waiver)

ICS Chili Verde: Fee \$25.00 _____ \$25.00 _____

ICS Salsa: Fee \$15.00 _____ \$15.00 _____

Open Chili: Fee \$25.00 _____ \$35.00 _____

(Included with PA Resident ICS Red Chili entry)

- NOTE:**
- All ICS competitions **require** ICS membership.
 - Only pre-entered Cooks guaranteed Cook Off T- shirt and beverage tickets.
 - **NEW** ICS Membership information below



Total enclosed: \$ _____ (Make check payable to Guthrie Memorial Library / Hanover Chili Cook Off and return to the address above.)

Signature: _____

I agree to the official rules of the Hanover Chili Cook Off and International Chili Society

Check #: _____ Date Recd: _____

VISIT: CHILICOOKOFF.COM AND JOIN ONLINE

Hanover will no longer process ICS application fees! You must visit chilicookoff.com to process your membership!

<p>1 COOK-OFF</p> <p>\$10</p> <p>PER ADULT COOK</p> <p>Cook at 1 cook-off within 1 Year from Sign-up</p> <p>Join Now</p>	<p>ANNUAL UNLIMITED</p> <p>\$45</p> <p>PER ADULT COOK</p> <p>Cook at Unlimited Cook-offs within 1 Year from Sign-up</p> <p>Join Now</p>	<p>3 COOK-OFFS</p> <p>\$25</p> <p>PER ADULT COOK</p> <p>Cook at 3 Cook-offs within 1 Year from Sign-up</p> <p>Join Now</p>
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YOUTH MEMBERSHIP

Youth membership fees are: \$5.00 to compete in one cook-off; \$10.00 to compete in three (3) cook-offs; or \$20.00 for unlimited competing within a year. Parents/guardians must contact Vickie Marnick [vmarnick@icschili.com] to apply for Youth Membership and to register for any youth cook-off. Once the application process is complete, the parent/guardian will receive the Youth ICS membership number by email within a week. (A physical membership card will be mailed within a month.)



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GHON ECKLEY MEMORIAL YOUTH CHILI COOK OFF

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23rd ANNUAL HANOVER CHILI COOK OFF

We are honored to memorialize our late Chief Judge and Friend, Ghon Eckley with this YOUTH RED CHILI COOKING COMPETITION.

The rules are simple:

- ICS Youth Membership is required.
- Chili Cook must be 17 years of age or under to enter.
- Chili will be judged with ICS Traditional Red Chili standards, see page 3.
- Each Cook must have an adult Supervisor.
- Youth Cooks must do all prep and chili cooking activities.
- Adult may assist with moving pots of hot material & managing burner.
- Stove light at 12:15 pm.
- Turn in time: 3:15 pm.
- Winner will be announced at 4:30 pm from main stage.
- Winner will receive prizes TBD and a trophy.
- HAVE SOME FUN!

The 2018 Hanover Chili Cook Off Committee

Entry Fee \$10.00 Received by Cash: _____ Check # _____

PLEASE PRINT

YOUTH COOK: _____ **AGE:** _____

TEAM NAME: _____ **ICS #** _____

SUPERVISING ADULT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____

YOUTH SIGNATURE: _____

ADULT SIGNATURE: _____

Official ICS Contestant Rules



1. GETTING STARTED

Adult Cooks: Must be active ICS members and at least 18 years old. Cooks must register for their ICS memberships and sign-up for each cook-off through the ICS website, chilicookoff.com.

Youth Cooks: Must be active ICS members 6 to 17 years of age and must prepare and cook their chili with adult supervision, but not adult participation. Cooks (or parents/ supervisors of) must register for Youth ICS memberships and sign-up for each cook-off by contacting Vickie: vmarnick@icschili.com.

Every adult and youth cook must be a member in good standing prior to the commencement of the cook-off.

PARTICIPATION

A contestant may compete in one or more cooking categories at each cook-off. If a contestant wins first place in a WCCC qualifying category, he/she may not compete in that category again during the same cooking season.

A cooking season runs from the day after the WCCC of the previous season to the day before the WCCC of the current season. *For example – If the WCCC is on October 1, 2050, the cooking season would begin the day after the 2049 WCCC to September 30, 2050.*

ENTRY FEES & PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Entry fees for any adult or youth category are separately collected by and at the discretion of the cook-off. ICS is the sanctioning body for cook-offs, which are organized by individuals not directly affiliated with ICS (unless noted).

ICS Suggested Contestant Entry Fees:

Adult: \$35 Traditional Red / \$30 Homestyle / \$25 Chili Verde / \$25 Veggie / \$15 Salsa

Youth: \$20 Traditional Red / \$20 Homestyle

People's Choice Chili (PC): ICS requires PC per adult and youth contestant, not per category. The amount required will be determined by the individual cook-off. ICS recommends the requirement of 2 gallons with entry fee(s), OR 4 gallons without entry fee(s).

2. TYPES OF SANCTIONED COOK-OFFS

WCCC QUALIFIER - The event organizer must offer at least one ICS cooking category and meet the minimum cook requirements for that category (and each additional category if applicable). A minimum of 15 cooks per category are required for Traditional Red and Homestyle categories. A minimum of 7 cooks per category are required for Chili Verde, Veggie and Salsa categories. Any youth category must have a minimum of 5 youth cooks. **Winners:** All will qualify for the WCCC.

LOCAL COOK-OFF - The event organizer must offer at least one ICS cooking category and meet the minimum cook requirements for that category (and each additional category if applicable). A minimum of 7 cooks per category are required for Traditional Red, Homestyle, Chili Verde, Veggie and Salsa categories. Any youth category must have a minimum of 5 youth cooks.

Winners- Traditional Red and Homestyle: Two Local Cook-off wins are needed to qualify for the WCCC.

One Local Cook-off win will waive the winners' entry fee for the Last Chance cook-off in that category. If a Local Cook-off ends up with 15 or more cooks in Red and/or 15 or more cooks in Homestyle, the winner(s) will qualify for the WCCC of the current cooking season.

Winners- Verde, Veggie and Salsa: All will qualify for the WCCC.

3. COOKING CATEGORIES

CATEGORIES IN WHICH WINNERS ARE DETERMINED BY JUDGES

Traditional Red Chili is any kind of meat or combination of meats cooked with red chili peppers, various spices and other ingredients. Beans and pasta are not allowed. **This category is also offered for YOUTH cooks.**

Homestyle Chili is any kind of meat or combination of meats and/or vegetables cooked with beans, chili peppers, various spices and other ingredients. Beans are required. **This category is also offered for YOUTH cooks.**

Chili Verde is any kind of meat or combination of meats cooked with green chili peppers, various spices and other ingredients. Beans and pasta are not allowed.

Veggie Chili is any kind of vegetable or combination of vegetables cooked with chili peppers, various spices and other ingredients. The use of meat and meat byproduct is not allowed.

Salsa is any combination of chili peppers, spices and other ingredients. It must be entirely homemade.

Note: Garnishes must not be used for any category. Rule of thumb- if an ingredient found on the top layer of an entry bowl cannot also be found mixed throughout the entire bowl, it is a garnish and is not permitted. If a bowl is delivered for judging with a garnish, the garnish must be removed by the Chief Judge. If for some reason the garnish cannot be removed, the bowl will be disqualified

CATEGORIES IN WHICH WINNERS ARE DETERMINED BY THE PUBLIC

People's Choice Chili (PC) follows the same ingredient rules as Homestyle. The use of beans is required. PC is required by all adult and youth contestants. See #5 for rules and exceptions.

4. COOK-OFF PREPARATION

- A. The hosting organization will provide an area for each contestant to cook, however each contestant is responsible for supplying all of their own cooking ingredients, supplies and utensils. Contestants will receive specific requirements from each individual cook-off organizer upon successful registration.
- B. The ICS strongly encourages preparedness with a fire extinguisher and washing station, as these may be required by local laws.

5. FOOD PREPARATION

Traditional Red, Homestyle, Chili Verde, Veggie:

- A. No ingredient may be pre-cooked in any way 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.
- B. Meat may be pre-cut or ground but MAY NOT be pre-cooked, treated, seasoned or marinated in any manner.
- C. All other ingredients must be prepared and/or chopped on-site during the preparation period.

People's Choice, Salsa:

- A. Per ICS rules these categories may be prepared and cooked prior to the cook-off, however it is the responsibility of the cook to check with the cook-off organizer for each event as local laws may forbid advanced food preparation.
- B. The cook may also choose to prepare and cook these categories on-site during the preparation period.

6. PEOPLE'S CHOICE CHILI (PC)

Where an event allows [as is the case with most ICS events], event attendees may purchase tickets in order to taste chili prepared by the competing cooks – this chili is known as People's Choice chili (PC). Every ICS cook-off raises money for at least one charity or non-profit organization, partially due to the preparation and sales of PC.

- A. Every contestant (other than *salsa only* contestants) must prepare and serve People's Choice chili (PC), unless prohibited by the local law where the event takes place.
- B. Event organizers will decide the required quantity of PC per contestant. ICS suggests two (2) gallons when requiring an entry fee, or four (4) gallons without entry fee.
- C. If multiple cooks share one booth, each contestant must be prepared to show their own PC. The event organizer or Chief Judge has the right to disqualify any contestant who does not prepare the required quantity of PC. This is expected and supported by ICS.

7. IT'S TIME TO COOK!

- A. A representative of the cook-off will conduct a contestant's meeting no later than 1 hour prior to the start of the competition cooking period. At this meeting instructions will be given and questions answered.
- B. The cooking period for each category will depend on the number of categories offered at each event. The typical cooking period is 3 hours. The exact starting and ending of each cooking period will be announced by the hosting organization.
- C. Cooking during the entire cooking period is at the sole discretion of the contestant.
- D. For each category a contestant competes in, they must cook a minimum of 32 oz. to be submitted for judging.

8. DETERMINING THE WINNERS

People's Choice:

The chili that receives the highest number of votes by the public will win. The manner of voting as well as prize structure will be determined by the event organizer.

All other categories:

- A. Each cook will be assigned a contestant number and given one 32 oz. ICS competition cup per category prior to the start of the cooking period. (Smaller cups are permitted for salsa competitions.)
Each cook will receive as many cups as categories they are competing in. For example- if competing in four categories a contestant will receive four cups. Each cup will have their contestant number marked on the bottom.
- B. It is the contestant's responsibility to verify that the number on the bottom of their cup(s) is the same as their assigned contestant number.
- C. Each cook is responsible for delivering their cup(s) to the judging area at the end of each cooking period. Each cup must be filled to the bottom of the rim. Sharing or splitting chili for judging with another contestant will result in suspension of ICS membership for a minimum of one year.
- D. Cook-off judges will choose their top three, per category, using the judging criteria below. Place levels and prizes are determined by each cook-off, but ICS requires a minimum of 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.