

**2018 "BRING THE HEAT" CHILI COOK-OFF
CONTESTANT APPLICATION FORM**

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to help support the Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad. Sponsored by the Newcomers Club of North Hunterdon, the Knights of Columbus Council #6245 and the Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad. See www.BringtheHeat.org for details.

The 12th Annual "Bring the Heat" Chili Cook-Off will be held on **Saturday, April 21, 2018** at the Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad, Route 173, Clinton, NJ 08809.

Please choose your category:

<p>Restaurant/Caterer ____</p> <p>Will you need someone to pick-up and serve your chili the day of the cook-off? Yes ____ No ____</p> <p><i>If you are unable to attend or send anyone, one of our volunteers can fill in for you. Please have your heated chili ready by 2 pm on 4/21 unless other arrangements have been made.</i></p>	<p>Individual ____</p> <p>Do you need to cook on site? Yes ____ No ____</p> <p><i>See Rules: Individuals not cooking on site must provide a copy of the health department license for the kitchen being used.</i></p>
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Name of Your Chili (Required): _____

Contestant Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Best Phone # to call: _____

I have read the Chili Cook-Off official rules and regulations and I hereby agree to abide by such rules and regulations.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Entry fee is \$25. Return this application with a check made out to:
Newcomers Club of North Hunterdon, PO Box 206, Lebanon, NJ 08833.**

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact Bernadette English at 732-735-7380.

“BRING THE HEAT” 2018 CHILI COOK-OFF CONTESTANT RULES.

You must read these rules prior to entering.

Entry Information

There are a maximum of 25 slots available. Entries must be received by Monday, April 16, 2018. Contestants must be prepaid and preregistered. The contest is open to all private individuals, restaurants, caterers, and foodservice businesses. You must be at least 18 years old to enter.

The entry fee is \$25. Each application provides admission for two preregistered entrants. Additional attendees – including family members – must purchase a ticket for \$15 at the door or \$12 in advance (children 12 and under are free). Advance tickets can be purchased at: <http://www.payit2.com/collect-page/98210>.

Judging and Prizes

A “blind” tasting will be conducted by a panel of judges who will decide the winners based on appearance, aroma, consistency, taste, and creativity. The decisions of the judging panel will be final. In the event of a tie, a Cook-Off Committee member will cast the deciding vote.

A \$200 grand cash prize will be awarded to the winning individual as determined by the judges. Prizes will also be awarded to second and third place individuals, as well as the top restaurant, based on the judges’ scoring.

Prizes will be awarded to the People’s Choice individual and restaurant winners, as decided by the tasters who attend the cook-off. Additional non-cash prizes may be awarded for other categories, such as best-decorated station. You will be notified in advance of any additional prize categories.

Cooking

All cooking must be done in a certified kitchen. Individual entrants cooking in a certified kitchen must provide a copy of the license with the entry form. If you do not have access to a certified kitchen, you must cook on site at the Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad. Tents, cooking grills, tables and a cleaning station will be provided. Bring your own pots and cooking utensils.

Contestants cooking on site should arrive at the Squad no later than 11:00 a.m. on the 21st. Representatives of the Cook-Off Committee will be available to give instructions on set up.

Your Chili

Any type of chili is permitted: meat, vegetarian, with or without beans or pasta. All ingredients and spices are allowed. **Contestants should prepare enough to fill two half-pans of a chafing dish (approx. 3 gallons).** Having enough chili to last for 2-3 hours of tasting is critical to the success of the cook-off!

At the start of the cook-off, someone from the Committee will ask each contestant to fill an official 8-ounce Judging cup which will be delivered to the judging area at the official time for judging. **Your chili should be ready to transfer to your station by 3:30 p.m.**

Your Station

Contestants will be given two half-size foil pans over a stand and sternos at tables set up inside the bay of the Rescue Squad. Spoons, napkins and portion cups will be provided. Your table space is about 2 by 3 feet. Decorations are encouraged! Your station must be manned at all times.

These Rules and Regulations are subject to change at the discretion of the Cook-off Committee.

***If you have questions relating to these requirements, please contact
Bernadette English at 732-735-7380.***