

# Frankfort Chili Cook-Off

## Saturday, February 3, 2024

The Village of Frankfort cordially invites Lincoln-Way area restaurants to be a part of its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual chili cook-off! The chili cook-off will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at Breidert Green in downtown Frankfort from Noon until 3:00 PM as part of Frankfort's Fire & Ice Winter Social.

The Chili Cook-off is part of the Fire & Ice Winter Social that will feature a live ice carving demo and games carved from ice! The event will also have activities including a smores making area, free hot chocolate, a bonfire to warm yourself near, and of course, chili prepared by the Lincoln-Way area's finest restaurants! Trophies will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners, along with bragging rights for the year! Judging will be done by attendees or "people's choice."

### **RULES FOR ENTRY:**

- Contestants must register by **January 22, 2024**. There is no entry fee to participate. Limited spots available.
- Must be 18 years old to enter.
- Must be a restaurant in good standing with the Will County Health Department.

### **CHILI PREPARATION:**

- Each contestant must cook a minimum of five (5) gallons of competition chili. All varieties of chili are welcome! Make it unique to your restaurant!
- Chili must be pre-cooked. Chili is to be brought "ready-to-eat" in covered crockpots/commercial warmers that can be plugged in and kept to proper temperature of 150 degrees. Multiple crockpots/warmers may be used.
- As a courtesy to the attendees, please prominently display a list of all ingredients used in chili.
- Condiments (such as onion, celery, cheese, etc.) must be chopped or prepared during the preparation period or must be pre-packaged.
- Each contestant is responsible for their own crockpot(s), serving spoons (please bring more than one serving spoon in case one drops).

### **SAFE FOOD HANDLING:**

- Contestants must have thermometers.
- All food products must be stored off the ground.
- Hair restraints and gloves are required to be worn. Supplied by contestants.
- Sanitizing of work area should be implemented with the use of a bleach/water rinse.
- Each contestant will provide a separate container for washing, rinsing, and sanitizing of serving utensils.
- It is the responsibility of the contestant to maintain cleanliness of their assigned cooking space throughout the day and clean-up at the end of the event.

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### **SET UP:**

The chili cook-off will take place in the Breidert Green parking lot. Please pull your vehicle into the parking lot and check in with a village employee to be assigned to your space. Vehicles can remain parked in the parking lot behind your table. Please feel free to bring a pop-up tent if the weather permits. All tents must be weighted or tied down upon set up. The weight must be 20-25 pounds apiece for each leg of the tent, if not tied down.

- Set up can begin as early as 10 AM and should be completed by 11 AM.
- One 6 or 8 ft. table will be provided by the village.
- Napkins, tasting cups, and spoons will be provided by the village.
- Please bring your own extension cords (minimum of 12-gauge). Village staff will be onsite to help with plugging into electrical boxes, if needed.
- Please bring your own chairs if desired.
- Themes/table decorations, etc. are encouraged but not required.
- Restaurant/Team name should be prominently displayed. Banners, picture frames, a-frames, etc. can be used.

### **COOK-OFF DETAILS:**

- The cook-off begins promptly at noon and will end at 2:30 PM or when chili runs out, whichever comes first.
- Judging will be done by "people's choice." Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
- The decision will be reached by a compilation of votes by the attendees of the event.
- Each attendee will offer only one vote.
- Winners will be announced as soon as votes are tabulated.

***In the event of severe weather,  
the chili cook-off may be cancelled or postponed.***

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### ENTRY FORM

Restaurant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Members: \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### **CAUSES FOR DISQUALIFICATION**

- ✓ Failure to comply with the rules and regulations established in this document.
- ✓ Use of alcohol by a team, its members, and/or guests.
- ✓ Foul, abusive, or unacceptable language by a team, its members, and/or guests.

The decisions and interpretations of the Rules and Regulations are at the discretion of the Village of Frankfort. Their decisions and interpretations are final.

**By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to the rules and regulations outlined above.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Read, sign, and return this last page of the rules as part of the application process.)*

**Return entry form by January 22, 2024 to Sue Lynchey ([slynchey@frankfortil.org](mailto:slynchey@frankfortil.org)) or mail to:**

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432 W. Nebraska Street  
Frankfort, IL 60423