

Chili Cook-off Rules

1. Chili must be your own creation, not purchased from a food establishment or pre-made and sold either frozen or canned from a food distributor.
2. If you are the owner or chef at a commercial food establishment, your **house-made** chili is welcomed.
3. Each entry will be identified with a number. Names will not be included to avoid favoritism during both the official and people's choice judging.
4. Entries should arrive at **Ferris Church of Christ (3443 N. Crystal Rd., Vestaburg, MI) between 11-11:15 a.m. on October 25**. Judging to begin at 11:30, people's choice judging from 11:45-12:30.
5. Winners to be announced at 12:30.
6. All chili types welcome---white, vegetarian, wild game, non-traditional, etc. All will be judged as one category and winners selected from the entire pool of entries.
7. **Heat level must be identified at time of entry.**
8. Only one entry per individual.
9. Pre-registration appreciated but not required. Please call or email with your intent to participate to Ferris Church of Christ, 989-268-5551 or office@ferrischurchofchrist.org by October 23, 2025.
10. Cards will be available at sign in to identify and highlight special, locally sourced ingredients or other items of interest about your entry. NO NAMES or PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION on the description card.
11. Optional-Name your chili to add to the fun!

Prizes: Grand prize, first and second runner up

People's Choice

Best Chili Name

Grand Prize: Two tickets for a Two Hats Ranch Supper Club event in Big Rapids