

Winterfest 2026 Chili Cook off Rules

1. Who Can Enter

Open to all community members—individuals, families, or teams welcome!

2. Registration

Register by emailing chewelahfestivals@gmail.com. The registration deadline is January 30th.

3. Chili Basics

- Chili must be homemade.
- One entry per person or team.
- Chili should be cooked ahead of time and brought ready to heat and serve.
- Please bring enough chili for the community tasting.

4. Food Safety

- Keep chili hot (140°F or above).
- Use safe food-handling practices.
- Label ingredients and common allergens.
- No raw food prep on site.

5. Set-Up & Supplies

- Bring your own serving utensils and extension cords. Disposable dishes and spoons will be provided.
- Decorations and chili-themed flair encouraged!

6. Judging & Awards

- A panel of locals will judge the entries.
- Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

7. Clean-Up & Conduct

- Clean your area before leaving.
- This is a family-friendly event—good sportsmanship required.