

## **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](mailto:chewelahfestivals@gmail.com). The registration deadline is January 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **3. Chili Basics**

- Chili must be homemade, and have no pre-made chili spice mixes.
- 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

### **7. Clean-Up & Conduct**

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