



Cook-Off Contestant Important Information
19th Annual Burnin' Down Main Cook-off
Oct. 2nd, 2021

1. This is a fun competition, very laid back. RELAX and have fun!
2. **Meat is to be pre-cooked, off-site, for safety and to reduce cooking time at event.**
3. Any ingredients in any form are allowed EXCEPT alcohol.
4. **Any prep work like washing, chopping and/or peeling produce can be done offsite BUT ALL MIXING OF INGREDIENTS AND ALL COOKING (except meat) is to be done at event.**
5. Streets are blocked off at 6:30am. Set up IN YOUR ASSIGNED SPACE and start anytime, but BE READY TO START SERVING AT 11:30am SHARP!
6. Prepare a **MINIMUM of 4 gallons** for sampling. If you run out, you will lose votes.
7. Bring EVERYTHING you need to cook and for booth/display: Ex. tables, chairs, supplies, decorations, AND A **HEAVY DUTY 20 AMP 12 GAUGE EXTENSION CORD(S) AT LEAST 25' OR LONGER** IF YOU ARE USING ELECTRICITY. Cord must be secured (taped or weighted) to prevent a public tripping hazard. DO NOT COIL THE CORD!
8. Decorations are optional, but to be JUDGED in the BEST DRESSED/DECORATED team contest, you will need to check the box on the entry form. BE CREATIVE & ENERGETIC as it will draw people to your booth.
9. **You CANNOT sell or give away any food or drink, but are allowed to have condiments like peppers, cheese, catsup, crackers, etc. to accent your dish.**
10. Please have a washing station with a thermal jug of hot water, soap and a towel. Keep your area clean and trash picked up. (Trash Cans will be supplied). Some hand sanitizer will also be provided.
11. **We will provide:** Ladle sized for serving, sampling cups, gloves, ballot box, spoons and napkins.
12. ELECTRICITY - BPU will install temporary electrical outlets, but the roasters pull 12 amps each and issues occur. You will need at least 20 amp 12 Gauge heavy duty cord to keep from overheating. You are encouraged to use other heat sources like camping stoves, grills, turkey fryers, etc. Any fire pits, chiminea, or wood burning devices that are not normally used for cooking food must be pre-approved with the fire department. Gas generators are prohibited. Ask me about options.

VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN 11:30am-1:30pm. Each attendee will purchase a \$5 tasting wristband and will have 2 votes (1-Chili; 1-Soup). Voting is done by the public, no judges. There will be 3 winners in each category (based on a minimum of 6 entries per category). First place \$500, 2nd \$250 and 3rd \$100. Each contestant will have 2 free tasting wristbands to sample the other dishes, but no votes unless they purchase wristbands. The Best dressed/decorated team will be judged by a secret panel and will win \$200. We also have a Dessert Contest with a mandatory ingredient and separate entry fee and rules. There will be live music, free pumpkins for kids to decorate and free Inflatables for the kids. Questions should be directed to Ann at 620-241-7430 or email mainst@mcphersonks.org. We would LOVE to have you participate!

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