

You are cordially invited to participate in the United Way Chili Cook-Off – an event that promises to be a community-wide celebration of tropical proportions! Promote your business or organization while joining in the fun!

UNITED WAY OF BEMIDJI AREA'S 27th ANNUAL
 Wednesday, September 19, 2018
 11:00 am – 1:00 pm @ The Sanford Center

SCHEDULE & GUIDELINES



SCHEDULE:

- 9:30 a.m. Chili cooks check in (with chili already HOT)
- 10:00 a.m. Judging begins
- 11:00 a.m. Doors open to the public
- 11:45 a.m. Program begins
- 12:45 p.m. Chili winners announced

RULES:

- Each contestant must provide a minimum of two gallons of chili to be served.
- Chili must be prepared in accordance with Department of Health regulations.
 1. Chili must be prepared at a licensed facility
 2. All cooking must be completed prior to arrival at The Sanford Center and chili **must arrive hot (at least 140 degrees) and remain hot throughout the event.** Chili temperatures will be randomly monitored by volunteers.
- Each contestant must come attired in **BEST OF BEMIDJI** - themed clothing and is encouraged to decorate their cooking area according to the **BEST OF BEMIDJI** theme. Please note table space is about 6 feet.
- CHECK IN IS AT 9:30 a.m. Please be prompt because chili judging will begin soon after.
- Contestants must provide:
 - a) chili should be made with USDA approved (store bought) ingredients.
 - b) a table display to place in front of your serving location listing the name of your chili along with a recipe or ingredient list.
 - c) a warming/serving container for your own chili. Crock-pots are not allowed unless the chili is warmed to 140 degrees and stays at 140 degrees throughout the event. All heat sources must be electrical.
 - d) a chili serving utensil (i.e. serving ladle, cup) and a thermometer for testing chili temp.
 - e) your own clean up items/supplies.
 - f) any special condiments for your chili, such as refrigerated items (cheese, sour cream, etc.) must be kept cold using frozen freezer packs or dry ice, to maintain 41°F or less.
 - g) a 3-prong no longer than 6 ft. extension cord. Longer extension cords pull more electricity, and we need the electrical supply to be sufficient for all teams, so please do not bring a longer than 6 ft. cord.
- There is NO contest entry fee. **Registration Forms must be turned in to United Way by Friday, September 7, 2018.**
- Every cook must be sponsored by a business or organization. There is not an “Individual” division.
- Two complimentary chili tickets will be given to each team entering the contest to sample other chilies at the event. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$6 each in advance at Lueken’s or the United Way office or at the door for \$8.

JUDGING & WINNERS WILL BE SELECTED IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

Restaurant	Business	Celebrity	Corporation	Nonprofit
(winners in each category will receive a commemorative plaque)				
Most Creative	Best Name	Best Presentation	Taster’s Choice	Overall Winner
(winners in each category will receive a memorable and ‘creative’ award)				

