

Lavaca County 4-H Chili Cook-off

2023 RULES

Date of Chili Cook-off: October 15, 2023
Location: Hallettsville Youth Center

- 1) 4-H Clubs should notify the Extension Office of their intent to participate by September 29, 2023 by 5:00 p.m.
- 2) Each 4-H Club is invited to participate with **one** team consisting of (2-6) 4-H members in the Chili with Beans category and **one** team in the Chili without Beans category. (You may have only one team or two different teams with one team in each category. Parents should not help make the chili.). All participants must be actively enrolled in 4-H online with an approved membership before October 15, 2023.
- 3) If a club team wishes to make **HOMEMADE** cornbread (brought already baked--ready to eat) to compete with, there will be a **BEST CORNBREAD CONTEST**. (The homemade cornbread is to be made by the 4-H youth). Bring your recipe with your pan of cornbread.
- 4) Dessert category (any type of dessert already baked-ready to eat): Bring your recipe with your dessert. Only one dessert per club. This entry is separate from the individual bake show. Please do not bring desserts that need to be refrigerated.
- 5) Three (3) lbs. of hamburger meat will be provided for each chili team. All other ingredients and equipment should be brought by 4-H families (i.e. hot plates, spoons, spices, extension cords, etc.). One plug will be allotted to each team. Propane and open flames are not permitted. Chili should be ready to eat by 3:30 p.m. for judging. Teams may check in and begin cooking at 1:00 p.m.. Meat will be handed out at check in. Teams are strongly encouraged to use best food safety practices. Other activities for the Fun Fair will kick off at 2:00 p.m. Awards will be handed out at 5:00 p.m.
- 6) Awards will be provided for Best Chili with Beans, Best Chili without Beans, Best Cornbread and Best Dessert. Desserts entered in the Chili Cook -off may not be entered in the individual bake show.
- 7) New and experienced 4-H members and families are invited to participate. Each team is required to have at least one adult supervisor. Adults are there to supervise safety but should allow for all preparation to be completed by the 4-H members.

