



# 2024 CHILI/GUMBO GET DOWN

(Saturday, February 17, 2024)

## FREE TO PARTICIPATE

Limit 5-members per team

### Chili Categories

Meat  
Meatless

### Gumbo Categories

Seafood  
Non-Seafood

### Additional Categories

Most Creative Cooking Booth  
Fan Favorite (Extra Tickets Can Be Purchased)

Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Chili or Gumbo: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL ENTRY FORMS MUST BE TURNED IN BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH**

Submit entry forms to:

21 Main Street, Alexander City

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Text: (256)786-0584

Direct any questions to Michelle West (256) 786-0584

# Chili Rules & Information

This is a blind judged competition where the judges do not know the teams name. They only know a pre-assigned number.

- Judging – Chili is judged based on the following criteria:**
  - Aroma – Chili should smell rich and tempting, not overly smoky or scorched
  - Consistency – Chili should not too thin or too thick.
  - Heat – Just the right amount to please the judges
  - Taste – Chili should taste good of course, not too salty, bland or spicy.
- Chili for Judging** – Main Street will provide each team a container to use to turn your chili in to the judges. At the scheduled times the teams will place chili in a container. An assigned Main Street staff member will pick up Chili at scheduled time (12:00) and mark with the number identifying your team. **ONCE JUDGING BEGINS NO FURTHER ENTRIES WILL BE ALLOWED.**
- People's Choice Competition** – Attendees are given one ticket at the gate that they will use to vote for their favorite chili or gumbo. Attendees will have the opportunity to purchase additional tickets for \$1.00 each. People's Choice containers will be picked up at 2:00 PM by staff and votes counted. Winner will be announced at 2:30 PM
- Best Decorated Tent Award** – The event committee and volunteers will walk the cook sites and choose the winner based on Team Spirit, Cook site theme and décor. This event is ALL ABOUT FUN!!! Winners will be announced at 2:30 PM.

## Other Notes

**Propane Tank Safety** – All gas tanks and ALL cooking must be done outside of the tent. No cooking is permitted under the tent.

1. Teams should prepare at least **4 Gallons of Chili**
2. **Chili must be assembled and cooked on site.** Roux, vegetables and meat can be prepped ahead of time. If using rice or beans, it may be prepared ahead of time.
3. Each guest will receive one spoon at entrance gate. Extra spoons will be given to each team.
4. Main Street will provide sample cups, napkins, spoons, gloves and paper towels.
5. Teams should bring their own tents & chairs, ALL cooking equipment and utensils.
6. Meats and other perishable ingredients must be stored in a cooler at proper temperature.
7. Hand washing sink will be provided and on site.
8. Please keep your area clean. Trash cans will be located throughout the site.
9. Garnishes and rice are not required but are at the discretion of each team.

# Gumbo Rules & Information

This is a blind judged competition where the judges do not know the teams name. They only know a pre-assigned number.

2. **Judging – Gumbo is judged based on the following criteria:**

- Aroma – Gumbo should smell rich and tempting, not overly smoky or scorched
- Consistency – Gumbo should be a smooth combination of ingredients and roux; not too thin or too thick.
- Color – Gumbo should look appetizing with a dark, rich and smooth roux; not green, yellow or red.
- Taste – Gumbo should taste good of course, not too salty, fishy, bland or spicy.

4. **Gumbo for Judging** – Main Street will provide each team a container to use to turn your gumbo in to the judges. At the scheduled times the teams will place gumbo in container. An assigned Main Street staff member will pick up Gumbo at scheduled time and mark with the number identifying your team. **ONCE JUDGING BEGINS NO FURTHER ENTRIES WILL BE ALLOWED.**

5. **People's Choice Competition** – Attendees are given one ticket at the gate that they will use to vote for their favorite gumbo. Attendees will have the opportunity to purchase additional tickets for \$1.00 each. People's Choice containers will be picked up at 2:00 PM by staff and votes counted. Winner will be announced at 2:30 PM

4. **Best Decorated Tent Award** – The event committee and volunteers will walk the cook sites and choose the winner based on Team Spirit, Cook site theme and décor. This event is ALL ABOUT FUN!!! Winner will be announced at 2:30 PM.

## Other Notes

**Propane Tank Safety** – All gas tanks and ALL cooking must be done outside of the tent. No cooking is permitted under the tent.

10. Teams should prepare at least **4 Gallons of Gumbo**
11. **Gumbo must be assembled and cooked on site.** Roux, vegetables and meat can be prepped ahead of time. If using rice, it may be prepared ahead of time.
12. Each guest will receive one spoon at entrance gate. Extra spoons will be given to each team.
13. Main Street will provide sample cups, napkins, spoons, gloves and paper towels.
14. Teams should bring their own tents & chairs, ALL cooking equipment and utensils.
15. Meats and other perishable ingredients must be stored in a cooler at proper temperature.
16. Hand washing sink will be provided and on site.
17. Please keep your area clean. Trash cans will be located throughout the site.
18. Garnishes and rice are not required but are at the discretion of each team.

# Schedule

**7:00Am** – Teams can load in and get set up – Cooking Begins!

**12:00 PM** – Gates Open to the public

**12:00 PM** – Chili categories will be called for judging

**1:00 PM** – Gumbo categories will be called for judging

**2:00 PM** – People's Choice containers will be picked up

**2:30 PM** – Winners Announced

