

***Brighton, IL Chili Cook Off
October 21, 2017 (2PM-5PM)***

The Brighton Park Committee would like to invite you to the first Festival Chili Cook Off in Brighton, IL. The event will be during the Frighten Brighton Halloween Festival at Betsey Ann Park on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 2PM-5PM.

There will be two divisions, Amateur (individual, business, organization) Vendor and Restaurant Vendor. Each division will have cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Two overall awards will be presented for People's Choice and Most Spirited determined by festival attendees! Keeping with the Halloween Festival, come prepared to put your theme as well as your chili on display! Spaces are available for electric set up only (crock pot, roaster, etc.). Electric is included in registration fee.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Brighton Park Committee in support of community efforts. Please complete and return the enclosed application form along with your \$25 registration fee no later than October 16, 2017.

Applications should be submitted to:
Christy Jones (Brighton Park Committee Member)
P.O. Box 38
104 Ransom St.
Brighton, IL 62012
618-540-8848
cjones.mbt@gmail.com.

If paying by check, please make checks payable to Village of Brighton

If unable to participate in the event, but would still like to support the Brighton Park Committee, donations will be accepted. Donations \$100 or more will be considered a sponsorship and will include special mention over the PA during the Frighten Brighton Halloween Festival. Receipt for tax deduction will be provided.

Let's make this the "hottest" event of the season!
Sincerely,
Christy Jones- Brighton Park Committee Member

Registration Form for Brighton, IL Chili Cook Off

October 21, 2017 (2PM-5PM)

*****Deadline for entries is October 16, 2017!*****

Name: _____ Business/Organization: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

OPTION 1:

I am enclosing a \$25 fee to register as a participant in the chili cook-off

Please circle vendor category: Amateur Restaurant
(Amateur is any individual, business or organization)

Please circle type of chili: Red Green White

Main chili ingredients: _____

Important information for chili contestants:

- Chili must be prepared in advance and heated on site.
- Prepare as much chili as possible for a large crowd (3-5gallons). Every team is required to pass out servings of chili.
- Brighton Park Committee will provide: table, seating, serving cups, spoons, and voting jars.
- Electric set up only (crock pot, roaster, etc.)-Electric is provided in registration fee-Please bring an extension cord.
- At least one person must be at the table while the event is open from 2PM-5PM.
- You may start setting up at 1PM on Saturday afternoon, and you will be shown to your exact location when you arrive - please do not arrive any earlier than 1PM. Chili must be ready to serve at 2PM.
- Judging will take place at 3PM. Awards will be presented once the event has ended at 5PM and all attendee votes have been recorded for People's Choice & Most Spirited.
- Most Spirited award will be decided by the public. We encourage you to get in the Halloween spirit and come up with a great theme for your table (approx. 4' space) and team!
- Registration deadline: October 16, 2017- Vendors may not sign up day of event.

OPTION 2:

I am enclosing the following donation to support the Brighton Park Committee in support of community efforts.

\$ _____

- Donations over \$25 includes Chili Cook-Off registration, if desired.
Please indicate that you are entering the contest by checking this box:
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Brighton, IL Chili Cook Off Rules-Guidelines-Prize Info

1. This is a "Cook It and Bring It" competition - the chili must be prepared at your location and brought to the site to be served from a crock-pot or other suitable warming device.
2. Chili must be made from scratch; cooking begins with raw meats, vegetables and spices. Beans and chili spice packs are approved ingredients for this chili competition. Pre-made chili mixes are not allowed.
3. You must comply with local health regulations in the preparation of your chili.
4. All chili is to be served in a sanitary manner. Conditions are subject to inspection. In addition, failure to comply is subject to disqualification for that team.
5. Please bring a typed list of all ingredients as a precaution for individual tasters with allergies.
6. Contestants are responsible for supplying all of their own cooking and serving utensils.
7. Brighton Park Committee will provide: table (approx. 4' space), seating, serving cups, spoons, judging cup and voting jars.
8. Prepare as much chili as possible for a large crowd (3-5gallons). Every team is required to pass out servings of chili.
9. Electric set up only (crock pot, roaster, etc.)-Electric is provided in registration fee-Please bring an extension cord.
10. At least one person must be at the table while the event is open from 2PM-5PM.
11. Check in is 1PM-1:30PM and you will be shown to your exact location. Please do not arrive any later than 1:30PM so there is enough time for set up.
12. Chili must be heated and ready to serve at 2PM.
13. Judging cups will be collected at 3PM. Awards will be presented once the event has ended at 5PM and all attendee votes have been recorded for People's Choice & Most Spirited.
14. Judging will be done by 6-9 community leaders and festival organizers based on the following categories:
 - Color -- Does the chili look appetizing? Does it look bright and colorful or dull and bland?
 - Aroma -- Does it smell good? Does the aroma make you want to dig in?
 - Consistency -- How is the meat-to-sauce ratio? It shouldn't be runny, mushy or overly thick.
 - Taste -- How is the flavor? Do the ingredients blend well, or is one too overpowering? Does the first bite make you want another one?
 - Aftertaste -- Once you swallow, is there a spicy taste ("bite") that stays on your tongue? Is it pleasant?
15. Cash prizes will be given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in both the Amateur and Restaurant division as follows:
 - 1st Place: \$100
 - 2nd Place: \$50
 - 3rd Place: \$25
16. People's choice will be selected by attendees of the event. Each attendee will receive one voting ticket to vote for their favorite chili. An award will be presented for this achievement.
17. Most Spirited award will be decided by attendees of the event. Each attendee will receive one voting ticket to vote for their favorite team. We encourage you to get in the Halloween spirit and come up with a great theme for your table (approx. 4' space) and team! An award will be presented for this achievement.
18. Vendors are responsible for table clean up. Teams that fail to clean up and remove all personal items will not be allowed to participate in future events.
19. Teams must check out before leaving the site.
20. Brochures and promotional products are permitted to distribute to attendees for businesses, organizations and restaurants participating in the event.