

## 2017 CHILI COOKOFF RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The Entry fee is \$40.00. Make check payable to Lake Whitney Freedom Fest. The Application and Entrance Fee can be mailed to: 207 N Bosque, Whitney, TX 76692 Attn: Freedom Fest.
2. Each team will be allowed ONE vehicle in the cook-off area during the designated setup time. Vehicles will be allowed to unload only. All vehicles must be removed from the cook-off area.
- 3. The Team Captains meeting will be in front of End Zone Bar and Grill at 12pm. Immediately following the meeting teams can begin all preparations, chopping etc. and cooking. The cooking period will be from 12:00 pm until 4:30 pm with Chili Judging Cups Turn-in at 5:00pm at the End Zone. Cups must be filled up to the line @ top of the cup. Judging of the chili will immediately follow.**
4. Traditional Red Chili is defined as any kind of meat or combination of meats, cooked with red chili peppers, various spices, and other ingredients, with the exception of BEANS and PASTA which are strictly forbidden. Chili must be prepared on site. Teams will be required to prepare a minimum of two (2) quarts of chili, 1 big cup will be turned in for judging. The only exceptions are canned/bottled items (commercial or home prepared) such as tomatoes, tomato sauce, peppers, pepper sauce, beverages, broth and grinding and/or mixing of spices. Meat may be treated, pre-cut or ground. All other chili ingredients must be chopped or prepared during the preparation period listed in Paragraph 3. Garnish is not allowed.
5. Teams will be provided with a 15' x 15' space. Team displays must remain inside the space allotted. No company or commercial displays or banners permitted. Teams must follow all rules and regulations outlined by Lake Whitney Freedom Fest.
- 6. Six (6ft) foot long and thirty inches (30") high tables are available for a rental fee of \$20.00 per table.**
7. Overnight camping is available for \$25 fee (no electricity or water are available). NO OPEN FIRES PERMITTED. Gas grills must be secured and placed outside your tented area. A Fire Extinguisher is MANDATORY for each cooking area.
8. Contestants must furnish their own equipment and ingredients.
- 9. Chili will be judged on taste, texture consistency blend, aroma and color. Judging criteria is not only in I.C.S. official rules, but it will be covered in the cooks meeting with Chief Judge.**
10. Each team will be responsible for keeping their area clean during and after the Cook-off. All equipment and decorations must be removed from the event during the designated move-out period after the end of the event. NO vehicles will be allowed back into the Chili Cook-off area until such time as deemed safe for the general public to Exit the event area by Lake Whitney Freedom Fest. Generally, after concert ends.
11. No coolers will be permitted in the concert field area and are subject to be searched upon arrival. NO WEAPONS OR ALCOHOL beverages of any kind will be allowed to be carried in or out of the park. NO GLASS BOTTLES OF ANY KIND and /or Kegs of beer allowed. They WILL BE CONFISCATED if found during the event. **THESE RULES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

12. Lake Whitney Freedom Fest reserves the right to enforce all of these rules according to their sole interpretation of the rules to insure safety for the entire event. Lake Whitney Freedom Fest reserves the right to eject any person or persons, who do not comply with the above rules

13. Awards will be for 1<sup>st</sup> place-\$200, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$100, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$50.

ENTRY FORM – Team Registration

Pay by Cash with the attached form or Check payable to: Lake Whitney Freedom Fest

NAME OF TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_