



Schedule of Events

9:00–11:00 AM	Set-up and Chili Preparation
11:00 AM	Judging Cups due to Judges' Table
11:00 AM–3:00 PM	Public Tastings and Entertainment
2:30 PM	People's Choice ballots due to Judge's Table
2:30–3:00 PM	Awards Presentation

Location

Limbach Park at the corner of Second and Front Streets in Historic Downtown Monument

Ticket Sales

Tickets will be sold at the door.

Ticket cost is \$5.00 (Children under 8 get in free!)

Everyone will be given a ballot for the People's Choice Award with their tasting ticket.

Awards

Prizes will be awarded by the Judges in the following categories:

Best Red Chili – 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place

Best Green Chili – 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place

Best Salsa - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place

Showmanship

The People's Choice Award will be presented to the chili and salsa that receives the most votes from the public ballots.

All proceeds benefit the beautification of Historic Downtown Monument and other non-profit agencies.



Rules

1. ENTRY FEES:

- Entry fee is \$35.00 for up to two (2) chilis or one (1 chili) and one (1) salsa or two (2) salsas, and includes two (2) tasting tickets.
- Each additional chili or salsa entry fee is \$5.00.

2. SET-UP/TEAR-DOWN INFORMATION:

- All cooks must provide their own table and equipment, **electricity will not be available**. The festival is outside, so suitable protection from sun, wind, and rain is strongly suggested.
- All cooks are responsible for preparing their chili in accordance with proper sanitation procedures. For additional information, log on to the El Paso County Health Department website at: www.co.elpaso.co.us/health.
- Advanced registration is suggested; **sign up early for prime booth space**. Payment for booth space must be received with your application no later than September 15, 2011. Cancellations must be made in writing (or email). The Chili Cook-Off will not be canceled, nor any refunds given, due to inclement weather.
- Booth spaces are assigned on a first come, first served basis. Spaces will be assigned when your check and entry form are received—**as a reminder, sign up early for prime booth space**.
- Set-up will begin at 9:00 AM on Saturday, September 17, 2011. Cooks must have their judging sample ready to be turned in at 11:00 AM.
- Teams must clean up their booth areas and dispose of all trash upon completion of the awards ceremony.

3. CHILI COOK-OFF RULES:

The HMMA Chili Cook-off is not sanctioned nor sponsored by the Chili Appreciation Society International (CASI) or any other chili cook-off organization.

- EQUIPMENT** – Teams must provide their own propane cook stoves, pots, serving utensils (for example; tongs for chips or crackers if you are serving any, smaller spoons to dish chili into small cups), as well as foil to keep wind from blowing out sterno, buckets of sand to tie down tent in case of high winds, fire extinguisher, etc. Teams must also provide their own canopy or awning (10' x 10' max. please). Each team must bring their own tables and chairs and kitchen size trash can. Tasting cups, napkins and spoons will be provided by HMMA. Each cook is expected to utilize safe and clean equipment. The cooking area must show itself to be a safe and clean working environment. Remember, **no electricity will be available for chili cook-off entrants and/or cooks**.
- CHILI PREPARATION** – Chili may be prepared ahead of time or on site the day of the cook-off.
- COOKS MAY HAVE TO TASTE THEIR CHILI** – At the discretion of the head judge or his/her designee, chili cooks may be required to remove the lids from their chili cups and taste their chili prior to turning in for judging. (If a contestant refuses, their chili will be disqualified.)
- JUDGES' SAMPLE** – No more than one judging sample may be taken from any one pot. **Cooks are required to provide 20 quarts (5 gallons) of chili for the cook-off in order to qualify for judging**. Chili cooks will be given a judging cup which must be filled to the designated level. Each chili will be assigned a secret number; judges will not know who's chili they are tasting.
- JUDGING RULES** – A complete set of judging rules will be available on the day of the event. A single score will be computed for each entry that takes into consideration the following five areas: Aroma, Color, Consistency, Taste, and Aftertaste. **NOTE: HEAT is not a grading scale factor!**
- SHOWMANSHIP JUDGING CRITERIA AND SCORING** – Booth themes must be in good taste. Lewd or obscene themes are prohibited. Alcoholic beverages may not be distributed to the public as part of the Showmanship. A single score takes into consideration the following five areas: Booth Set-up, Overall Theme, Action, Costume, Audience Appeal.
- BOOTH RULES** – Chili Cook-off booths are for the chili and/or salsa tasting only. The Chili Cook-off and Salsa Tasting is sponsored by the Historic Monument Merchants' Association and no selling of any products or services are allowed from the booths.



Application for Historic Monument Merchants Association Chili Cook-Off

Fill out and bring entry form to Tri-Lakes Fire Administration Building located at 166 Second Street, or mail to:

Chili Cook-off Entries
c/o Vicki Mynhier
645 Beacon Lite Rd.
Monument, Colorado 80132

Name of Cook: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Chili Entry Name(s): _____

Chili Category (red or green): _____

Salsa Entry Name(s): _____

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Please make check payable to: HMMA (a 501c6 Non Profit Organization.)

Cook's Waiver: I have read and understand the rules of the HMMA Chili Cook-Off and agree to abide by them. I understand that there will be no electricity available the day of the chili cook-off. I understand that I must provide 20 quarts (5 gallons) of each chili entered in order to qualify for judging. I waive any and all claims against the Historic Monument Merchants Association, its officers, directors, and representatives, or any other individual, firm, or organization affiliated therewith, resulting in whole or in part from my participation in this event. I hereby grant the HMMA the right to use any photographs of this event for legitimate purposes.

Signature

Date