

**2nd ANNUAL East Gwillimbury FALL FESTIVAL
CHILI COOK-OFF**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2008 • Location: Mt. Albert Community Centre

NAME OF TEAM: _____

TEAM MEMBERS:

Name:	Phone:

TEAM CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____

DAY TELEPHONE #: _____

OTHER TELEPHONE #: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____
(AN EASY WAY TO STAY IN TOUCH. YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS WILL NOT BE SHARED)

I understand that Cook-off organizers need us to cook 3-4 gallons of chili. _____
(Initials)

<p style="text-align: center;">Chili Registration Fee:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Open Division (no content rules): \$25</p>
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Cash or cheque payable to: Mount Albert Business Association Re: Chili Cook-Off

RETURN ENTRY FORM & SIGNED WAIVER, WITH REGISTRATION FEE TO:

**Steve Arena
Chili Cook-Off Registrar
432 King Street East
Mount Albert, Ontario L0G 1M0**

**Phone: 905-717-9431
Email: steve.arena@sunlife.com**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2008.
NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

RULES FOR CHILI COOKOFF:

A. ON EVENT DAY

1. There will be no registrations accepted on event day. All fees must be paid by registration date.
2. Teams should arrive by 9:30 am. You will be assigned a table # when you check in. One table will be supplied for each team.
3. Begin heating chili around 10:30 am. Judging will commence at approximately 12:30 pm.
4. You will receive a cup with lid for judging with a number on the bottom.
5. Do not mark cup in any way. **Your cup will be picked up at your table.**
6. Your chili has to reach the correct temperature before it can be judged. A minimum of 60°C (140°F). If it is not heated to the correct temperature, it cannot be judged.

B. PREPARING CHILI

1. Chili must be cooked from scratch. “Scratch” means starting with raw meat and using spices. Commercial chili powder is permissible, but complete **commercial chili mixes are NOT permitted.**
2. Each contestant must cook a minimum of **3-4 gallons** of chili. It’s a lot of chili, but it will be worth it in the end. Chili Kits will be distributed for the People’s Choice Award and proceeds will be donated to the East Gwillimbury Fire Department Food & Toy Drive.
3. Chili must be prepared ahead of time (we trust that all participants have prepared their chili themselves in a sanitary location).
4. Teams must supply their own chili ingredients, cooking equipment and fuel. Electricity will NOT be available. Chili must be handled in as sanitary manner as possible.

C. TURNING IN CHILI

1. Chili must be heated and will be picked up at the official time for judging.
2. Chili has to reach a temperature of 60°C (140°F) or higher before it can be judged or served for the People’s Choice tasting.
3. Your chili will be judged on Appearance, Aroma, Texture, Taste and Creativity.

D. JUDGING PROCEDURE

1. Each cup is scored on its own merits from 0 to 10, 10 being the highest.
2. Each judge must give a score to each cup of chili.
3. The total points from all judges will determine the winners.
4. Winning chili teams will not be revealed until time (TBD) to announce winners. We will provide a schedule when you check in at 9:30.
5. Top 3 overall chili winners must be present to receive their prize.

E. SHOWMANSHIP CATEGORIES

All teams are encouraged to participate in the showmanship categories. Each group can choose a theme for your team and chili, begin planning costumes and decorations. Think of a catchy chili name and team name and win a prize. Prizes will be awarded for: Best Team Name, Best Chili Name, Best Decorated Area, and Best Costumes.

F. PEOPLE’S CHOICE AWARD

Donations will be accepted for Chili Kits from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. People’s choice tasting will begin at approximately 1:00 pm. Tasters will be voting for their favourite chili. Cups will be distributed for use at chili tasting. Remember these are **samples** and not a meal. Tasters have to get around to all the teams. You will also have a supply of ballots for voting. Make sure your table number is visible. Table numbers will represent your chili. There will be a ballot box to place votes in.

**Hold Harmless Agreement
East Gwillimbury Fall Festival Chili Cook-Off**

_____ Hereinafter referred to as a (Contractor/Vendor) shall defend, indemnify, and hold Mount Albert Business Association, Town of East Gwillimbury, East Gwillimbury Fall Festival and South Lake Community Futures Development Corporation, all respective officers, employees, volunteers, agents, sponsors, advertisers, owners and lessors of premises on which the Activity takes place, harmless from and against any and all liability, loss, expense, including reasonable attorney's fees and claims for injury or damages arising out of the activities, services, or products provided by or through Contractor/Vendor during the Activity but only in proportion to and to the extent such liability, loss expense, attorney's fees and claims for injury or damages are caused by or result from the negligent or intentional acts or omissions (including product sales or distribution) of Contractor/Vendor, its officers, agents or employees.

Waiver of Liability: In consideration of your accepting this entry, I the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, hereby, for myself, my heirs, my team, executors and demonstrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I or my team may have against, Mount Albert Business Association, East Gwillimbury Fall Festival and South Lake Community Futures Development Corporation and their representatives, successors, and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by myself, my team, or my guests in the event. Further, I hereby grant full permission to the event organizers and/or agents authorized by them, to use any photographs, videotapes, recording or any other record of the event for any legitimate purpose. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the East Gwillimbury Fall Festival. Rain or Shine, the cook-off will be held. Sorry no refunds of entry fee.

Individual/Team Captain: _____

Authorization: _____ **Date:** _____