



1st Annual
Chili & Gumbo Cook-off
Fundraiser

Rules and Regulations

The following rules and regulations represent the commonly asked questions and is in no way intended to represent all the rules and regulations. Event organizers reserve the right to make new or clarify rules as deemed necessary. The decisions made by event organizers are final.

1. The following are the Chili categories and our definition of each.
 - a. **Traditional Red Chili** is defined by the International Chili Society as any kind of meat, or combination of meats, cooked with red chili peppers, various spices, and other ingredients, **except for RICE, BEANS and PASTA which are strictly forbidden. No garnish is allowed.**
 - b. **Homestyle Chili** is defined as any kind of meat, or combination of meats, and/or vegetables cooked with beans, chili peppers, various spices, and other ingredients. Homestyle chili may be any color. **BEANS are REQUIRED. RICE and PASTA are strictly forbidden.**
 - c. **Youth** must be between the ages of 6 and 17 years old and have parental consent. Youth cooks must prepare Chili with adult supervision – NOT adult participation. Youth submissions will be judged separately. Adults may help with knifework and prep, during prep ONLY. Adult assistance MUST STOP once the 3-hour cooking time starts. Adults cannot taste the youth's chili.
2. The following are the Gumbo categories and our definition of each.
 - a. **Seafood Gumbo** is a soup or stew made with any combination of beef, pork, poultry, fresh seafood, sausages, and vegetables. It is usually cooked in a dark, savory, spicy broth (roux base) that is rich and flavorful. This category MUST have at least one type of seafood.
 - b. **Chicken and Sausage Gumbo** is a soup or stew made like Seafood Gumbo with the only meats allowed are chicken and sausage.
 - c. **Creole Gumbo** is a soup or stew made like Seafood Gumbo but has tomatoes in it. Some Creole Gumbos use a tomato base, instead of the roux, making it a reddish color.
3. **All contestants must cook a minimum of 2 gallons of Chili and/or Gumbo** and must be served by contestants or their assistants to the public during tasting hours. **THIS IS 2 GALLONS PER COOK, NOT CATEGORY!** This can be your competition recipe or another recipe.
4. The judging cup will be brought to your booth by 1:00 pm. **Only ONE competition cup for judging will be accepted from each competing team in each category.**
5. **NO CHILI OR GUMBO IS TO BE GIVEN OUT BEFORE SAMPLES ARE TURNED IN FOR JUDGING.**

6. **No ingredient may be pre-cooked in any way prior to the official commencement of the cook-off.** VEGETABLES MAY BE PRE-CUT BUT NOT PRE-COOKED. Canned or bottled tomatoes, tomato sauce, pepper sauce, broth, beans, the grinding and/or mixing of spices **may be prepared prior to the start time.** Meat may be treated, pre-cut or ground. Meat may not be pre-cooked! Peppers, Onions, and other vegetables **may be chopped, sliced or diced prior to stoves being lit.**
7. **ALL INGREDIENTS WILL BE INSPECTED PRIOR TO THE START OF CONTEST.**
8. **The prep can begin after registering and set-up and continue until cooking start time. The cooking period will be 3 hours for Chili and 4 hours for Gumbo** and will begin at 12:00 pm. Cooking during the entire period is at the sole discretion of the contestant.
9. Public tasting will be from 3:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M or until all chili and/or gumbo runs out.
10. **A list of ingredients must be posted at your booth to reduce the potential risk of allergic reactions.**
11. Each individual member of a team must pay an entry fee. Teams are limited to 4 members in the booth area at any one time.
12. Teams are allowed as many non-cooking assistants as they wish for shows, demonstrations, etc., at their booth but not to infringe upon neighboring booths or those attending the event for the purpose of tasting chili or viewing vendors services and products.

Please Note: Non-cooking assistants are not allowed to walk the general area of the chili cook off competition to solicit or otherwise hand out materials that would be in direct competition with the fundraising efforts of **Live Oak Baptist Church**. Violation of this rule will result first in a request to stop activities or actions that violate this rule and if the activity or action does not cease, your group and/or organization will be escorted from the property and any future applications and/or participation to or in future events conducted by **Live Oak Baptist Church** will not be allowed/approved.

This is intended to be a fundraiser for **Live Oak Baptist Church** and not for other organizations or charities. This is a fundraiser of **Live Oak Baptist Church**, and all proceeds will go to the benefit of **Live Oak Baptist Church Building Fund**.
13. Teams can sell associated items (i.e., seasoning mixes, hats, t-shirts, etc.) at their booth area.
14. **No chili or gumbo can be sold at the event.**
15. **This contest will be held inside a temperature-controlled building so tents are not required.**
16. Contestants are responsible for supplying all their own cooking utensils, ingredients, equipment, tables etc. A very limited number of tables are available for contestant use.
17. **Bottled gas, provided by the contestant, is recommended for use.** Limited electrical outlets will be available for use by contestants. All other equipment is to be supplied by the contestant team.
18. Each team must possess an ABC minimum 5 lb. Fire Extinguisher. You will not be allowed to cook without possession of the Fire Extinguisher. Space is the only thing provided.

19. Teams are encouraged to decorate booths with identifying banners or other **appropriate** decorations.
NO ADVERTISING OF OR ANY ALCOHOL-RELATED VISUALS ARE ALLOWED.
20. **Each contestant is responsible to deliver his or her judging cup to the judging area by 3:00 pm for chili and 3:30 pm for gumbo, the official time the judging begins.**
21. Visitors will be allowed to taste all chili and gumbo once the competition cups have been turned in to the Judge's booth until a team runs out of chili.
22. Judges will vote on the chili or gumbo that they like best based upon these major considerations:
AROMA, FLAVOR, APPEARANCE, TEXTURE OF THE MEAT(S), BLEND OF SPICES AND CONSISTENCY.
23. **THE DECISIONS OF THE CHIEF JUDGE ARE FINAL.**
24. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED ON SITE DURING THIS EVENT.**

25. **CHILI ENTRY FEES:**

ADULT		YOUTH
TRADITIONAL RED	\$25	\$15
HOMESTYLE	\$25	\$15

26. **GUMBO ENTRY FEES ADULTS ONLY**

SEAFOOD	\$25
CHICKEN & SAUSAGE	\$25
CREOLE	\$25

ABOUT LIVE OAK BAPTIST CHURCH

Live Oak Baptist Church is a small Independent Baptist Church located at 347 Polk Road 288 in Cove, Arkansas. We are located approximately 20 miles south of Mena, just off Highway 71 South. Several years ago, our building burned, and we completed the downstairs area of our new building. We still have lots of work to do to finish the upstairs, which will include a Prophets Chamber (a place for visiting preachers or missionaries passing through to stay overnight), restrooms, and Sunday School rooms. We would also like to have our parking area paved so our elderly and handicapped can more easily get from their automobiles into the church house.

Our service times are as follows:

Sunday School	10:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 am
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 pm

If we can be of service to you, don't hesitate to call us. We can be reached at 870-387-0013.

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