

FORTUNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & FORTUNA "CHILI SOCIETY"

Proudly Present

# 2016 CHILI COOKOFF

**MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016**

Come One, Come All, Join the Fun – No Experience Necessary!!

Return entry forms & fee by **4 O'Clock** on **Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>** to the:



Fortuna Chamber of Commerce  
735 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Fortuna, CA 95540  
Phone: 707.725.3959 Fax: 707.725.4766  
or erin@fortunachamber.com



**Fee of \$25/team**

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM – QUESTIONS? CALL LISA 725-6926 or 499-6888

BUSINESS OR GROUP NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

TEAM NAME (Judged Category, Be Creative!): \_\_\_\_\_

CHILI NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BOOTH LOCATION PREFERENCE (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

TROPHIES AWARDED FOR: **People's Choice Chili** **Fortuna's Best Chili**

ALSO, YOUR CHILI MAY COMPETE IN THESE CATEGORIES (please mark all that apply):

**Best Beef Chili (No Beans)**

**Rookie of the Year**

**Best Professional Chili (local restaurants & caterers)** **Fortuna's Hottest Chili**

All teams will be evaluated for: **Best Dressed Team, Judge's Favorite Bribe,**

**Best Team Name, Best Booth, and People's Choice Chili**

Teams must have the following materials: 3 to 4-ounce bowls (**Styrofoam is not allowed**), Spoons, Napkins,  
and **enough chili and supplies to feed 700.**

FORTUNA "CHILI SOCIETY"  
2016 CHILI COOKOFF OFFICIAL RULES

1. True chili is defined by the Fortuna "Chili Society" as any kind of meat, or combination of meats, with or without beans, cooked with chili peppers, various spices and other secret ingredients, cooked into a spiced stew.
2. Health concerns are of primary importance. Cooking areas shall comply with applicable health requirements. The Humboldt County Department of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health guidelines for temporary food booth compliance are included with this packet. Call 707.445.6215 for clarifications. Health Department regulations are enforced.
3. It is NOT necessary for individual teams to obtain a permit from the County Public Health Department. The Fortuna Chamber of Commerce has obtained a group permit for the event. **You will need an enclosed booth.**
4. Consumption of alcoholic beverages on public streets is against the law.
5. **Cooking teams can set up beginning at Noon.** Teams will be assigned a slot on Main Street, between 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets. **Cooking may begin at Noon.**
6. Officials will be on-site beginning at Noon to answer questions and give final instructions. Check in at chamber booths set up at either end of the closed street for your location.
7. Contestants are responsible for supplying all ingredients, cooking utensils, stoves or barbeques, tents and tables, a Health Department compliant booth and any other items needed for preparation of your chili. Containers for People's Choice tickets will be provided.
8. **The Fortuna "Chili Society" will provide 5 pounds of ground beef to the first 20 contestants courtesy of Humboldt Grassfed Beef. Contestants need to provide bowls (Styrofoam not allowed), spoons and napkins for 700 people.**
9. Every member of your team must be willing to eat one 3oz cup of your chili prior to turning it in to the judges.
10. There are five judges. **Judges love to be bribed, and will be visiting booths beginning at 3 p.m. looking for the BEST BRIBE, BEST DRESSED TEAM, BEST BOOTH, and BEST TEAM NAME.**
11. **Chili is to be ready for judging at 4:30 p.m. judged TASTING.** Each team will be provided with 5 containers (approximately ¼ cup) for chili tasting for the judges. No additional items can be served with the judge's Tasting chili. Samples to be judged must be in the containers provided by the "Chili Society." If you are competing in the Hottest Chili category, you should provide 2 additional samples, for a total of 7 containers
12. You can expect to have about 700 people sample your chili. Chili must be ready for the public by 5 p.m. **PLEASE DO NOT SERVE PUBLIC UNTIL 5 P.M.**
13. It is the responsibility of each team to clean their area and remove all garbage and property.
14. The decisions of the judges are final. WHINERS WILL BE DEALT WITH TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE "CHILI SOCIETY" LAW.

**Have fun and thank you participating in the 2016 Chili Cookoff.**

**Any questions regarding the Chili Cookoff may be directed to the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce: 707-725-3959,**

**Or contact event chairperson, Lisa Whitchurch 725-6926 ([Whitchurch@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:Whitchurch@suddenlinkmail.com))**