

Congratulations on earning a spot in the 2011 World's Championship Chili Cookoff!

The City of Manchester is pleased to host this year's event at Veterans Park. Please read the information below regarding parking, set-up, breakdown, and health regulations. This information will also be posted on our website:
<http://www.yourmanchesternh.com/chili/cookscorner.aspx>.

Parking

All cooks will receive FREE parking for one car on the day they are competing. Parking is available in the Pine St Lot, which is located behind Veterans Park (see attached diagram). You can pick up your parking pass at the Visitor's Center at Veterans Park beginning at 7:00am each morning. The Visitor's Center is located at the corner of Merrimack St and Elm St.

Set-Up and Breakdown

Cooks will be able to unload their supplies at Veterans Park between 6:30-10:00am. Volunteers will be on site beginning at 7:30am to help cooks unload their cooking supplies. The loading area will close at 10:00am sharp. Any cook arriving after this time must park at the Pine St Lot and walk their supplies to Veterans Park.

All cooks must enter the area via Merrimack St (see attached map). You will be met by a volunteer at the corner of Merrimack Street and Elm Street who will direct you to an unloading area where volunteers will be waiting to help you.

Volunteers will be available to help cooks breakdown after the winners are announced each day.

Directions to Merrimack St from I-93:

From Boston and points South:

Take I-93N or the Everett Turnpike (Route 3N).
Approaching Manchester, take 293N.
Take Exit 5 (Granite Street Exit).
Turn right at the bottom of the ramp.
At 2nd set of lights turn left onto Canal St.
At 2nd set of lights turn right onto Merrimack St.

From the North:

Take I-93S to Route 293S.
Take Exit 5 (Granite Street Exit).
Turn left at the bottom of the ramp.
At the 2nd set of lights turn left onto Canal St.
At the 2nd set of lights turn right onto Merrimack St.

If you have any questions about set-up or breakdown times, please email Chris Wellington at cwellington@manchesternh.gov. Route 93/ 293 and Elm Street are well

known roadways in Manchester. If you have any questions about directions please contact the front desk of your hotel. Most hotels in Manchester are located within one mile of Route 93.

Health Regulations

Please review the attached information from the City of Manchester Health Department. Please pay particular attention to the last page which lists the “must-have” items for cooks to have on-site. Cooks will be not able to begin cooking until their cooking area is approved by a Health Department official. If you have any questions regarding health regulations please contact Phil Alexakos @ palexako@manchesternh.gov or Aaron Krycki @ akrycki@manchesternh.gov or call 603-624-6466.

Fire Department Regulations

The Fire Department will be on site each morning to inspect each cooking area for potential fire hazards. All cooks must bring a fire extinguisher. For Fire Department related questions please contact the Fire Department at 603-669-2256.

Public Sampling

Public sampling is scheduled to occur each day from 1:00-3:00pm. We anticipate approximately 15,000 attendees each day on Saturday and Sunday. To make sure there is enough chili for all the attendees we ask that cooks make sure they are collecting sampling tickets from attendees. Each attendee will receive 5 sampling tickets when they purchase a ticket. Last year many cooks handed out samples without collecting a sampling ticket so many attendees did not have the opportunity to sample any of your award winning chili. We will be providing each cook with a ballot box and ask that you please make sure an attendee places a sampling ticket in the ballot box. The ballot box will also be used to let the public know when your public sampling chili is ready (place the ballot box on your table) and when you have run out (remove the ballot box from your table). We want to make sure all our attendees get to sample what real authentic award winning chili should taste like!

Alcohol Policy

Veteran’s Park is a public park where consumption of alcohol is illegal. The City of Manchester has obtained permits to serve alcohol in limited areas of the park including the Beer Garden and Judging area. Cooking areas ARE NOT APPROVED for alcoholic beverages. Cooks are not allowed to have open containers of alcohol inside the cooking tents. Police Officers will not be checking the contents of any beverage in your cooking area. However, if any bottles and/or cans of alcohol are visible they will be confiscated and the cook may be asked to leave the event.

**THANK YOU AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU IN A FEW WEEKS FOR THE 2011
WORLD’S CHAMPIONSHIP CHILI COOKOFF!**