



### Chilo Chili Cook off Saturday, October 21st, 2017

Proceeds from the cook off are used to fund Clermont County Park District's nature education school and outreach programs, public programs, historical sites and our park system.

**The Chilo Chili Cook off has two parts:** a Judged Competition, and the People's Choice competition. Additional trophies will be awarded to a) Best Heat b) Most Interesting Chili and c) Best Themed Chili Booth

1. **The Judged Competition** will rate the chili based on Taste, Consistency, Aroma, Appearance, and Heat (best degree of spiciness) on a ten point scale. There will be two flights of judging and all teams will be sampled twice. The decisions of the judges are final. Prizes will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers. The judging will be done on a "blind" basis.
2. **The People's Choice winner** will be the team that is given the most votes by the "Official Tasters." Each team will be provided a box to collect People's Choice votes. Official Tasters will be given 3 votes to cast for their favorite chili(s). They can cast all 3 votes for a single chili, or they can cast one vote for 3 different chilies, or any of combination of votes for any number of chilies. At 2:45 pm the boxes will be collected and votes counted. No People's Choice votes will be accepted after the boxes have been collected. Prizes will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers in the People's Choice.

**"Official Tasters"** are those members of the public who have purchased a ticket to the Chili Cook off. The ticket price is \$5.00 for adults and kids and under are free prior to October 21<sup>st</sup>. Entrance fee will be \$8.00 for everyone the day of the event. A ticket entitles its holder to 1) taste all of the different chilies 2) cast three votes in the People's Choice competition and much more!

**What will be provided:** Clermont County Park District will provide each team with a work table, trash cans with liners, disposable People's Choice sample cups, napkins, and a People's Choice ballot box. Each team will also receive two (2) Team Shirts. On the entry form, please indicate size. Additional shirts can be purchased for \$10.00 each. It is recommended that teams provide about 8 – 10 gallons of chili for judging and sampling to Official Tasters. Please keep in mind, the more chili you have to taste the more votes you might receive! Teams will also provide all ingredients and cooking, prepping, and cleaning materials as needed. Teams must also provide a covered tent for their space (required by the Health Department).