



Evansville Community Partnership Presents  
The 16th Annual Chili Cook-Off  
March 5, 2016  
Creekside Place, 102 Maple St  
Evansville, WI.



Thank you for signing up to showcase your chili making skills by participating in Evansville Community Partnership's 16th Annual Chili Cook-Off. We've made some changes to attract more contestants, the silent auction will be better than ever, and we'll feature fun, a 50-50 raffle, and, of course, your chili! If you haven't already named your chili remember to do so and remember that we will be judging the decorations for your area.

The Chili Cook-Off is set for Saturday, March 5, 2016 at the Creekside Place from 6:30 pm to 9:00 p.m. **Please plan on being on-site, set up and ready to go by 5:30 p.m.** Judging will take place at 5:30 PM, before the public arrives.

Entries will include a voucher for \$10.00 worth of ingredients generously donated by Evansville's own Piggly Wiggly, and admission passes for you and one helper. New this year is a category for your best Veggie Chili.

The 2015 Chili Cook-off was a great success and we are working hard to top that record. ECP is looking forward to tasting your chili! If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call ECP's Executive Director, Jim Brooks, at 882-0598 or email to [ecpi@litewire.net](mailto:ecpi@litewire.net).

Cordially,  
Christia Hunt  
2016 ECP Chili Cook-Off Chair

Prizes:

Grand Champion Chili	\$75 cash & a Magnificent Hand-Thrown Pottery Bowl Trophy by Matthias James valued at more than \$300.00
Honorable Mention	\$50 cash
People's Choice Award	\$35 cash
Best Theme	\$35 cash
Best Veggie (No Meat)	\$35 cash
No Sweat "Mild Best"	\$35 cash





## **ECP Chili Cook-off Rules & Regulations 2016**

- Competition is open to everyone, but limited to the first 20 entries received.
- All varieties of chili are eligible: meat, bean, chicken, turkey, vegetarian, etc. (no venison or wild game)
- All edible chili peppers **legal** in the U.S.A are eligible.
- Chili cooks may be asked to eat a spoonful of their own chili before submitting it for judging.
- Chili must be displayed at Creekside Place, 102 Maple Street, Evansville by 5:30 PM on Saturday March 5, 2016. Judging will take place at 5:30 PM. Contestants must stay with their chili during the judging time period.
- Entry Fee: \$35—includes two admission tickets (for you and one helper) and a certificate for \$10.00 for your chili ingredients from Piggly Wiggly.

### **All Chili Contestants must supply:**

- A minimum of two and a half gallons of chili
- A large crock pot is recommended to keep chili at serving temperature during the event. A Nesco may be used instead.
- **Remember to bring your chili already warm & ready to serve!**
- List of all ingredients -clearly printed for public and judges view (in case of allergies)
- One extension cord for your crock pot
- Serving Ladle (a small one works best since the cups hold about 2 Tbs. of chili)
- Hot pads to protect you and the tables

### **Judging Criteria:**

- ❖ Chili should look good, smell good, and taste good! Judges score each chili on a scale of 1 to 10 in these categories: **Aroma\* Consistency\* Color\* Taste\* Aftertaste \* Overall Uniqueness**
- ❖ **Grand Champion & Honorable Mention** will be determined by the highest combined scores in taste, aroma, consistency, color, and aftertaste.
- ❖ Chili is categorized into mild or spicy so that the **Best Mild** Chili can be judged based on taste and mildness.
- ❖ Best Theme will be awarded to the highest overall score received on a point system from 1 to 10 given in each of these categories: **Creativity in name, Booth décor, Presentation, Costumes.**
- ❖ **The People's Choice** award will go to the chili that earns the most money votes from the crowd.\*

\*Sponsors and judges decisions are final. Failure to comply with officials in any matter may be cause for disqualification.

