



# Bethalto Public Library's Chili Cook-Off Potluck

Do you think you make the best chili in town?

Join us and show off your skills!

**October 26, 2025**

Please have registration form filled out and returned by October 12, 2025.

We must have 6 participants to hold the event.

## General Rules:

- Chili is defined as any kind of spicy, stew-like dish containing various spices and ingredients with the exception of rice or pasta.
- Chili must be cooked before arriving at the event. It is recommended that chili made the day prior should be heated to at least 180F° for 1 hour.
- Event will be held on Oct. 26, 2025. Check in and set-up for the event will begin at 4:30pm. Event starts at 5:00pm.
- Chili should be kept hot, preferably by electric crock pots or similar means. Electric connections will be provided.
- Please provide a large crock pot of chili for judging and sampling. Be sure to remember to bring a ladle to dish out your chili.
- Please bring a printed list of all ingredients as a precaution for individual tasters with allergies or have your cook available for ingredient questions.
- Naming your team/chili and decorating your chili display is greatly encouraged, especially for businesses who may wish to do a little advertising that day!
- The Bethalto Public Library will furnish the small cups, spoons, and napkins for sampling. Pre-selected judges will sample your dish for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes. Patrons attending the event will be able to sample small portions of all chili entries and vote for "The People's Choice Award".
- \$5.00 entry fee will reserve your spot. You will get your fee back in full at the contest. If you do not show, the Library will keep the fee as a donation to the event.
- HAVE FUN! We truly appreciate your participation!
- Have questions? Please email us at [info@bethaltolibrary.org](mailto:info@bethaltolibrary.org).

Prizes given for 1st place (\$75), 2nd place (\$50), 3rd place (\$25), and a People's Choice Award. The public is welcome for tasting from 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Awards will be given during the last 30 minutes.

Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand and agree to the rules: \_\_\_\_\_

For Staff Use Only:

\$5.00 Entry Fee Paid:

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Cash

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Check # \_\_\_\_\_

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Debit\*

Staff Initials \_\_\_\_\_

\*\$1.00 convenience fee will NOT be refunded.