



Traditional Indian Food Cook-Off

GUIDELINES

1. All teams must pre-register before 5 p.m., Wednesday, August 17 2011. ON-SITE REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE PERMITTED. Due to limited space, the number of teams accepted will be limited to ten (10).
2. Each team will be assigned a 20 ft. X 20 ft. space and a number, which must be displayed at all times.
3. Limited parking will be provided nearby. Parking at the site will not be permitted.
4. Teams may bring their own wood or use the wood that will be available on site.
5. Teams will consist of up to but no more than four (4) members who are at least 18 years old.
6. Each team member must have a current food handlers card (copy of all cards must be sent with registration form or provided at check in.) (Cherokee Nation Food Handlers class schedule attached)
7. Each team should have a Chief Cook. The Chief Cook will be responsible for the conduct of his/her team. Misconduct of any kind will be grounds for disqualification.
8. Completion of the registration form and signatures of all the team members on the Release of Liability signifies agreement for compliance with all contest rules by the listed members of the team. By their signature, team members agree to the Release of Liability. The chief cook will be responsible for assuring that all the members of the team are aware of the contest rules, including the Release of Liability.
9. Teams can begin checking in and setting up between 11a.m. and 12 p.m. on Saturday, September 3rd.
10. Chief Cooks must check in and attend a meeting on Saturday, September 3, 2010 at Noon in the judging tent located on the premises. All teams must have their chief cook present for meeting, final instructions will be given and questions answered. Any team whose chief cook is not present for meeting will be disqualified.
11. Each team will be preparing a traditional meal. They will receive the menu when they pre-register.
12. All the dishes/foods must be cooked on site the day of the cook-off from "scratch." No one other than team members are allowed to help with fires, food preparation or cooking.
13. The cooking and preparation period will be a maximum of 4 1/2 hrs., from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
14. Each team must prepare enough food for 40 people to be given to the committee for judging at 5:30 and for sale after judging.
15. Team must provide all ingredients, except pork, they intend to use.

16. Teams are to prepare and cook in as sanitary a manner as possible.
 - Cook under cover – all foods are to be cooked under cover (shade, structure, booth, canopy).
 - Washing facilities – water faucets will be available at the site.
 - All cooks must wear shirts and shoes while cooking and serving.
17. Teams must supply all needed equipment and supplies.
 - All cooking must be done under cover using an open fire.
 - Teams will be permitted to use propane cookers, however they will have to furnish their own cookers and propane.
 - Teams must provide all cooking utensils.
 - Teams must provide pots and pans needed in cooking.
 - Teams must provide tables and chairs for preparing, cooking and sitting.
18. It is the responsibility of the team members to see that the contest area is cleared and policed during and following the contest. All trash must be placed in proper containers – no trash, etc. should be left in the cooking space. All trash must be bagged and placed in designated receptacles before the team leaves the cook-off. Violation of this rule will disqualify the team from further participation.
9. A panel of 3 people selected by the committee will serve as judges. The food will be judged on appearance, aroma and taste. The team that receives the highest total score will be deemed the winner. The decision of the judges is final.
20. Judging will begin at 5:30 p.m. sharp. All cooking must cease and the prepared food be placed in the proper containers for the judging.
21. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place teams, 1st place prize - \$500, 2nd place prize - \$300 & 3rd place prize - \$200.
22. After the winners have been selected, the public will be allowed to come through and purchase a plate for \$6.00. All proceeds from food sales will be used to help defray the cost of prizes, meat and wood.
23. All Holiday visitors agree that entry into any of the Cherokee National Holiday events constitutes consent for the Cherokee National Holiday Office to use any film, photographs, video or reproduction of image and/or voice bearer for any purpose whatsoever without any payment to the visitor.
24. We appreciate your observance of traditional rules; visitors shall not sell, dispense or consume any form of illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages during any Cherokee National Holiday related events. Pets are not allowed at any Cherokee National Holiday related events.

