



Chili Cook-Off Team Info

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Cook Arrivals: 6:30-8a Event hours: 11-2p,

Ahuska Park, 400 E Broadway, Monona, WI



Join us for Wisconsin's longest-running
chili cook-off!

✓ Basic Rules

- No home-canned goods or uninspected meat.
- Follow WI Temporary Restaurant Guidelines.
- All ingredients must be cooked on site (meat may be pre-smoked).
- Keep perishable ingredients in coolers until used.
- Bring your own portable cooking equipment.
- No electricity provided. Gas generators not allowed.
- Prepare at least **4 gallons of chili** (required).
- Chili must be ready for judging by 11:00am and public sample cups by 11:30am.

🕒 Timeline

- 6:30am - Cooking may begin
- 7:00am - Staff & volunteers will begin to arrive
- 8:00am - All teams must be on-site and cooking
- 11:00am - Gates open - Judging begins
- 11:30am - Public sampling begins
- 1:30pm - Winners announced from band tent
- 2:00 - That's a wrap! See you next year.

🚗 Parking & Arrival

- Vehicles may be parked on the grass behind tents for easy access to supplies.
- A park map with entry routes and tent layout will be provided.
- Tent spots will be marked by Friday, Sept. 25, 7p

🏠 Set-Up & Supplies

- Each team gets a 10x10 tent space. Bring your own tent or rent one from us.
- Tables, decorations, signage, and costumes are encouraged.
- Team signs (with sponsor names) will be provided and placed on each tent.
- You may bring extra work surfaces.
- Plastic sample spoons and 2 oz cups are provided for chili tasting.
- You may bring flyers or giveaways to promote your business or sponsor.

🏆 Awards & Prizes

Judge-Voted Categories:

- First \$500
- Second \$350
- Third \$250

Crowd-Voted Categories (\$250 each):

- Crowd Favorite Chili
- Best Team Theme
- Most Unique Chili