

The 38th Annual

Bluegrass & Chili Festival

In Historic Claremore, Oklahoma

wants you to be a
Distinguished Chili-Head
at the

**Mid-America Regional
Chili Cook-Off**
(all divisions)

Saturday, September 9, 2017



Sanctioned by:
The International Chili Society (ICS)

And don't forget to enter the

Sizzling Salsa Division

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The 38th Annual Bluegrass & Chili Festival is scheduled for September 7, 8, & 9 in Historic Claremore. The family fun will "sizzle" on the grounds of the Claremore Expo Center.

The Festival features nationally acclaimed bands in Family entertainment. Headlining this year will be Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver, Russell Moore & Illrd Tyme Out, Dailey & Vincent, The Cleverlys and more!

A host of great regional bands, youth and cloggers will entertain throughout the weekend. Other activities include Festival Market, Art & Crafts, Open Car Show, Kiddie Koral, Vocalist Competition, Junior Showcase, Outhouse Races & more! - Great Family Fun!

An exciting highlight of the Festival is the Mid-America Regional Chili Cook-Off, which will take place on Saturday, September 9th. Teams will compete for cash, prizes, trophies and bragging rights!!!

The International Chili Society Division winner will represent the Festival at the World Cook-Off...where teams compete for a \$25,000 1st prize.

All entries will compete for show prizes and more!

Don't forget the spicy Salsa Division ~ also scheduled for Saturday ~ so prepare your favorite recipe.

TASTING KITS WILL BE AVAILABLE!

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE (ALL DIVISIONS)

- 8:30 AM..... Chili Teams set-up begins
- 10:30 AM..... Head Cook Meeting
- 11:00 AM..... Chili Cooks begin cutting & chopping
- 1:00 PM..... Official "Light Your Fires"
- 3:00 PM..... Salsa Turn In
- 4:00 PM..... Turn in your award winning Chili at the Judges' Chambers!
- 6:00 PM..... Award Winning Chili Ceremony



419 W. Will Rogers Blvd.
Claremore, OK 74017

Festival Sponsors:

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CHILI COOK-OFF





ICS DIVISION

The official International Chili Society (ICS) Division is governed by ICS Rules. It is mandatory for the Head Cook to an ICS member. Membership Fee is payable to ICS (entry fee is additional). Membership Application and member fee need to be directed and payable to ICS.

The 1st Place winner on **Saturday** will represent the Festival and Mid-America Regional Chili Cook-Off at the World Cook-Off and compete there for a \$25,000 prize.

- 1st Place Red..... \$500 + Trophy
- 2nd Place Red..... \$100 + Trophy
- 3rd Place Red..... \$75 + Trophy
- 1st Place Chili Verde..... \$100 + Trophy

Mid-America Regional Chili Cook-Off

-  \$1,000 Cash to the award winning non-profit, civic, church & youth/athletic school groups. Awarded each year by Oklahoma Natural Gas!
-  \$150 to Best of Show
-  \$100 to Best Booth Decorations
-  Ham-manship Award...Prize and bragging rights for the whole year!

Chili in all divisions must be cooked on-site!

SALSA DIVISION

The rules for the Salsa Challenge...guess what?...there are few!* Prepare your super salsa at home, make it, mix it...thick or thin, white, red, mild or hot...just be sure to enter it! At least two pints are required; one for judging. Plaques are awarded to the winners of both cook-offs!

A \$10.00 entry fee is required.

***Note:**

ICS Cooks — you are required "All Homemade"



OPEN DIVISION. CORPORATE CHILI CHALLENGE & NON PROFIT!

In these three divisions, the same basic cooking rules apply as for the ICS Divisions except beans, spaghetti, or any other type of filler ARE ALLOWED. Corporate Chili Challenge...*this is an opportunity for company teams to participate in the community and just have fun!* Trophies and bragging rights awarded!

The Non-Profit Division will give local organizations, schools, groups, clubs and charities the opportunity to win cash prizes and is a fun way to increase your group's visibility in the community!

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ATTENTION COOKS...you may use the same cooking space and enter more than one division, but the chili must be cooked in separate pots. The entry fees vary per division. We also request that you cook more chili than the minimum required amount to accommodate "official" tasting kits. Festival attendees look forward to tasting your wonderful chili. These kits are available by donation. The donations are used for additional charitable projects. Kits will be identified during the mandatory head cooks meeting. Besides...

Chili just tastes better the more you cook!



Contestant Responsibilities: Contestants are responsible for supplying their own cooking appliances, utensils, and all the ingredients for an award-winning bowl of chili. Contestants will be provided a 10'x10' space located on concrete surface. **You will need to bring your own tent for shade.** (Please note NO STAKES allowed in the concrete; you will need to bring appropriate materials to hold you tent in place). Additional information will accompany your official application.

2017 Chili Cook-Off & Salsa Reservation Form

Saturday: Mid-America Regional Chili Cook-Off

<input type="checkbox"/>	ICS Division—Red (ONLY).....	\$35 Fee
<input type="checkbox"/>	ICS Division—Verde (ONLY).....	\$35 Fee
<input type="checkbox"/>	ICS Division—(BOTH) Red & Verde.....	\$45 Fee
<small>(Only \$10 extra to register for the Red & Verde Divisions)</small>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Corporate Division.....	\$35 Fee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Profit Division.....	\$35 Fee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Open Division.....	\$35 Fee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Salsa-Open.....	\$10 Fee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Salsa-ICS.....	\$10 Fee

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone () _____

E-mail _____

I cannot cook this year, but please leave my name on your mailing list

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To enter, please return reservation form and all entry fee(s) to:

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For more information, call: (918) 341-2818
or visit www.claremore.org