



**CONTESTANT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT  
2023 RIVERWALK CHILI COOK-OFF  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2023 ● 12PM-4PM  
ESPLANADE PARK ● FORT LAUDERDALE, FL**



Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact/Head Chef: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Riverwalk Chili Cook-off Participant Fee - \$125—Includes the following:**

- 10' by 15' booth space
- One (1) 8' Table with Plastic Cover & One (1) 6' Table with Plastic Cover
- Access to electricity and water
- State Required hand-washing station
- Logo or Team listing on [www.goriverwalk.com](http://www.goriverwalk.com) event page
- Event listed in at least four weekly e-mail blasts to approx. 10,000
- Event listed on multiple online calendars
- Social Media post with logo and link to social media page and business website
- Team listed in post event Exclusives in the Go Riverwalk Magazine

*\*Benefits subject to availability based on date agreement is signed and returned with payment*

**Riverwalk Chili Cook-off Participant Tent - additional \$100 – Includes One (1) 10' by 10' Tent**

**Electric Hookup** - I need \_\_\_\_\_ 110V Plug-ins. (Electric is limited, given on a first come first serve basis, limit of two.)

**Yes, I plan to bring my own generator.**

Applications **MUST** be submitted with payment in full and insurance. Applications submitted without payment or partial payments will not be considered until full payment is received. Contestant acceptance and space assignment is up to Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale. Applications are reviewed on a first come first serve basis. Space is limited, so return your application as soon as possible. This event is rain or shine, **NO** refunds will be given for any reason.

**Payment Information**

Check enclosed in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ made out to *Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale* or Credit Card Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email for Receipt: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$: \_\_\_\_\_



Please return your agreement with payment and insurance to [Donisha@GoRiverwalk.com](mailto:Donisha@GoRiverwalk.com) or mail to:  
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### **How the Event Works:**

Attendees will purchase tasting packs from the Riverwalk ticket booth. Each pack will come with 2 oz. sample cups, spoons and a token. When attendees come to each booth, they must present their *clean* sample cup to be filled. Each team will have a token box at their booth so attendees can vote for their choice of the BEST chili with the token from their tasting pack. VOTING ENDS AT 3:15 pm SHARP. The votes will then be tallied and the team with the most votes will win the title of “**BEST Chili in Fort Lauderdale.**” and will also receive qualification and paid entry fee into the **WORLD OPEN CHILI CHALLENGE** (amateur division) at the WCCC.

Each team must make 5 gallons of chili for the event. Teams may also bring baked goods, snacks, a raffle prize, hot dogs, or multiple chili options (separate from the 5 gallons for competition) to sell as a way to raise funds for their charity. No beverages or alcohol are to be sold by teams. Teams may also have a donation box for their charity.

Each team will also decorate their booth with a **MARDI GRAS** theme. A secret panel of judges will determine the winner of the “**BEST Decorated Booth**” award. Your team is encouraged to dress up to match the décor of your booth.

### **Rules and Requirements for Chili Contestants:**

- Chili may be any type of chili- chili con carne, chili with or without beans, white chili, vegetarian chili, etc...
- Each team is encouraged to work with a local non-profit organization. If you do not have a preferred organization, contact Riverwalk and we will put you in touch with one.
- Each team will be responsible for cooking **no less than** five (5) gallons of chili to be served to attendees from 12 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.
- Set up begins at 7 a.m. and must be completed by 8:00 a.m. for Health & Fire Inspections.
- Prep may begin at 7 a.m. but no cooking may begin until your booth has been inspected.
- *All chili must be cooked on-site the day of the cook-off.* Prep can be done before the event.
- Each team must supply all ingredients, utensils, and accessories necessary. This includes cooking equipment, toppings and condiments needed.
- Each team must have enough members to cook and serve chili throughout the duration of the event.
- All cooking must be done in a sanitary manner. Conditions are subject to continuous inspection by Riverwalk Staff. Failure to comply is subject to disqualification of the team. All contestants must keep their chili covered with a tight fitting lid when not serving.
- Cook-Off contestants are required to be onsite during the public tasting and available to answer any questions attendees may have about their chili.



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**Rules and Requirements Continued:**

- Whenever possible, each team should promote the event with the postcards and posters provided by Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, through business and personal social media and through any other approved means of marketing for the event.
- A valid, fully charged fire extinguisher, appropriate with the type of cooking you will be doing. The red fire extinguisher is sufficient if you are using a flat top or flame grill. If you are going to be frying- **YOU MUST HAVE A CLASS K FIRE EXTINGUISHER AS WELL**; this is the **SILVER** one for use with grease. (*“A fire extinguisher is required for each food booth. If a propane tank is used for a fuel source, it must be secured on the outside of the booth. A Fire inspection is required for all food booths” per The City of Fort Lauderdale*). If you do not have the proper fire extinguisher(s) when you are inspected by the Fire Inspector, you will **NOT** be permitted to participate in the event.

**Signage/Decor:**

The overall theme for this year’s event is **MARDI GRAS**. Each team has the opportunity to display signage at their booth which can include their company, non-profit association or team name. Flags, banners, streamers, branded linens, party decorations and anything else can be used to decorate the teams’ booth areas. *\*No offensive material\** Competitors are encouraged to be creative and dress up to match their theme if they would like. A secret panel of judges will determine the winner of the **“Best Decorated Booth”** award.

**Insurance Requirement:**

Two (2) copies of certificates of additional insurance for 1-Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale & 1- City of Fort Lauderdale by January 1<sup>st</sup>; Specifying: General Liability Value is \$1,000,000 each occurrence; \$100,000 damage to rented premises; \$1,000,000 personal injury; \$2,000,000 aggregate; using Accord 25 form for additionally insured- Certificate of Liability Insurance. This Certificate holder is named as an additionally insured on the general liability policy but only with respect to liability claims arising out of the negligence of the named insured.

**Certificate Holder: (#1)**

Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale  
888 East Las Olas Blvd. Suite 210  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

**Certificate Holder: (#2)**

City of Fort Lauderdale  
100 N. Andrews Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

# RIVERWALK CHILI COOK-OFF

## CONTESTANT AGREEMENT

1. Contestants will be allowed to drop-off materials for their booth space in a designated area determined by a Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale staff member, beginning at 7:00 am. Contestants must unload completely and immediately move vehicles off of the event site (including closed roads). ALL vehicles must be moved out of the event site (including closed roads) by 11:30 am. If a contestant shows up after that time, the contestant will have to bring materials for the contestant booth from outside the event site (including closed roads), as it is a hazard to our event attendees.
2. Designated booth space will be provided to you when you arrive and check-in with a Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale staff member.
3. Contestants must be set up no later than 11:30 am Saturday morning. Contestant booths must remain operational until 4:00pm. You may not break down any displays or leave before then.
4. Contestants must keep all items inside their booth area, including tables and chairs.
5. We have limited electrical hook up spaces. Electric must be approved. Extension cords **will not be provided**.
6. Parking is not provided for contestants. You are responsible for parking your own vehicle, standard parking rates apply. You may not park your vehicle within the festival perimeter. If this happens, the vehicle will be towed at the owner's expense.
7. You are not required to have a tent, however, you may bring one tent **up to 10'x'10'** for a single booth space OR two (2) **up to 10'x10'** tents for a double booth space. If you would like, we can provide you with a tent and table for your booth area for an additional fee. (see pricing on page 1) No make shift tents or umbrellas will be accepted.
8. The ground where you are cooking must be covered by an oil, grease and food debris absorbing surface. All oil, cans with oil, charcoal, wood generated or brought to the event must be removed and taken with you when you leave. Contestants will be liable for any damage or repair costs incurred within their booth area.
9. No obscene degrading or offensive material is to be displayed at the event.
10. No displaying, distributing or selling of any alcoholic beverages.
11. No drugs or weapons of any kind are allowed into the perimeter of the event.
12. You must abide by the standard health, safety and environmental regulations of the City of Fort Lauderdale and the State of Florida.
13. Trash from contestant booths must be disposed of in the dumpster. Do NOT leave trash in the festival area or near garbage cans after the event and tear down are complete.
14. All contestants must have their booths broken down and packed up no later than 5:30pm.
15. Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale will accept a limited number of contestants. Riverwalk staff reserves the right to remove any contestant who does not comply with the event rules, whose display is not in good taste, or is not consistent with the display or sales that were agreed upon. Refunds will not be made under such circumstances.
16. If your application is accepted, there will be absolutely no refunds for any reasons. This event is a **RAIN OR SHINE fundraising event**.
17. **You are required to provide two (2) certificates of insurance naming "Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale" and "City of Fort Lauderdale" as additional insureds.** Certificates must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event date. If Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale has not received your certificates of insurance by this time, you will not be allowed to vend at the event and will forfeit all of your fees.

**I have read, understand and agree to the above terms.**

**I agree to have enough food for attendees and will not breakdown or leave the event early.**

**I agree to abide by the standard health, safety and environmental regulations of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, State of Florida and Federal Government.**

**I understand that the ground MUST be covered with an oil, grease and other food debris absorbing surface to protect it from damages and I agree to remove all oil, cans, charcoal, wood or food debris generated by me or brought to the event. (Liability for damages or repair apply.)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Print name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**



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