



Contestant Participation Agreement

2024 Riverwalk Chili Cook Off
Saturday, February 10, 2024 | 12pm-4pm
Esplanade Park | Fort Lauderdale, FL



How the Event Works:

Attendees will purchase tasting packs containing 2 oz. sample cups, spoons and a voting token from the Riverwalk ticket booth. Attendees will 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 voting token. VOTING ENDS AT 3:15 pm SHARP. The votes will be tallied and the team with the most votes will win the title of "**BEST Chili in Fort Lauderdale.**" and receive qualification and paid entry fee into the **WORLD OPEN CHILI CHALLENGE** (amateur division) at the WCCC.

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

The overall theme for this year's event is TAILGATE. 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.

Rules and Requirements for Chili Contestants:

- Chili may be any type of chili - chili con carne, with or without beans, white chili, vegetarian chili, etc...
- Teams are 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 11:00 a.m. for Health & Fire Inspections. See page 3 "Contestant Agreement" for additional Health and Safety requirements including fire extinguishers.
- 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.
- 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.

Please complete and submit pages 2 and 3 with payment to Donisha@GoRiverwalk.com or mail to:

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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 10' booth space ****Tent not included****
- 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 event page

Below benefits subject to availability based on date agreement is signed and returned with payment

- Event listed in at least four weekly e-mail blasts to approx. 10,000
- Event listed *on GoRiverwalk.com and on multiple other 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

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

___ **Electric Hookup** - I need ___ 110V Plug-ins (Limited availability; first come, first serve basis, limit of two)

___ **Generator** - I plan to bring my own generator *Generators must be placed and secured as directed by Riverwalk

Applications **MUST** be submitted with payment in full to be considered, and approval is contingent on insurance and any other requirements. Vendor acceptance and space assignment is determined by 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 a rain or shine fundraising event for Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale, **NO** refunds will be given for any reason.

Payment Information

Amount Due \$_____ Payment by: ___ Credit Card ___ Check enclosed made payable to *Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale*

Name on Card: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Credit Card #: _____ CVV Code: _____

Email for Receipt: _____

Signature: _____

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INSURANCE

1. All food vendors, and any other vendors deemed necessary by Riverwalk staff, must provide two (2) certificates of insurance naming "Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale" and "City of Fort Lauderdale" as additional insureds at least two weeks prior to the event date; Event participation is contingent on this requirement.

SETUP

2. Vendors may drop-off materials for their booth space in an area designated by Riverwalk staff beginning at **7:00 am** on event day. Vendors must unload completely at the designated area and immediately move vehicles off of the event site (including closed roads) before setting up their space. All vehicles must be moved out of the event site (including closed roads) by **11:00 am**. Vendors arriving after that time will have to bring all materials from outside the event site (including closed roads).
3. Parking **is not** provided, and parking on site is not allowed; vendors are responsible for parking their own vehicle, standard parking rates apply. Any vendor vehicles parked inside the festival perimeter will be towed at the owner's expense.
4. Booth space is designated by Riverwalk Staff and will be provided after arrival and check-in; Food vendors must be set up no later than one hour before event begins for inspection, all other vendors 30 minutes before event begins. Vendor booths must remain operational until the designated end of the event; do not break down any displays or leave before then.
5. Vendors must keep all items inside their designated booth area, including tables, chairs and staff; no solicitation or sales outside of the vendors designated booth area is allowed.
6. Electric hook ups are limited, and must be requested, approved and paid for in advance. Extension cords not provided.
7. Tents are not required; 1 tent **up to 10'x10'** for a single booth space OR 2 **up to 10'x10'** tents for a double booth space are allowed. Riverwalk can arrange a rental tent, table and/or chairs for an additional fee. Make shift tents or umbrellas are not allowed. Tents must be weighted down (sand, water or weights) **NO STAKING ALLOWED.**

BREAKDOWN

8. All trash from vendor booths must be disposed of in the dumpster behind the stage. No trash or other waste can be left beside garbage cans or anywhere else in the festival area.
9. All vendors must have their booths broken down and packed up no later than 5:30pm on event day; vendors will complete breakdown of their booth space before moving any vehicles to the designated loading area, and promptly load and move vehicles from loading area.

CONDUCT

10. No obscene degrading or offensive material is to be displayed at the event.
11. No displaying, distributing or selling of any alcoholic beverages.
12. No drugs or weapons of any kind are allowed into the perimeter of the event.
13. Any music must not interfere or intrude over entertainment provided by Riverwalk.

____ I agree to the above terms; Riverwalk reserves the right to remove any vendor or individual not in compliance or not providing food or services as described; no refunds will be made in these circumstances.

____ I agree to have enough food or other described product for attendees for the duration of the event.

____ I agree to abide by all applicable health, safety and environmental regulations.

____ I understand this is a RAIN OR SHINE fundraising event; no refunds will be made for any reason.

____ **FOOD VENDOR ONLY** — The ground where you are cooking must be covered by a mat or wood surface. All oil and cans with oil generated or brought to the event must taken with you when you leave. Vendors will be liable for any damage or repair costs incurred within their booth area. A valid, fully charged fire extinguisher appropriate to the type of cooking you will be doing is required, and participation in the event is contingent on approval by the Fire Inspector.

Signature

Print name

Date

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