



39th Annual Chugwater's Chili Cook-Off & Roundup

PO Box 222 Chugwater, WY. 82210

Chugwater's warmest greetings to all chili and salsa cooks,

With great pleasure we announce the presentation of the 39th annual Wyoming State Champion Chili cook-off held on Saturday June 14, 2025 at Staats Park in Chugwater, WY. This event (commonly known as Chugwater's Chili Cook-off) has been a premier single day summer event of the state and we are thrilled to share it with you.

We invite you to join us as a cook in celebrating western heritage, great food, and a wonderful community at this year's event. Whether you are new to the competition or a seasoned pro, we welcome you and hope to see you this year. Get creative as possible, because anything goes as long as you prepare everything on site and do not use any type of mixes or prepackaged ingredients while following CASI Rules (attached in this packet). Be sure to make enough for a crowd because your chili will be judged by a panel of judges as well as people's choice.

Remember this is a State chili cook-off, meaning the first place red chili cook (you do not need to be a resident of Wyoming) will win the title of Wyoming State Champion and an invite to the National Chili Cook off in Terlingua TX. Other placings will receive an exclusive winners trophy. Placing cooks from outside WY will get points toward the National Chili Cook Off. Enclosed is the registration form to be completed and returned with payment to the mailing address at the top of the letter. The categories this year are Red Chili, showmanship is free and encouraged this year, Green Chili, and Salsa. Juniors are also encouraged to participate at a discounted entry fee.

Chugwater's Chili Cook-off and Roundup is a registered 501c(3) event. All proceeds go to support Chugwater's non profit organizations including Economic Development, Historical Unity, Volunteer Fire Department, the Community Center, and our Public Community School.

We could not make all this happen without your participation, so thank you so much from all of us in Chugwater, WY.

2025 Cook's Registration Form

Head Cook_____

Team Name_____

Address_____

Email_____

Phone Number (for text updates)_____

How many in your party_____

Will you require an RV spot?___ Yes, RV Length___ft. ___No

Number of years at our event_____ This is my first year_____

Adult Events Entered

Red Chili (\$20)__ Showmanship (free)__ Green Chili (\$20)__ Salsa (\$20)__

Junior Events

Red Chili (\$10)__ Green Chili (\$10)__ Salsa (\$10)__

Cooks will be able to attend a dinner the night before. 2 Tickets for dinner will be provided, each additional ticket is \$10. Kids under 12 and under are free. Each cook entered will receive 1 entry ticket into the event, a gift bag, and a chance at prizes awarded to the top 2 cooks as well as the top cook in the junior events.

The winner of Chugwater's Chili Cook Off as well as the top 3 Wyoming red chili cooks will receive an invite to the National Chili Cook-off in Terlingua, TX. Rules provided by the CASI sanctioned event, for further questions please reach out via email chugwaterchilicookoff@gmail.com

*This year we will be assigning spots during PreRegistration and day of registration. Once we receive your application we will contact you with the updated map of the cooks area for you to choose your spot.

This year we will offer an online payment option. If you wish to receive a digital invoice that you can pay via credit card please make sure your email is correct and check the option below. If not please send your check to PO BOX 222 Chugwater, WY, 82210.

Yes Send Me An Email Invoice (merchant fee will be added on to registration fee) _____

Check Enclosed_____

Pay The Day I Show Up_____

I. CHILI COOKING RULES

- A. CHILI COOKED ON SITE - All chili must be cooked from scratch on site the day of the cookoff. All chili must be prepared in the open (no cooking in motorhomes, etc.).
1. CHILI COOKED FROM SCRATCH - "Scratch" is defined as starting with raw meat. No marinating is allowed. Commercial chili powder is permissible, but complete commercial chili mixes ("just add meat" mixes that contain premeasured spices) are not permitted.
 2. NO FILLERS IN CHILI - Beans, macaroni, rice, hominy, or other similar ingredients are not permitted.
 3. SANITATION - Cooks are to prepare and cook chili in as sanitary a manner as possible.
 - a. INSPECTION OF COOKING CONDITIONS - Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by the head judge or his/her designee and CASI Referee. Failure to comply is subject to disqualification.
 - b. COOKS MAY HAVE TO TASTE THEIR CHILI - At the discretion of the head judge or CASI Referee, chili cooks may be required to remove the lids from their chili cups and taste their chili before turning in for judging. If a contestant refuses, his or her chili will be disqualified.
- B. ONE CHILI PER COOK - Each head cook is responsible for preparing one pot of chili that he or she intends to be judged and turning in one judging cup from that pot. No more than one judging sample can be taken from any one pot.
- C. COOKS MUST SIGN NUMBER SLIPS - Chili cooks must sign their secret ticket slips in ink with their first and last names at the time cups are issued. A cook will not be eligible to win (place in the top 10), if their secret ticket is unsigned when presented. Cooks must present their signed secret ticket to win.
- D. PROTECT THE JUDGING CUP - Once judging cups have been issued, each head cook is responsible for his or her judging cup. Cooks must not remove or tamper with the ticket on the outside of the cups. Any marked or altered cup must be replaced prior to turn-in or it will be disqualified. (See Sections A.4 and 5 for cup replacement.)
- E. FILLING CUPS - Cups must be filled to ¾ inch from the top of the cup or to the level designated at the cooks meeting.
- F. CHILI TURN-IN - Chili will be turned in at the place and time designated at the cooks meeting or as otherwise designated by the head judge.
- G. PYROTECHNICS - No chili contestant may discharge firearms or use any pyrotechnics or explosives at a chili cookoff. Contestants discharging firearms and/or using explosives or other pyrotechnics will be disqualified from the chili cookoff.
- H. PENALTIES - Failure to comply with CASI rules will result in disqualification of an individual cook for the cookoff. Decisions of the official(s) are final. In case of disqualification, the CASI official monitoring the cookoff will immediately notify the head cook and give a reason for disqualification. In the event disqualification of a cup of chili occurs after judging has started, it is not necessary that the cook be located or given an explanation for the disqualification.