MAY 1st DEADLINES!

US National Open Championship Applications

The Events Committee is asking for applications to host the 2019 CASI National Open Championship, which may be held anywhere in the continental United States. All applications will be reviewed by the Events Committee, which will make a recommendation to the Board of Directors based on the following criteria:

1. History of the Chili Cookoff proposing to host the National Open;
2. Endorsement by a Pod in the geographical area proposing to host the National Open; and
3. Ability of the promoter to accommodate an unlimited number of cooks.

Applications to host the US National Open cookoff may be found at http://www.casichili.net under CASI Organizational Information and Resources. Please submit the completed application to Keith Karaff at casied@casichili.net.

2018 TICC T-SHIRT CONTEST

Be TICC Famous!
Your Awesome Design Here

Winning Artist Hosts Signing Event at TICC Store
Fabulous Prize Package for winning artist!

BE PART OF TICC HISTORY!

Design requirements checklist:
- Include year “2018” in design
- Recommend T-shirt color
- Include your name or signature
- Recommend design placement
- Vector Art Format Preferred
- Camera-ready artwork okay, too

Submit your entry to: casied@casichili.net
Please include your name, phone, and email.

If you have a cookoff coming up in the month of JUNE, your cookoff information must be in the hands of the CASI Events Coordinator, Nancy Hewlett, by APRIL 15th to meet the cookoff advertising requirement.
On Finances and Financials

This month, I am going to go off script a little and talk about the 2017 Financials and an important decision that the Board made in the Winter meeting. As many of you experienced at the 50th Anniversary of TICC, we had a major rainstorm Thursday night which flooded our main bar/concession stand, as well as our judging pavilion and storage room. This flooding was a result of the amount of water that ran off the hill directly behind these buildings in a very short period of time. In my years of being on the Board, both Ranch Managers as well as Jim Ezell have detailed the way the water cascades off this hill and floods these areas, as well as how quickly the water rises back there, and how we need to address these issues to protect our buildings, mitigate rock/mud slides, protect our inventory, and divert water more effectively.

Coming off of a very strong 50th Anniversary, the Board received a quote to cut the wall back and address these very issues. To pay for this expense, we as a Board decided that this would be a capital improvement worthy of taking a loan from the Life Membership Reserve fund, to be paid back in no more than five years. If you were able to make it to TICC this year, you were able to see the fruits of this labor, which resulted in a new road behind the main pavilions all the way to behind the stage. This road was used by the Directors to move ice, wings, and other items much more efficiently than in years previous. On Tuesday morning of TICC this year, we were blessed with another rain storm and this time our buildings did not flood!

In the Winter Board meeting this year, the Board looked at our financials and felt that we were in a position to pay back the loan for the wall in full this year, instead of paying it out over five years. The reason that we were able to pull this money from our Daily Operations fund is due to strict adherence to our yearly budgets the past two years, and to the Board Members being extremely diligent in keeping our expenses as low as possible, with many coming in under budget! The reason that the Board made the decision to pay the wall back and address these very issues to protect our buildings, mitigate rock/mud slides, protect our inventory, and divert water more effectively.

By now, I am sure many of you are thinking, “Okay, Kris, when are you going to ask for money??” 😊

I am not going to beg you to fill the CASI coffers. However, I will remind you that these types of projects are only possible due to the careful financial planning, Ranch Management, and general success of CASI as a whole. We all understand that it is getting more expensive to put on TICC and run the organization. CASI has two great avenues available to help offset some of these costs and ensure that CASI is around for future generations. The Friends of CASI program helps to offset the costs that are associated with running TICC, and Cookin’ for CASI events help to offset the daily operations expenses. I would ask that each member of CASI promote both of these programs for the future success of CASI.

If you would like more information on Friends of CASI or Cookin’ for CASI, please let me know. I will be glad to talk with you about both of these!

Kris Hudspeth
President

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FOR THE RECORD:
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GETS YOUR CHILI COOKIN'!
HOW THE WEST WAS really WON.

MEXENE CHILI

THE official CHILI POWDER OF CASI

Mexene Chili Powder, “The Chili Champions’ Choice,” is proof the best comes from the West. Our recipe hasn’t changed a bit since it was created in a small South Texas town in 1906, and it’s been a key ingredient in every winning recipe in the Terlingua International Championship Chili Cookoff over the last decade. Grab a bottle and become the chili champion of your own home with Mexene.

mexene.com
MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Please join me in saying a big WELCOME and thank you to all our new annual, life, and corporate members. CHILI, CHARITY and FUN: That’s what it’s all about! And, to all our members who have renewed their membership, thank you for your continued support of CASI and the local charities. Please note, you can pay your annual dues by PayPal without having a PayPal account. Just click on “Join CASI Online” on our website www.casichili.net to join or renew your membership. If you do not remember your login or password, please contact me. Remember, if you’re moving, please let us know. Your Trails will not follow you without an address change. I urge everyone to take advantage of the CASI Membership System (CMS). You can check your personal information and points, access the CASI organization groups and history, and get contact numbers and addresses for your fellow members of the CASI family. If I can be of any assistance, please contact me by phone at 571.228.3783, email at kitrudd@casichili.net, or mail at 3698 Dockside Drive, Warrenton VA 20187.

Kit Rudd
Membership Director

Renewing Members
Bud Barrick, Organ NM
Susan Baumberger, Lancaster CA
Kenneth Blaida, Streamwood IL
Karen Cullum, Houston TX
Michael Fuller, El Dorado Hills CA
William “Bill” Gowans, Chicago IL
John Gray, Harlingen TX
Sam L’Huillier, Comfort TX
Kathleen L’Huillier, Comfort TX
Brandy LaMontagne, Houston TX
James Mosley, Little Rock AR
James Pledger, Crosby TX
Robin Short, Burleson TX
Shelley Stokes, Wichita Falls TX
Andy Williams, Corsicana TX

New Members
Elva Harkrader, Bentonville VA
Bruce Henson, Bentonville VA
James Horn, Whitehouse TX
Jeffrey Kennedy, San Antonio TX
Gary Mayfield, St. Petersburg FL
Jack (Billy) Neeley, Seabrook TX
David Terry, Winter Garden FL

CORPORATE MEMBERS
Please welcome and thank these CASI members. They have invested in our Society as Annual Corporate Members. If you live nearby, please stop in and thank them personally.

9 Fingers Jeep Tours – Odessa, TX
American Legion Post 490 – Houston, TX
American Legion Post 554 – League City, TX
Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Art Center – Dowell, MD
Chisos Mining Company Motel, Inc. – Terlingua, TX
Cigars for Warrior – Ocala, FL
City of Madison, Georgia – Madison, GA
Community of Automotive Professionals – San Antonio TX
Cottonwood General Store – Terlingua, TX
Gail’s Harley Davidson – Grandview, MO
Goliad Brewing Company – Goliad, TX
International River Runners – Austin, TX
Irving Elks Lodge #2334 – Irving, TX
Long Draw Pizza – Terlingua, TX
Pasadena Moose Lodge #1721 – Pasadena, TX
Poco Playa Restaurant – Matagorda, TX
Purple Haze Jeep Club – Gardendale, TX
R & R Construction – Monahans, TX
Raven Investigations & Investments, Inc – Huntsville, TX
Renfro Foods, Inc. – Fort Worth, TX
Shotgun’s Bar – Odessa, TX
Southwest Horn Toad Raisers Assn. – Odessa, TX
Southwest Title & Abstract Co. – Rankin, TX
Temptation Sisters – Quitman, TX
Terlingua Auto Service – Terlingua, TX
Texa-Chem Specialties of Midland – Midland, TX
Thunderbird Machinery Company – Odessa, TX
Victoria Coleto Creek Lake KOA – Victoria, TX

COOKIN’ FOR CASI
2017-2018
Cookin’ for CASI Calendar

Oct 1  Terlingua, TX
Feb 3  DFW Airport,TX
July 21  Durant, OK

Keith Longabaugh (972) 841-1630
casikeith@gmail.com
COOKOFF STATISTICS
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SHOW TEAMS

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Beth Moon
Jessie Waguespack

47 Chilisaurus Morgan TX
53 Spooning for Chili San Angelo TX
Mick Joplin
Keith Ward

48 Smilin Jack Wichita Falls TX
54 Outlaw Wichita Falls TX
Jack Shephard
John Brock

49 Gold Star Chili Company Wichita Falls TX Melvin Joyner
55 Farm Chili Odessa TX
Pat Krenek
Donald (Donnie) Warner

50 Lone Star Chili Chix Houston TX
56 Chilly Chili Oakland FL
Mike Whitten
Miguel Garces

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

On occasion, I’ve noticed on Facebook where results from cookoffs are being posted by taking a picture of the result sheet. I think this is a good way to show the places, but as a reminder, do not post the addresses of the winners. Posts can be shared to a page that is public, and I am not thrilled about everyone having access to this information.

This was addressed a few years ago and I believe people have either forgotten, not considered the possible issues, or have become lazy. Please do not post addresses of the winners. Thank you for your work, Pam!

Susan Armand
Houston TX

Dear Susan,

I don’t do FB, so I didn’t even know people were doing this. I agree, I wouldn’t want my personal info posted in this way. I know that it’s floating around in cyberspace anyway, but there’s no reason to add to it.

I do see how it could make it easier to publicize the results of cookoff. I suggest that the person filling out the results sheet, usually the referee, put in the names only, take the picture for FB, and then fill in the rest of the information.

Thanks for making our readers aware of a possible cyber-oops! Readers, please let me hear from you on this topic.

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8. Ken Brown Gold Canyon AZ
9. Joe Greene Chandler AZ
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**State Open Championship, 151 Chilis**

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2. Gene Hoenig Gainesville TX
3. Peggy Hoenig Gainesville TX
4. Jerry R. Hunt Shreveport LA
5. Nic Santangelo Dallas TX
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4. Michael G Watkins Gaithersburg MD
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By Bill Pierson, Senior Referee
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Merchandise: Cookoff promoters have long thought it would be a nice enticement to give the winning cooks a gift of some kind in addition to, or in place of, a trophy. Cookoff sponsors will often be willing to donate a product or item from their business as a donation and for the recognition. This has been a perfectly acceptable practice. It has been done for a very long time. Then, along came plastic.

Bank cards: The 2006 discussion was prompted by a cookoff promoter who was bound and determined to give a cash prize to his cookoff winner. A card issued by a bank that is redeemable in cash is the same as cash and is thus prohibited. It is cash in a different form.

Gift cards: The store gift card is an acceptable alternative to cash. The gift card allows the recipient to select their own prize, while patronizing the sponsor’s business. The store gift card is not redeemable for cash. If that ever becomes the case, I am sure the committee will look at it again.

Online sales: One of the 2015 arguments against the gift card was that now there are online sites which will buy your store gift cards for cash. However, we cannot control what a person does with their prize after it is given. Virtually anything can be bought and sold in today’s world.

Cooks’ Pot: The first idea of the 2006 cookoff promoter was to add money to the cooks’ pot. That was simply a roundabout way of the cookoff giving a cash prize. Although some cookoffs run the cooks’ pot, there are no CASI rules governing the cooks’ pot. It is a wager among and between the cooks and is not an official part of the cookoff. Funneling cash to the cooks through the cooks’ pot cannot of course, be permitted.

The rule prohibiting cash prizes is quite clear. Any attempts to circumvent the rule, no matter how creative, will not be allowed. So, let us make no mistake.
What's in a Name?

_A rose is a rose, and a pot of chili by any name still smells spicy._

Good day, everyone. A few months back I was thinking about chili names and their origins after a discussion at a cook-off.

Chili names are as unique as the individuals they belong to. Some are bequeathed to the cook, some are deeply personal, some are based on an incident, and some are just for the fun of the name.

If you would like to share the story behind your chili name, please email me at casiedkeith@att.net with “CHILI NAME” in the subject line. I will start this show off:

It was my first trip to TICC and we were cooking in Del Rio. Every year most of the cooks would drive over the border into Acuna, Mexico, or take a cab over. From what I understood about the tradition, you HAD to have a margarita at Ma Crosby’s Bar & Hotel. While I was sitting at the bar waiting for my drink, I noticed a large mirror behind the bar filled with stickers from all over the country. The bartender reached for some glasses from a stack in front of the mirror and when he removed them, there it was - the chili name I’d been looking for. A red bumper sticker with white letters – “NDC” – and below that it said, “NO DAMN CLUE.” As soon as I saw it I knew that was my chili name, and it has been with me ever since. – **Keith Karaff, Magnolia TX, NDC Chili**

I started judging chili back in 2009, and when I was at the CASI cookoff in 2010 in Johnson City, I bought a straw top hat for my official “chili judging hat.” I became a member of CASI in September 2017 and because I am attached to my hat, it was just a short jump to Top Hat Chili. – **Jim Thompson, Boerne TX, Top Hat Chili**

My chili name is “Dad’s Chili.” As you know, Malcolm Williams is an active chili cook, and his granddaughter Kate cooks with him when there’s a junior division. Dad’s chili name is “Olympic Chili” – Eat a bowl and run all night (self-explanatory). Kate’s chili name is “Kickin Chili” because as a junior, she used to bring a donkey to showmanship events. Dad wouldn’t let her use the name “Ass Kickin Chili” because that was not appropriate for a 10-year-old. I cooked occasionally, and Dad always cut my meat for me and mixed my spices; hence my chili name is “Dad’s Chili” because it really wasn’t my recipe, it was Dad’s. **Kathryn Cavender, Missouri City TX, Dad’s Chili**

I had so many names that were thrown out and finally have this one. Since I was born in Hawaii and single, Wahini was selected. Wahini is a Polynesian word for woman. From Texas, it’s a no-brainer. Poi is the state dish of Hawaii and chili is the state dish of Texas, so there you have it. – **Sherrie Davis, South Houston TX, Wahini Texas Poi**

I hope that you enjoyed reading how some of your fellow cooks acquired their chili name. Look for more chili name origin stories in upcoming issues!
A Family Affair in Wichita Falls

The Black Sheep Pod cookoff was held in downtown Wichita Falls at the Farmer’s Market on March 3. The cookoff benefitted the Yellow Rose Sertoma Club of Burkburnett TX, who provide funds to help the hearing impaired. The event raised approximately $2,500 from 28 CASI cooks, 11 Bean entries and 9 Open chili entries.

The Black Sheep Pod cookoff became a family affair with three Thomsons placing at the event. Barry “Bear” Thompson, grandfather, won third place chili, while grandson David “Shooter” Thompson won second place chili. And grandson Gavin Thompson won first place in the Open chili division.

Mel Fitzhenry, Great Pepper of the Black Sheep Pod, presented the first-place chair to Shelley Stokes of Wichita Falls, and she is now qualified to cook at TICC. Melvin Joyner, Gold Star Chili Company, took first in show and John Brock took first in beans.

Cindy Noe
PoT Pod Hosts US Open

We held the US National Open Championship on Saturday, February 10 at the Oakdale Park in Glen Rose, Texas. Even though we had cold weather, we had an outstanding turnout – 134 chilis and 26 BBQ teams.

The Somerville Cancer Support Group did a great job getting volunteers to help with the cookoff, and they provided the meal on Friday night. On Saturday, non-cooks did most of the chili judging.

Congrats to our newest Champion, none other than Larry Walton from Robinson, Texas, 2011 TICC Champion.

_Dianne Stimson_, Great Pepper Proud of Texas Pod

From beginning ... to end ...

... despite working to stay warm ...

... we still managed to have fun with our friends ...

Photos courtesy Mission St. Photography
... and loved ones.

We showed off our trophies ...

... compared the relative ages of our dogs and "dogs" ...

... and raised money for the Somerville Cancer Support Group.
I sometimes struggle to entertain y’all but this subject has been in discussion for months. Our critters may have four legs, but they’re a part of CASI too.

It seems we all have one or are partial to someone else’s. Whether it’s Moonshine watching over the Buzzard Bar or the Hoy’s guard dogs patrolling the Krazy Flats Saloon, our extended fuzzy families are important to chili cooks.

Who hasn’t been to the Elks five-day cookoff and seen Bruce and Sharon’s doggie Austin sniffing out the pots, or Carol Knight and Skipper on their early morning stroll at the Texas Open? Heck, even Kenny Morgenroth sometimes gets to go on poop pickup patrol.

These furry friends help us to remember why we hit the Chili Trail every weekend; someone or something needs us to help them. At cookoffs the folks of the Charities need our help, but we need our fur-balls.

You see most folks spend about three hours preparing to battle with their bowls of Red. We talk about our children, the cookoff, CASI and, to paraphrase Randy Travis, “Old men sit and talk about the weather, and the old women talk about the old men.” Because we do love them “forever and ever, amen!”

But sometimes love hurts. Our Scotsman lost Angus at TICC. I lost my Boy Duke right after TICC 2017, and now Ole Sarge has left the Lindsey with beautiful memories and a void of the daily “happy to see you” wag.

These creatures all have unique personalities as well. I have always said that Sara, whom the Klades belong to, reminds me of George Patton – stern of stature, never one to be distracted and always at attention. That attention paid off one cold winter’s day at the Bastrop CO. The wind blew so hard that Brent’s side tarp caught under the table I was cooking on and table, stove, chili pot and iron skillet full of meatballs came at me. I managed to catch the table, stove and gravy, but the skillet landed right side up on the ground and one of the meatballs popped out on the grass. Well, there was the steadfast Sara ready and willing to keep the camp clean. My cup was a lil’ short that day on meat, but Sara thought it was prize-winning chili!

So next time you see Mel Smith’s or Janet Nash’s lap dogs enjoying your efforts, stop and say howdy. A pat on the head is a must. If you happen to be cooking with Becky Allen, ask her the story of the lost member of the George West Cat Alliance and how her connecting saved that Critter. Go ahead and call Ferguson “Bartholomew” – Christine Knight says he doesn’t mind.

If I’ve failed to mention your best friend I apologize. Tell me about them as we meet along the Trail. Send a letter to the editor and tell your story of our special CASI members.

I always say there is a reason Dog is God spelled backwards. And Cats … well who really understands cats, but I love to hear ‘em purrrrr.

See ya at a cookoff soon, I hope, and I just can’t wait to hear your Tales from the Trail!

Ricky Bobby
Everyone is doing a great job creating cookoffs online! There are only a couple of things I need to call to your attention.

When you create a cookoff and you don’t request a box of *Trails*, cup tickets, or a rule book, you will not receive a packet of forms by regular mail. Your forms will be included in your approval email as a .PDF file. Please print out the forms, and fill in your cookoff date and the cookoff number shown on the approval email.

When submitting cookoff info for me to put into the system, please use the form online or in the *Terlingua Trails* so all information needed will be covered. Often email addresses, zip codes and counties are left off. If you are doing the input yourself and have a problem, please contact me instead of trying to submit again, especially if you get an error message. Thank you for your support!

Thank you, everyone, for working so hard and adjusting to the CMS so wonderfully. I appreciate your help.

If you have a cookoff coming up in the month of JUNE, your cookoff information must be to me no later than APRIL 15th to meet the cookoff advertising requirement. You may enter your information at www.casichili.net or you can complete the Upcoming Cookoff Information form found in the back of the Trails and send it by mail to me at CASI Events, 802 Horizon Dr, Murphy TX 75094, by fax to 972.578.9232, or by email to casievent@casichili.net. If you have any questions you can reach me at 214.802.8194.

Nancy Hewlett
Events Coordinator

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4/7/2018-2503-San Antonio TX Car Fest San Antonio. Freeman Coliseum Expo Hall San Antonio TX 78217. Turn in: 2pm. Fee: $25. Meat: Open. Charity: Community of Automotive Professionals. BBQ IBCA rules apply at Car Fest San Antonio at Freeman Coliseum Expo Hall. Jackpot beans TBD. Plenty of RV parking. Dry Camping Only. Info at carfestlsa.org or on FB @carfestSA. April 6, 6-10pm April 7-8, 10am-6pm FREEADMISSION. See the pros as they work on 25 vehicles for charity – one car every two hours: Saturday-Sunday 10am-6pm. FREE CAR GIVEAWAYS!

Contact: Ricky Powell 817-690-0211 trickryrickybobby@gmail.com


4/8/2018-2249-Dallas TX Pendery’s Day After CO. 1221 Manufacturing Dallas TX 75207. Turn in: 1pm. Fee: $30. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Various. This is a two-day event. See day before. Judging will be hosted at Peticola’s Brewing Company. Contact: Nancy Hewlett 214-802-8194 Nancyhewlett@msn.com


4/14/2018-2440-Houston TX CASI Houston Pod 47th Annual CO. 7979 N Eldridge Parkway Houston TX 77041. AQ Turn in: 2pm. Fee: $25. Meat: Open. Charity: Special Olympics of Texas. Cook and show under the Gray Expo Pavilion. Friday night welcome gathering with music and snacks. Saturday morning kick-start “made to order” omelet breakfast 8-10 am. 15th Annual Ron Charlton Junior CC (ages 6 - 17), each junior cook will receive 2 pounds of grind, $5 entry, turn in 11am. Jackpot beans for top 3, $10 entry, turn in noon.
Saturday night Happy Hour & Music by Nigel Delgado. Frito pie and chili sales. Drawings. Acres and acres of vendors at Traders Village. Plenty of RV parking behind Gray Pavilion, no hookups or call 281-890-5500 for reservations and full hookups at Traders Village RV Park. See Sunday’s CO - breakfast casserole cookoff. Contact: Nancy Draper 713-562-2798 Nancydraper56@gmail.com

4/14/2018-2520-Beaver OK 24th Annual Cowchip CO. 1000 block of South Douglas Ave Beaver OK 73932. Turn in: 12pm. Fee: $20. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Beaver County Chapter of the OEMTA. Come have fun with us, as we have one of the best run cookoffs in the 5-state area and give away some really neat prizes for the winners. Contact: Bill Greenfield 806-339-4646 Bubbatexokie@gmail.com


4/14/2018-2540-Hobbs NM Hobbs Spring Cookoffs. 2920 W Marland Blvd Hobbs NM 88240. Turn in: 2pm. Fee: $20. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Hobbs High School Senior Bash Fund. Held at Hobbs Loyal Order of the Moose. If the weather is bad, we can cook inside. Some RV hookups on First-Come First-Served basis. Plenty of dry camping. The Loom will be serving a chicken fried steak meal from 6-8pm for $10. Contact: Jennifer Sherfield 575-441-0535 jennifer.sherfield@yahoo.com

4/14/2018-2541-Hobbs NM Day 2 of Hobbs Spring Cookoffs. 2920 W Marland Blvd Hobbs NM 88240. Turn in: 12pm. Fee: $20. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Lea County Charities. Cookoff to be held at the Loyal Order of the Moose. There are RV hook-ups on a first come, first serve basis. Plenty of dry camping. We can cook inside if the weather is bad. Contact: Jennifer Sherfield 575-441-0535 jennifer.sherfield@yahoo.com

4/21/2018-2379-Gladewater TX East Texas Gusher Days. 211 N. Main St. Gladewater TX 75647. Turn in: 1pm. Fee: $20. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Scholarships. Held in downtown Gladewater. “Antique Capital of East Texas.” Jackpot Beans entry fee is $5 with turn-in at Noon. Trophies and prizes will be awarded for 1st Place Chili, 1st Place Bean, and Peoples’ Choice Award. Door prizes galore! Everyone leaves a winner! Come in early and join us for the Cooks BBQ and libation on Friday night. RV s are welcome, sorry, no hookups. Designated parking area. East Texas Gusher Days includes a parade, antique car and
motorcycle show, karaoke on the main stage, food vendors of all types, arts & crafts, live entertainment, street dance, carnival amusement rides and games and much more. More contact info at Chamber of Commerce 903-845-5501. Contact: Jim Bardwell 903-235-8543 jbardwell@gladewatermirror.com

4/21/2018-2399-Seguin TX Texas Ladies State Chili Championship. 650 River Dr. Seguin TX 78155. AQ Turn in: 1pm. Fee: $35. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: GVFVS & Other Charities. Texas Ladies State Chili Championship will be held at Max Starke Park East. It’s an Automatic Qualifier for 2018 TICC. There will be a Cooks Party & Meal on Friday Night. Nigel will be there Friday and Saturday nights for your listening pleasure. On Saturday we will be having a Silent Auction & Raffle Drawing, 50/50, and our Liquor Wagon. Anyone wishing to donate to the Liquor wagon please contact Jeanette Cardenas; she will be glad to help you. Entry to the park is 6 am Thursday - Parks Dept. Rules Please make checks payable to Texas Ladies State (TLS) Send To: Rollond Pate 1201 S. Rainbow Ranch Rd, Wimberley, TX 78676. Register Early First 200 receive Goody Bags. On behalf of all the Directors of TLS we are all looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at TLS this year to make this another memorable year. See you there!! Look for updates on the Texas Ladies State Chili Championship Facebook page. Contact: Patsy Kimball 830-660-7117 pkschilitls@gmail.com


4/21/2018-2051-Elgin AZ Southeast Arizona Regional CO. 370 Elgin Road Elgin AZ 85611. AQ Turn in: 1pm. Fee: $25. Meat: Open. Charity: Mountain Empire Rotary. Dry RV parking at the Kief-Joshua Winery. Cook where you camp or put up your Pop-Up. Cooks dinner Friday evening with meat provided by Kief. Please bring a side dish to share. Wine tasting, food booths, raffles, “Chopped” cooking competition. To get to the Kief-Joshua winery from I-10, Exit #281, Rte 83 to Sonoita. Stay on 83 to Elgin Road, (mile marker 28). Turn left. Kief-Joshua will be 3.7 miles on your left. If coming from Hwy 90, turn west on Rte 82 - turn left on Upper Elgin Road. The winery is 1mile past the bridge on the right. Contact: Sunny Fichtl 520-459-2081 sunnyfi@cox.net

4/21/2018-2523-Ft Davis TX 4th Annual Mile High Chili Cookoff. Davis Mountain State Park Ft Davis TX 79734. Turn in: 1pm. Fee: $20. Meat: Open. Charity: Texas Master Naturalist. This CO is held in the main RV parking areas. There will also be a “no rules” bean and salsa competition. Entry fee is $5 each category. Full RV hook-up spaces are available; you can cook where you park. Motel lodging is available nearby at the Indian Lodge located within the park. Participants in this contest are asked to make reservations by April 3, 2017 and those that do will receive a 20% discount on RV space/motel accommodations. These discounts only apply to the cooks and their family members. The info is needed so appropriate actions can be taken to facilitate the cookoff. To make RV reservations contact Jacob Barton 432-249-9866, Jacob.barton@tpwd.texas.gov For reservations at the Indian Lodge contact Customer Service Center 512-389-8982. For more info about Davis Mountains State Park or the Indian Lodge visit www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-park/davis-mountains or www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/indian-lodge Contact: Bobby Elliott 915-755-4419 coachili@aol.com

4/22/2018-2052-Elgin AZ Arizona State Open. 370 Elgin road Elgin AZ 85611. AQ Turn in: 1pm. Fee: $20. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Patagonia-Sonoita Rotary. Spend the weekend and cook a second day at the Vineyard at the 40th Annual Arizona Open. Also, chop up your award-winning Salsa and compete with some Tucson Chefs. Live music, food booths, and wine tasting. Contact: Sunny Fichtl 520-459-2081 sunnyfi@cox.net

4/22/2018-2524-Ft Davis TX 4th Annual Mile High Day After CO. Davis Mountain State Park Ft Davis TX 79734. Turn in: 12pm. Fee: $20. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Tierra Grande Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalis. This CO is held Sunday at Davis Mountains State Park in main RV park area. Full RV hook up spaces are available in the park and you can cook where you park. Motel lodging is available nearby at the Indian Lodge located within the park. Participants in this contest are asked to make reservations by April 3, 2018 and those that do will receive a 20% discount on RV space/motel accommodations. These discounts only apply to the cooks. To make RV reservations contact Jacob Barton at 432-249-9866 or email him at Jacob.barton@tpwd.texas.gov For reservations at the Indian Lodge contact the Customer Service Center 512-389-8982. For more info about Davis Mountains State Park or the Indian Lodge visit www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-park/davis-mountains or www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/indian-lodge Contact: Bobby Elliott 915-755-4419 coachili@aol.com

4/28/2018-2337-Sherman TX Sherman Lion’s Club 1st Annual CO. 1313 FM 1417 Sherman TX 75090. Turn in: 1pm. Fee: $25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Sherman Evening Lion’s Club. People’s Choice Local Restaurant CO. Rules: None. Held at Sherman Elks Lodge #2280. Breakfast Buffet, Beer, Live Music. Dry camping available. Make checks payable to Texas Ladies State (TLS) Send To: Rolland Pate 1201 S. Rainbow Ranch Rd, Wimberley, TX 78676. Register Early First 200 receive Goody Bags. On behalf of all the Directors of TLS we are all looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at TLS this year to make this another memorable year. See you there!! Look for updates on the Texas Ladies State Chili Championship Facebook page. Contact: Patsy Kimball 830-660-7117 pkschilitls@gmail.com

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Contact: Adam Ailand 972-672-6229
bigaca79@yahoo.com

4/28/2018-2408-Dallas TX Dallas FOE 3108. 8500 Arturo Dr Dallas TX 75228. Turn in: 1pm. Fee: $25. Meat: Open. Charity: Denise Landers Cancer Fund. Bean entry fee is $5, with 50-30-20 split. Bean turn in is Noon. Grounds will open at 8am. There will be a 50/50 raffle. There is plenty of room on tennis court for pop ups as well as under the trees. RV parking is available. No hook ups. Come Friday night for dinner. Be aware that if it’s rainy the week before, our grounds can get quite muddy and limit RV parking. Call beforehand if you have any questions. For more info contact Dave Hewlett at davehewlett@msn.com or call FOE 3108 at (214) 327-9563 Contact: Ben Stewart 214-674-0582 bds@benjaminstewart.com


4/28/2018-2547-Onoronog MO 6th Annual Vines & GRIND CO. 17705 County Road 260 Oronogo MO 64855. Turn in: 1pm. Fee: $25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Low Vision Technology. 6th Annual Vines & GRIND Outdoor Wine tasting and CASI Chili Cook Off. Come early, spend the day on the beautiful grounds of the Keltoi Vineyards. You will have the opportunity to sample chili from the area’s finest competitors as well as sample hand crafted wines from the Keltoi Winery. Enjoy the beautiful spring afternoon on the grounds as you listen to live music, sip a glass of wine and enjoy some great food! $25 for One, $10 for Each Additional Category. Traditional Salsa - turn in at Noon No Rules Chili - turn in 2. Entry Fee includes One Chili & Wine Tasting Wristband & Glass. Tasting Wristband Donation: $8/person or $15/couple. Beer & Wine available for purchase on grounds. Wine tasting only available for those 21 and over. Contact: Jon Tupper 417-439-8605 ion2234@cableone.net

4/28/2018-2557-San Angelo TX Spring CO. 5237 S. Bryant Blvd San Angelo TX 76904. Turn in: 1pm. Fee: $20. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Family Shelter. New, single day event; Held at Unity Church on the North West corner of Loop 306 and S. Bryant (US Hwy 87) access road, next to the historic Ben Ficklin Cemetery. We will have a raffle, live dessert auction, and 50/50 drawing. Contact: Wesley Hefflin 325-245-6006 semper.infernous@suddenlink.net

4/29/2018-2409-Dallas TX Dallas FOE 3108 Day 2. 8500 Arturo Dr Dallas TX 75228. Turn in: 12pm. Fee: $25. Meat: Open. Charity: Denise Landers Cancer Fund. Grounds will open at 8:00 am. There is plenty of room on tennis court for pop ups as well as under the trees. RV parking is available. No hook ups. Be aware that if it’s rainy the week before, our grounds can get quite muddy and limit RV parking. Call beforehand if you have any questions. For more info contact Dave Hewlett at davehewlett@msn.com or call FOE 3108 at (214) 327-9563 Contact: Ben Stewart 214-674-0582 bds@benjaminstewart.com


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5/5/2018-2489-West Tawakoni TX
VFW Post 2559. Hwy 276 West Tawakoni TX 75474 Turn in: 1pm. Fee: $25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: VFW Relief Fund. Please come out and help us support our relief fund. Breakfast served for chili cooks. Jackpot beans $5.00 turn in at Noon. Contact: Dennis Bell 903-458-1541 wildstang@netzero.com

5/5/2018-2494-Noblesville IN

5/5/2018-2515-El Paso TX

5/5/2018-2548-Langley BC

5/5/2018-2563-Lewisville TX

5/5/2018-2578-Plainview TX
Mark Marley Go Big or Go Home BBQ Bash & CO. 3400 W 4th Street Plainview TX 79072. Turn in: 2:30pm. Fee: $25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: American Cancer Society. Come out and join us for the Annual Mark Marley GO BIG or GO HOME BBQ Bash and Chili Cookoff, to be held at Running Water Draw Park in Plainview, TX (Take Exit 49B off of I-27 and head south on the south bound access road.) In addition to the CASI Chili Cookoff there will be a SCA Steak Cookoff on Friday 3/4/18 and a sanctioned IBCA BBQ Cookoff on Saturday. There will be food vendors, Car Show, Horseshoe and Volleyball Tournaments and Live Bands. For more information please visit www.MarkMarleyBBQbash.com Contact: Leigh Ann Bradley 806-518-9274 Kyleandleighann@gmail.com

5/5/2018-2579-Wichita Falls TX
Fall-stown Chili, Brews & BBQ. 1000 5th Street Wichita Falls TX 76301 Turn in: 2pm. Fee: $25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: North Texas Area United Way. RV parking with limited hookups. Cooking will be done outside. BBQ cookoff on same day. Beans turn in 11am, chicken turn in 12, ribs turn in 1:30pm and brisket turn in 3pm. On Friday, May 4th, there will be SCA Steak, appetizer, dessert and margarita contests. Contact Matt Yell, myell@ntauw.org 940-322-8638 for more information on the BBQ and Friday events. Contact: Cindy Nee 940-733-6086 cnoces@gmail.com

5/6/2018-2478-Marble Falls TX
Highland Lakes Pod “Backbone” CO. 230 Ave J Marble Falls TX 78654. AQ Turn in: 1pm. Fee: $20. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Marble Falls VFD, Marble Falls Boys Scout Troop #284 and Marble Falls Helping Center. Held at Johnson Park, beautiful park on Backbone Creek. Plenty of room for day cooks and RV’s (no hookups). Please no parking or setup prior to Wednesday, May 2nd at 8am. Make checks payable to HLP and mail to 502 East Ave, Marble Falls, TX 78654. For additional info contact Craig 512-507-9089 or slizzie5603@yahoo.com Lodging: www.marblefalls.org 733-6086 Contact: Darin for RV space. Must contact Darin for RV space. RV parking available on-site – no hookups. Must contact Darin for RV space. Contact Tonya Jester 317-319-4962, crazyladychili@gmail.com or Darin Jester 317-319-4961, flashoverchili@sbcglobal.net Checks payable to Indiana Pepper Pod and mail to 6633 Cordova Court, Indianapolis, IN 46221. This is held in conjunction with ICS Indiana State. Contact: Tonya Jester 317-319-4962 crazyladychili@gmail.com

5/12/2018-2513-Cleburne TX

5/12/2018-2533-Pinehurst TX
4th annual Flip or Flop Chili Cookoff. Shane’s Saloon 111 Weakley Way Road Pinehurst TX 77362. Turn in: 2pm. Fee: $25. Meat: Open. Charity: Adapt and Overcome. Beans $10 turn in 1pm Salsa $10 turn in noon Homestyle chili $25 turn in 2pm. RV parking no hookups. For directions and info on charity call Kim Mince
5/12/2018-2016-Somerset TX Alamo Area Pod Cook Off. 20295 Somerset Rd Somerset TX 78069. AQ Turn in: 2pm. Fee: $20. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: American Legion Post 443. Covered pavilion, cold beverages and auto qualifier for first place chili. Come on and cook chili to help the American Legion and have a lot of fun. Contact: Connie Schrade 210-823-3272 chilirose@aol.com

5/12/2018-2549-Grapevine TX 5/12/2018-2551-Grapevine TX 5/12/2018-2556-Colfax NC 2914 Sandy Ridge Rd. Colfax NC 27235. Turn in: 12pm. Fee: $12. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Epilepsy Foundation of NC. Located at Piedmont Triad Farmers Market just off Sandy Ridge Road and HWY 40. Tent cooking is in open field on the left as you come into the market. There are 4-5 RV parking spots that are first come first serve. CSI Chili, Freestyle and Juniors chili. Turn in at Noon. Bring lots of throw down as there will be a large crowd. Public tasting will begin at 10pm. Cook’s meeting at 9:30am. Registration will begin immediately afterward. There will be live entertainment, cool prizes, special surprises, clowns, face painting, exciting games & yummy food. Cooks, Judges and Volunteers needed. Contact: Joel Bowman 336-432-4241 joelatfnb@hotmail.com


5/19/2018-2581-Crane TX Black Gold Pod Cookoff. 801 North West 3rd St Crane TX 79731. AQ Turn in: 2pm. Fee: $25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: pod Cookoff. Kids cook off also. Entry fee is $5 turn in is at 12pm. RV Hook up is limited, Black Gold will have burgers and more on Sat night. Contact: Kathi Hudson 432-559-4765 cowboychaser1962@yahoo.com

5/26/2018-2473-Durant OK Southwest Open Chili Championship. 3650 Enterprise Blvd. Durant OK 74701. AQ Turn in: 1pm. Fee: $25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: KOA Camp for Kids. Held at Choctaw KOA RV park. AQ for top 3 chilis and 1st. Show. Choctaw casino will be giving chairs to the top 20 Chilis and top 3 show. There is also a chair for the furthest traveled and the oldest participating cook, excluding previous winners. Prize drawing for pre-registered cooks before May 12TH. Registration for chili begins at 4pm to 5:30pm on Friday May 25TH. Cooks party of tacos and the fixins to begin at 6pm on Friday. Please bring a side dish or dessert if you can. Mail entry info to Monica Taylor @ 4703 Devonshire St., Wichita Falls, TX. 76302. RV spots are $35, 800-562-6073. Hotel rates to follow. Also contact Barry Thompson at 940-444-1936, btstbearb@aol.com Contact: Cindy Noe 940-733-6086 cnoecasi@gmail.com

5/26/2018-2475-Spicewood TX Spicewood Community Center. 7901 CR 410 Spicewood TX 78669. Turn in:2pm. Fee: $20. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Spicewood Community Center. Sponsered by Highland Lake Pod and Lonestar BBQ Society. You may Start set up Thursday 8am. We will have dinner 6pm Thursday. Will be followed by games and fellowship. Saturday 9am breakfast. Registration starts at 3pm. Bloody Mary and cooks' choice competition Friday 7pm turn in, $10 each and 75% pay back. Cook party, C & C Catering serving dinner at 6:30pm. Followed by 2 Reunion (will start at 7:30pm, $10 per person, winer receives engraved domino set each) and fellowship evening. Friday evening, we will have live music and karaoke. Saturday registration 8:30am. Cooks breakfast 9am. Entry for Lonestar BBQ will be $125 for one or all four meats: brisket, ribs, chicken, and pulled pork. ($4000 pay out). All meat payouts are: 1st $500, 2nd $200, 3rd $100 and 4th $25 in each category and director chair for top 3 in all categories. Lonestar BBQ beans 1st place $200, 2nd $100 and director chair for top 3 places in beans. Grand Champion BBQ $250 and Reserve Champion BBQ $100. Cook party 6pm meat provided, bring side dish. Followed by Texas Hold’em Tournament $30 buy in winner take all. Concession, 50/50, silent auction, vendors. RV parking, no hookups. Room for day cooks. Contact: Craig Schliche 512-507-9089 schlice5603@yahoo.com

5/26/2018-2496-Victoria TX Spring Flings CO. 500 Colet Park Rd Victoria
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CANCELED 6/1/2018-2530-Stafford TX Space City Pre-Pod CO. 10150 W. Airport Blvd Stafford TX 77477. Contact: Kent Cavender 713-818-5587 kcv.casi@gmail.com

6/2/2018-2371-Lone Oak TX Bull Creek CASI CO. Downtown Lone Oak Lone Oak TX 75753. Turn in: 1pm. Fee: $20. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Lone Oak Volunteer Fire Department. Held under the Pavilion behind the stores on Hwy 69. Turn right at the stop light. Then turn left behind the stores to the pavilion. Beans $5 pays top 3, Turn in 12noon for beans. Some RV hookups available by the pavilion. First come basis. Contact: Courtney Thornton 903-268-3497 loneoakgrocery@yahoo.com


6/2/2018-2531-Stafford TX Space City Pod Annual Pod CO. 10150 W. Airport Blvd Stafford TX 77477. AQ Turn in: 2pm. Fee: $25. Meat: Open. Charity: TBD. On Friday, June 1 we will have a 31 Tournament and it is steak night at the Elks 151 Lodge. Bring your own steak and pay a small fee for potato, salad and tea. Champion Chili Spices auction opens. Junior cookoff, 11am, free entry. Jackpot beans, noon turn in, $10. Dessert Off, 2:30 turn in, $5 entry, whole desserts. Contact: Kent Cavender 713-818-5587 kcv.casi@gmail.com


6/3/2018-2543-Hobbs NM Day 2 of Hobbs Summer Cookoffs. 2920 W Marland Blvd Hobbs NM 88240. Turn in: 12pm. Fee: $20. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Light of Lea County. Cookoff to be held at the Hobbs Loyal Order of the Moose. Some RV hook-ups on a first come, first serve basis. Plenty of dry camping. The LOOM, will be serving a steak dinner for $12 from 6-8pm. We can cook inside if the weather is bad. Contact: Jennifer Sherfield 575-441-6535 jennifer.sherfield@yahoo.com

6/3/2018-2553-Stafford TX Hobbs Summer Fun Cookoffs. 2920 W Marland Blvd Hobbs NM 88240. Turn in: 2pm. Fee: $20. Meat: Open. Charity: CASA of Lea County. Cookoff to be held at the Hobbs Loyal Order of the Moose. Some RV hook-ups on a first come, first serve basis. Plenty of dry camping. The LOOM, will be serving a steak dinner for $12 from 6-8pm. We can cook inside if the weather is bad. Contact: Jennifer Sherfield 575-441-6535 jennifer.sherfield@yahoo.com

6/6/2018-2554-Stafford TX Hobbs Summer Cookoffs. 2920 W Marland Blvd Hobbs NM 88240. Turn in: 2pm. Fee: $20. Meat: Open. Charity: CASA of Lea County. Cookoff to be held at the Hobbs Loyal Order of the Moose. Some RV hook-ups on a first come, first serve basis. Plenty of dry camping. The LOOM, will be serving a steak dinner for $12 from 6-8pm. We can cook inside if the weather is bad. Contact: Jennifer Sherfield 575-441-6535 jennifer.sherfield@yahoo.com
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6/9/2018-2529-West Tawakoni TX Foxhole Restaurant Bar & Grill. 1433 E. State Hwy 276 West Tawakoni TX 75474. Turn in: 2pm. Fee: $25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Quinlan/Rains ISD Scholarship Funds. The Foxhole Restaurant, bar and grill offers a full menu for breakfast, lunch and dinner. There will be 50/50 and a Wheel of Fortune game with lots of good prizes. Fried fish will be available for a donation. Entertainment provided by Blue Kountry band. RV parking is available – no hookups. Contact: James Burns 903-445-2954 wildstang@netzero.com

6/9/2018-2565-Richmond TX Dry Creek Social Club Cookoff. 3333 FM 359 Richmond TX 77406. Turn in: 2pm. Fee: $25. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: Hurricane Harvey-Maccagnan Family. Weekend cookoff for a family affected by Hurricane Harvey. They lost everything in the hurricane including their home and cars and they had no flood insurance. They were trying to rebuild their lives and a few months later the dad passed away. The weekend is devoted to this family who will be attending the weekend events. Dry Creek Social Club does not open until noon on Saturday so make special note of turn in times. Fixin’s, 2pm, $10 entry. Local chili, 2pm, $10 entry. Queso at 3, $10 entry. There will be a live auction with some great items immediately following announcements. We will also have a Cornhole tournament and a Redneck Golf (or Ladder Golf) tournament after the auction, $5 per team of 2 entry fee. Plenty of dry camping available in a grassy area. Huge patio with a bar + new outdoor restrooms. Food trucks will be on site for dinner options. Please no outside alcohol-support Dry Creek. There is a wide variety of craft and nationally branded beer and wines. Dry Creek has games like pool, shuffleboard, darts, backgammon, dominoes and a special “vinyl” room for you to play records from the library. Nice indoor dance floor, too. A bounce house will be on site for children that attend. A photo booth with a professional photographer has been donated, so come ready to take pictures. If you have anything to contribute towards the auction, contact Susan Armand. This benefit cookoff is supported by Piney Woods Pod. Contact: Susan Armand 713-248-0681 susanandken@prodigy.net


6/9/2018-2575-Frederick MD Mid Atlantic Regional. 793 E Patrick St Frederick MD 21701. AQ Turn in: 2pm. Fee: $25. Meat: Open. Charity: Make A Wish Foundation. Join us for the Mid Atlantic Regional CO. This CO will be held at the Frederick County Fairgrounds. This is an AUTOMATIC QUALIFIER for our overall winner, so come on out and stake your claim to be the next Mid Atlantic Regional Champ. Set up begins at 9am. Please bring people’s choice chili for public tasting to raise money for our charity. Loaner equipment available for out of town and new cooks, so put this one on your calendar! THANK YOU and hope to see you there! Contact: Kit Rudd 432-228-3783 kit Rudd@casichili.com


6/16/2018-2467-Chugwater WY Chugwater Chili Cookoff. PO Box 222 Chugwater WY 82210. AQ Turn in: 1pm. Fee: $20. Meat: Open. Charity: Chugwater Community Center, Chugwater Historical Group, Chugwater Fire Department, Chugwater School Groups (FFA, FBLA), Chugwater Economic Development Group. 33rd Annual Chugwater Chili Cookoff. Bring the family and enjoy a day of food, fun, music, and of course chili tasting at Wyoming’s State Championship Chili Cookoff! For more information or to become a competitor visit www.chugwaterchilicookoff.org. Contact: Terri Skiba 719-338-8437 chugwaterchilicookoff@gmail.com


MVFD, noon turn in. RVs welcome, no hook ups. Goodie bags to first 30 entries. Italian food Friday nite 7pm. Bring side dish. Fred Carter 972-896-3907 MVFD Contact: Dottie Carnes 903-880-3737 bturtle2u@aol.com

6/16/2018-2577-Katy TX 3rd Annual Katy Elks Blast into Summer. 1050 Katy Fort Bend Rd Katy TX 77493. Turn in: 2pm. Fee: $20. Meat: Open. Charity: Katy Elks Charities. 50/50 Jackpot Beans, $10 entry fee, noon turn in and 50/50 Jackpot Salsa, $10 entry fee, 1pm turn in. Contact: Nancy Draper 713-562-2798 nancy.draper56@gmail.com


6/24/2018-2485-Princeton IA 16th Annual 3-I Regional Open Chili Championship. 411 River Drive Princeton IA 52768. AQ Turn in: 2pm. Fee: $30. Meat: Open. Charity: TBD. Held on the banks of the mighty Mississippi River at the “Go Fish Marina Bar and Grill”. Come and enjoy a great time and fellowship with your friends and family at the best spot for the greatest food and cold drinks on the Mississippi River! Auto qualifier for the top 3 chili cooks and the top showmanship team or person. To help the charity all cooks are encouraged to bring extra throw down chili for the large public crowd and boating patrons! This is the 2nd day of a 2 day cook off, same location. For additional info Brian Spencer, bspencer1@comcast.net, 409-658-3440 or www.gofishmarinabarandgrill.com Contact: Gary Christensen 319-721-1580 chilliman1955@yahoo.com

6/24/2018-2538-Culpeper VA Virginia State Chili Championship. 18351 Corkys Lane Culpeper VA 22701. AQ Turn in: 2pm. Fee: $30. Meat: Open. Charity: TBD. Come and enjoy Virginia Wine Country and participate at the Virginia State Chili Championship. This is an auto qualifier for the winner and top 3 VA cooks Contact: Dick DeiTos 703-273-5075 dick.deitos@gmail.com

6/24/2018-2561-Waco TX Proud of Texas 1st AQ Cook Off. 400 Karem Shrine Circle Waco TX 76712. AQ Turn in: 12pm. Fee: $20. Meat: Chili Grind. Charity: GP Hotel Room GPM. The Proud of Texas Pod is holding its 1st POD AQ on Sunday June.24,2018 (so COME ON out get your first ever qualifying that is all I am going to say at this point See previous day cook off Contact: Dianne Stimson 254-855-2767 Winkstintexas@aol.com

6/30/2018-2381-Grand Lake CO 35th Annual State of Colorado CO. Town
Park Grand Lake CO 80447. AQ Turn in: 1pm. Fee: $25. Meat: Open. Charity: Independent Sports Club of Grand County/Youth of Grand County. CASI red, CO State Green and CO State Salsa competitions. Cook at 9000 feet in a COOL grass park surrounded by the Majestic Rocky Mountains in beautiful Grand Lake. Fees $25 but cook two divisions for $40. There is no charge for a third division. Top three Colorado residents auto quality for TICC 2018. Green turn in at 2 pm. Announcements are typically at 4 pm. All cooks that register and pay by June 9 will receive a special chili memento. Send to John Montgomery, 1801 California St, Suite 2200, Denver, CO 80202. For Grand Lake lodging info please contact the Grand Lake Chamber of Commerce at 800-531-1019. Contact: John Montgomery 303-831-5061 coloradochili@aol.com


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Date of Cookoff* ____________________________ Auto Qualifier Yes/No 

Pod affiliation (if AQ) ____________________________ TYPE ____________________________

Name of Cookoff* ____________________________ City* __________ State* ___ County* __________ ZIP * __________

Cookoff Charity: ____________________________

Entry Fee* $ ______ Turn-in-Time* ______ AM/PM

Contact Information* Name ____________________________

Email address* ____________________________

Phone number* ____________________________

Meat Requirement: open cut grind

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After the event is entered in CMS an email of the event contents will be sent to the contact person and the forms in pdf format will be attached to the email.

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