

**NEDERLAND HERITAGE FESTIVAL**

**2026 CHILI COOK-OFF RULES**

**Date of Event: Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Entry Fee: \$25.00. Non refundable**

**NO CHECKS ACCEPTED**

**SPONSORED BY MARKET BASKET**

1. Complete applications should be submitted to the Nederland Heritage Festival Office by 5:00 p.m., on Friday before the event. Each team (1 per team) will receive a \$40 gift card from Market Basket for entering this contest! Information: NHF Office 409-724-2269  
**Nederland Heritage Festival P. O. Box 1176 Nederland, TX 77627**
2. Each Chili Team must have a 5-# A-B-C fire extinguisher in their cooking area. Do not leave fires unattended at any time.
3. Electricity will not be provided.
4. A container will be furnished for Judge's samples. All remaining chili will be sold to the public with the proceeds going to the Nederland Heritage Festival.
5. The Nederland Heritage Festival has provided a wash area located in the Cuisine Walk (concession area) in the parking lot next to the Chamber of Commerce.
6. Your cooking area must be left clean. Clean up involves picking up paper, left over food, grease spills and decorations. Trash cans are centrally located for your convenience.
7. **Booth set-up is at 7:00 a.m. No one will be allowed to set up prior to this time.**  
Cooking will begin at **8:00 a.m.** Chili must be prepared on site and from scratch. Rice & condiments may be prepared in advance. Each team must provide **3-5 gallons** of Chili for public tasting and judging. Only 1 vehicle per booth spot will be allowed to park on the side of the tax office.
8. Judging will start at **10:30 a.m.** Judges decisions are final. Awards presentation will follow the completion of the judging.
9. Spaces are approximately 10' x 10'. This could vary depending on the number of entries.
10. Port-o-lets including handicap accessible will be provided.
11. The Nederland Heritage Festival reserves the right to refuse any group to open and/or require any group to close.
12. NO parking in front OR behind the Tax office. Spots will be blocked off for Tax office employees.

Chili Trophies: **First, Second, & Third Place**  
Special Trophy: **Taster's Choice**

# **NEDERLAND HERITAGE FESTIVAL 2026 CHILI COOK-OFF APPLICATION**

**NAME OF TEAM/INDIVIDUAL:**

**ADDRESS:**

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** Cell: **Work:**

**CONTACT PERSON:**

**MAILING ADDRESS:**

## CHILI TEAM CAPTAIN:

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

## CHILI TEAM MEMBERS

Have you participated in a Chili Cook-off before? If yes, when & where

**Will you have a sponsor? Yes No**

If yes, sponsor's name:

**I will not hold the Nederland Heritage Festival Foundation Inc., Mazur & Vernon, LLC or the City of Nederland responsible for any accident or injury or loss of property during the Nederland Heritage Festival Chili Cook-off. I have read and understand and agree to abide by the rules for the Nederland Heritage Festival Chili Cook-off.**

## **Chili Team Captain's Signature:**

**NHF USE OFFICE ONLY**

Fees Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_