

2016 Rails To Trails Festival

Co-hosted by Lassen Land and Trails Trust & Lassen County Chamber of Commerce

Saturday, October 8, 2016



Chili Cook-Off & Salsa Contest



WHERE:

Lassen Land & Trails Trust Historic Susanville Railroad Depot, 601 Richmond Rd, Susanville.

ENTRY FEE:

A \$10 entry fee is required, and is payable by October 3rd. Fees need to be paid by cash or check payable to Lassen Land & Trails Trust. (No refunds will be given).

SET-UP:

A shade canopy will be provided. Please provide your own table, no larger than 8' long. No electricity is provided. You may cook with Propane only. You must provide everything you will need. (See the attached checklist).

Someone needs to be in your booth space at all times. Try to keep your area clean and tidy. You will need to clean up your area completely when the contest ends.

ARRIVAL TIME:

Setup time is between 7-8am. You must be setup by 9:30am or you will be considered a no show. Locations in the chili tent are selected on a first-come basis.

CHECK IN:

Please check in at the Lassen Land & Trails Trust booth when you arrive.

UNLOADING:

You can drive your vehicle near tents for unloading between 7-8am.

ACTIVITIES:

Beverages will be sold in a trailer set up near the Depot. Food and craft booths will surround the Chili Cook-Off Tents.

The Handcar Races will take place on the railroad tracks from 11am-3pm. There will also be live music and children's activities throughout the day.

CHILDREN:

Children accompanying you must be under your supervision at all times.

Other:

This is a NON-SMOKING event.

Bringing alcohol to the event is only allowed for cooking purposes. ID's will be inspected of any person consuming alcohol on the premises and wrist banded for those 21 years and over.

Turn over for rules



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Chili & Salsa Competition Rules



FOOD PREPARATION:

Chili and salsa must be made on the premises, however, chopping, and other food preparations, such as cooking beans (canned beans are okay) may be done ahead of time. All chili must contain chili powder or fresh chili peppers. Maintain a clean, healthy, and safe environment with good hygiene practices.

CHILI CATEGORIES:

Traditional Red Chili: Any kind of meat or combination of meats cooked with red chili peppers, various spices and other ingredients. NO Pasta or Rice is allowed. Beans are not mandatory. Ingredients can be cut, shredded or ground to any size.

Nontraditional Chili: can be any other type of chili, ie. Chicken, turkey, vegetarian, vegan or chili Verde cooked with red or green chilies and other spices and ingredients.

CHILI GARNISHES:

Chopped onions, shredded cheese, and sour cream may be served; they are not required and will not be added for judging. Corn bread can be served in small portions. Only Chili and garnishes will be served at the chili booth. No other foods may be given out.

JUDGING:

Salsa must be ready to serve by 11am.

Chili must be ready by 11:30 am.

Samples of Chili and Salsa will be taken from each contestant for tasting by the Judges (about 10 oz -1 ¼ cup). Judges will select a Chili winner and a Salsa winner.

PUBLIC TASTING:

Tasting Kit sales will begin at Noon. Please do not give out any samples before this time to the public. Tasting kits will be sold at both ends of the Chili Cooking area. You will need to prepare enough for a steady flow of tasters until 3pm. (Approximately 5 gallons of chili and approximately 2-3 quarts of Salsa). You must provide chips for tasting the salsa. Public tasting will occur between 12-3pm. No other foods will be allowed to be given out.

You will need to provide one vote ticket container each for chili and salsa. Tickets will be gathered for counting at 3pm. Scoop a small amount of Chili (about 1 Tablespoon is enough) into each taster's cup as they visit your table. Tortilla chips are needed for tasting Salsa. Entrees that are found offering any type of lure in exchange for votes will be immediately disqualified.

DECORATIONS:

You may choose to decorate your table for judging. A "Best Decorated Booth Award" will be given and announced with the Chili Cook-Off Winners.

AWARDS:

All awards will be announced at 3:30pm.

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Registration Form

Register your chili, or salsa, or both below. **Each entry** requires a \$10 entry fee:

Name of Chili: _____

Traditional Non-traditional

*See Chili Contest Rules for more details.

Name of Salsa: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Name of Sponsor (if applicable): _____

Entry Fee: \$10 per entry cash or check *made payable to:* **Lassen Land & Trails Trust.**

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Questions?- (530)257-4323 director@lassencountychamber.org

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A table | <input type="checkbox"/> Propane |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Spoons & Ladles | <input type="checkbox"/> Hot Pads, Trivets, & Dish Towels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Table Cloths & Weights/Clamps | <input type="checkbox"/> Decorations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sign with Name of Chili/Organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Ticket Container |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Chests |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aprons | <input type="checkbox"/> Knives |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cutting Boards | <input type="checkbox"/> Can Openers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Towels | <input type="checkbox"/> Serving Dishes for Salsa and Chips |
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