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The 43rd Annual

# Bluegrass & Chili Festival

In Downtown Wagoner, OK

wants you to be a  
**Distinguished Chili-Head**  
at the  
**Mid-America Regional Chili Cook-Off**  
(all divisions)

**Saturday, September 9, 2023**

Presented by: **T-Mobile**



Sanctioned by:  
The International Chili Society (ICS)

And don't forget to enter the the  
**Sizzling Salsa Division**

-  The 43rd Annual Bluegrass & Chili Festival is scheduled for September 8 & 9. The family fun will "sizzle" on the streets of Downtown Wagoner.
-  The Festival features nationally acclaimed bands in Family entertainment. Headlining this year will be Rhonda Vincent, Appalachian Road Show, the Malpass Brothers, and more!
-  A host of great regional bands and youth Performers will entertain throughout the weekend. Other activities include Festival Market, Art & Crafts, Open Car Show, Junior Showcase, and more great family fun! New this year, the Fireman's Combat Challenge!
-  An exciting highlight of the Festival is the Mid-America Regional Chili Cook-Off, which will take place on Saturday, September 9th. Teams will compete for cash, prizes, trophies and bragging rights!!!
-  The International Chili Society Division winners will represent the Festival at the World Cook-Off...where teams compete for almost a \$100,000 in prizes.
-  All entries will compete for show prizes and more!
-  Don't forget the spicy Salsa Division ~ also scheduled for Saturday ~ so prepare your favorite recipe.

## **TASTING KITS WILL BE AVAILABLE!**

### SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE (ALL DIVISIONS)

- 8:30 AM..... Chili Teams set-up begins
- 10:30 AM..... Head Cook Meeting
- 11:00 AM..... Chili Cooks begin cutting & chopping
- 1:00 PM..... Official "Light Your Fires"
- 3:00 PM..... Salsa Turn In
- 3:30 PM..... Homestyle Chili Turn In
- 4:00 PM..... Red Chili Turn In
- 6:00 PM..... Award Winning Chili Ceremony

# Chili Cook-off

## ICS Division

The official International Chili Society (ICS) Division is governed by ICS Rules. It is mandatory for the Head Cook to be an ICS member. Membership Fee\* is payable to ICS (entry fee is additional). Membership Application and member fee need to be directed and payable to ICS.

The 1st Place Traditional Red Chili winner on **Saturday** will represent the Festival and Mid-America Regional Chili Cook-Off at the 2024 World Cook-Off and compete there for a share of the \$75,000 prize.


1st Place Red..... \$500 + Trophy


2nd Place Red..... \$100 + Trophy

3rd Place Red..... \$75 + Trophy

1st Place Salsa..... \$100 + Trophy

## Mid-America Regional Chili Cook-Off

 Best of Show

 Ham-manship Award.....Prizes and bragging rights for the whole year!

**Chili in all divisions must be cooked on-site!**

\*\$10.00 membership fee applies for one cook-off. For more info visit [www.chilicookoff.com](http://www.chilicookoff.com).

## Homestyle Division

This ICS Homestyle Division winner will qualify for the World cook-off, where they will compete for a share of the \$75,000 first place prize. Rules allow any kind of meat(s) cooked with red chili peppers, various spices and other ingredients. *Beans are required.*

1st Place Homestyle..... \$350 + Trophy

2nd Place..... \$75 + Trophy

3rd Place..... \$50 + Trophy



## Salsa Division

Your salsa recipe can be any combination of chili peppers, spices, and other ingredients, but it must be entirely homemade. At least two pints are required. **\$10.00 entry fee**

**ATTENTION COOKS...** you may use the same cooking space and enter more than one division, but the chili must be cooked in separate pots. The entry fees vary per division. We also request that you cook two gallons to accommodate "official" tasting kits. Festival attendees look forward to tasting your wonderful chili. These kits are available by donation. Kits will be identified during the mandatory head cooks meeting. Besides...

**Chili just tastes better the more you cook!**



**Contestant Responsibilities:** Contestants are responsible for supplying their own cooking appliances, utensils, and all the ingredients for an award-winning bowl of chili. Contestants will be provided a 10'x10' space located on a concrete surface. **You will need to bring your own tent for shade.** (Please note NO STAKES allowed in the concrete; you will need to bring appropriate materials to hold you tent in place). Additional info on the official application.

## 2023 Chili Cook-Off Entry Form

**Saturday: Mid-America Regional Chili Cook-Off**

<input type="checkbox"/>	ICS Division—Red (ONLY).....	\$35 Fee
<input type="checkbox"/>	ICS Division—Homestyle (ONLY)	\$35 Fee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Salsa-ICS.....	\$10 Fee

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I cannot cook this year, but please leave my name on your mailing list

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To enter, please return form and entry fee(s) to:

Bluegrass & Chili Festival  
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For more information, call: (918) 485-2554  
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