

**Annual Wauseon Chili Cook-Off**  
**Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Attention Chili Cook-Off Participants!!!

This year's Annual Wauseon Chili Cook-Off will be held on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in downtown Wauseon on Fulton Street. The heart of this event is the participants and we can not do it without you!! This is your opportunity for your organization to advertise and get the word out about what you do and what you have to offer whether you are an individual, a church, community organization or a business owner.

The spots do fill quickly, so please return the registration form as quickly as possible to ensure your spot in the Wauseon Chili Cook-Off.

- Set up will be Saturday morning between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Please move your vehicle once all chili supplies have been unloaded to alleviate congestion. **Chili will be tested at 10:30 am and the temperature must read 135-145 degrees.**
- We will begin serving Chili at 11:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. or until gone – if you serve chili prior to 11:00 a.m. you may be disqualified.
- You may sell pop, chips, etc.; this money is yours to keep. In accordance with the Fulton County Health Department regulations, you may not charge for your chili. You are encouraged to advertise for **FREE WILL DONATIONS, so you should bring a container or jar to collect money.** If your organization would like to sell other food products for profit (e.g., hot dogs, hamburgers, nachos, coffee or hot chocolate) you must purchase a 10'x10' vendor booth.
- Each participant must prepare three (3) roasters of chili. Each participant will be responsible for maintaining their supply of chili. Each participant is only able to plug in one roaster per circuit. You will need to rotate roaster plugs after each roaster is heated thoroughly. **You are required to bring a minimum 100' extension cord.**
- You provide free samples of your chili. The Committee will provide sample cups, napkins, spoons, rubber gloves and cleaning supplies for the tables and work area. **Please no outside containers shall be given away.**
- VOTING – there will be three (3) awards given this year, Judge's Choice, People's Choice and Mayor's Choice. The Judge's Choice will judge all of the chilis at one time. The public will purchase a Hand Stamp in order to vote for their favorite chili. They will be given three (3) poker chips that can be placed in the ballot boxes of their choice. It is important to encourage everybody that stops at your booth to purchase a Hand stamp. We will provide your ballot boxes.

People's Choice Awards

1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner \$400.00 & plaque

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner \$300.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner \$200.00

Judge's Choice Plaque

Mayor's Choice Plaque

Best Decorated Booth \$50.00

***Police & Fire Departments will not be eligible for the People's Choice Awards and will not receive any money.***

This is a Fun event and a huge turnout each year. Many people will visit your booth. This is a great way to raise funds for your organization or just to boast about your Chili.

The Participant with the Best Decorated area will win \$50.00. Get Creative & Have Fun!! You will bring more attention to your chili if you decorate your area!

Thank you so much for your participation in this very important community family fun festival. I believe this year will be a huge success.

Please complete the form below and return it to me by Monday, September 18, 2017.

**Metia Nelson  
212-1/2 Birch Street  
Wauseon, Ohio 43567**

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 419-206-0740.

Please Sign Up Early!!!

**Organization Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILI BOOTH IN THE MAIN TENT IS FREE!!!!**