



Chili Cook-off Team Application
24th Annual Rotary Club of The Villages® Chili Cook-off
The Villages® Lake Sumter Landing Market Square®
Saturday, February 5, 2022
12:00pm-3:00pm

This is a fundraiser for the Rotary Club of The Villages® Foundation, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation,
tax exempt under IRC Section 501 (c) 3

Sponsored by **The Rotary Club of The Villages®**

Team Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Phone #: _____

Alternate Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

Sponsors, if any: _____

I, the undersigned, certify the foregoing is correct, to the best of my knowledge. I certify and acknowledge that I have received, read, and understand the Rules and Regulations as outlined below, and, if my application is accepted, I agree to abide by said Rules and Regulations. Further, I have made my staff and/or volunteers; will abide by the Rules and Regulations.

The entry Fee of \$50 per Chili Cook-off Team Area constitutes a tax-exempt contribution. A Team Area is defined as a 12'x12' space. Multiple spaces are frequently used at \$50 per space. See limitations in 8) below.

A copy of the official registration and financial information of the Rotary Club of The Villages® Foundation, Inc. may be obtained from the Florida Division of Consumer Services by calling toll free 1-800-435-7352 within the State of Florida.

Full payment is due with this application by Monday, January 17th, 2022.

Make checks payable to the Rotary Club of The Villages Foundation, Inc. and with the completed application to:

Jim Dow
3237 Belcherry Loop
The Villages, FL 32163

Questions are to be directed to:
Jim Dow, cell 417-889-8832 & e-mail jim@dowworld.us or
Stephane Fernung, cell 305-484-2370 & e-mail rotaryhgc@gmail.com

Contestant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____



The Villages Entertainment - Vendor Guidelines

The Villages® Lake Sumter Market Square® is the focus of many activities and play an important role in contributing to our friendly, hometown atmosphere. These guidelines are established to ensure the fair, continued, and profitable participation of our valued vendors in The Rotary Club of The Villages®, Chili Cook-off.

1. Set Up and Tear Down

- a. Setup/Check in time is from **6:00am to 8:00am**.
- b. Vehicles may be used to drop off product and equipment but may not remain on site during setup. Vehicles must be parked in the approved parking lot.
 - i. **Vehicles must be out of the square by 9am.**
 1. If a vendor is late, vendor must carry in all products.
- c. Tear down may not begin until the event has officially ended for that day.
- d. All merchandise and equipment must be packed before vehicles will be allowed in for load out.
- e. Leaving a space early without permission is strictly prohibited and may result in forfeiture of the vendor's space.
- f. Waiting with vehicles at stop signs, intersections, or just outside the chains is strictly prohibited.
- g. Vendors are required to provide and utilize a WHITE 10'x10' tent with sides and weights for tent (a minimum of 25 lb. per leg).
- h. Feathered Flags and/or H frames (yard signs) are not permitted
- i. Vendors must stay within the boundaries of their allotted space.
- j. Vendors must provide their own tables, chairs, and lights needed for their booth.
 - i. Usage of the chairs on the square is prohibited.
- k. Vendors are not permitted to tie off to any existing structures or landscaping on the squares.
- l. No product storage should take place in any of the landscaped areas or sidewalks. The entire display must be aesthetically pleasing as to reinforce the atmosphere of The Villages.
- m. There is no power provided for any set up. Power for each vendor's space/display must be a whisper-quiet generator, a marine battery with an inverter system or battery powered lights.
 - i. Using any of the power outlets found around the squares is strictly prohibited.
- n. No kerosene, butane, candles, or other flammable products may be used.
- o. No gas cans are to be left in any vendor space.
- p. Vendors shall bag and remove all or their trash.
 - i. Leaving trash, boxes, or bags next to or in the existing trash containers in or around the squares is prohibited.
- q. Non-biodegradable items are to be disposed of properly.
- r. Discarding anything into storm sewers is prohibited.
- s. Glass is not permitted on the square

Tear down and load out must be done in a timely manner. All participants must be respectful to The Villages Entertainment staff and take direction from them, as they are familiar and efficient in executing load in/out in a timely manner.

2. Weather

- a. Weather delays or cancelations are handled on a case-by-case basis by the manager on site.
- b. Once a vendor is set up, they are required to stay until the end of the event unless released by the on-site event manager.

3. Parking

- a. All vendors must park in the rear of the parking lot behind Gator's Dockside.
- b. Parking around the immediate square or in front of any businesses is strictly prohibited.

4. Signage

- a. Signage is extremely important to the setup of an Event Booth Space area. Individual Booth signage should be no bigger than a 2x10 banner located on the front of the tent. All signage must be neat and aesthetically pleasing to reinforce the environment of The Villages Entertainment.
- b. All signage must be in the Event Booth Space designated area **ONLY**.

5. Safety & Food Handling

- a. Vendors must adhere to the utmost of safety standards
- b. Anyone handling food directly that is not prepackaged is required to wear rubber gloves.
- c. Fire resistant tarp must cover the entire vendor space when cooking onsite

6. Solicitation

- a. Solicitation on all squares is prohibited.
- b. All sales must be done from your designated space only.
 - i. "Cat Calling" is not permitted
- c. Distributing flyers and advertisements outside of your designated space is not permitted.

7. Spills

- a. Vendors are responsible for keeping their space clean and tidy. Should a vendor have any kind of spill or breakage, they are to notify the on-site manager immediately.
- b. The vendor is responsible for the cleaning up of the spill or breakage.
- c. Any stains that occur and are left by the vendor will be cleaned by The Villages Entertainment and an appropriate bill will be sent to the vendor that occupied the space for immediate payment.

8. Trash

- a. Event Booth Spaces shall bag and remove all of their trash from the event. Leaving trash, boxes, or bags next to or in the existing trash containers in or around Lake Sumter Landing Market Square® is not permitted.
- b. **Non-biodegradable items, such as grease, should be disposed of properly and not discarded in storm sewers. Absolutely nothing including Ice and Water is to be poured into the storm drains. Anyone caught doing this will be immediately removed from the Event Area.**



9. **Dress Code/Conduct**

- a. Attire is to be kept clean and neat and shall not be revealing or distracting.
- b. While participating as a vendor within The Villages, you are a representative of the ideals and image of The Villages, and your dress should reflect accordingly.
- c. The use of drugs and/or alcohol by a vendor or their helpers is strictly prohibited.
- d. The use of vulgar language or disrespectful comments will not be tolerated.
- e. Anyone to be found in violation of these rules of dress code and/or conduct will be addressed accordingly.
- f. All vendors must be respectful to all staff and adhere to direction from staff of The Villages and its various partners. These parties are there to assist you and make sure the event is as safe and efficient as possible.

10. **Termination Without Cause**

- a. The Villages Entertainment has the right to terminate any vendor's right to participate in the Chili Cookoff Craft Beer Festival without cause at any time. The Villages Entertainment shall provide written notice should this be exercised. If The Villages Entertainment terminates a vendor's right to participate in a Chili Cookoff Craft Beer Festival and such termination is not a result of a violation of these guidelines by vendor, vendor may receive a refund of any prepaid monies. If a refund applies, it will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

11. **Entire Agreement**

- a. As a vendor in The Villages®, the vendor has read, understands, and agrees to adhere with the Vendor Guidelines of The Villages® Entertainment.
- b. The vendor acknowledges that any attempt to violate the guidelines or procedures during special events, could lead to the termination of their participation in future events.
- c. All registered participants agree to honor The Villages Third Party Guidelines as outlined and available on:
 - i. thevillages.com/trademark-usage-guidelines.pdf



The Villages Entertainment Vendor Guidelines/ Hold Harmless Agreement

Rotary Club of The Villages, Chili Cook-off

Lake Sumter Landing Market Square

Saturday, February 5th, 2022

12pm-3pm

Hold Harmless and Indemnification

In consideration of being allowed to participate as a Vendor during The Rotary Club of The Villages, Chili Cook-off, Vendor hereby agrees to indemnify, protect, defend and hold The Villages of Lake-Sumter, Inc., The Villages Operating Company, Village Center Community Development District, Sumter Landing Community Development District, all affiliates of such entities, and each of the foregoing's officers, directors, employees, and agents (collectively, the "Released Parties") harmless from and against any and all losses, damages, actions, fines, penalties, demands, liability and expense, including attorneys' fees and costs through litigation and all appeals (the "Claims"), in connection with the loss of life, personal injury, and damage to property arising from or out of (i) any occurrence in or upon the space being used by Vendor to sell its products ("Vendor's Space"), (ii) the operation of Vendor's business thereon, (iii) Vendor's occupancy and use of Vendor's Space,(iv) any act or failure to act, occasioned wholly or in part by Vendor, and its agents, contractors, employees, invitees, or any other person, (v) any act or failure to act occasioned wholly or in part by the Released Parties. This Release, Waiver and Hold Harmless is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by Florida Law and if any portion is held invalid for any reason the balance should not withstanding continue in full legal force and effect.

Signature

Print Name

Business Name

Date

Prizes, Trophies, & Awards

Best Chili

1st Place: \$1,000 & Trophy

2nd Place: \$500 & Trophy

3rd Place: \$250 & Trophy

3 Honorable Mentions: \$100 each

Competition Trophies

Public Service Agencies:	Flaming Chili Trophy
Rotary Club Teams:	Rotary Chili Pot Trophy
Military Organizations:	Freedom Chili Trophy

Best Themed Chili Booth

1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Trophies

Note: You can promote and encourage those tasting your chili to vote with their money. Good luck and thanks for helping us added to the funds raised for the many charities the Rotary Club of The Villages supports in our community.

OFFICIAL COOK-OFF RULES & REGULATIONS

The following Rules & Regulations apply

- 1) True chili is defined by the use of any kind of meat, or combinations of meat, cooked with chili peppers, onions, peppers, and/or other vegetables, various other spices, and other ingredients with the exception of RICE or any other type of PASTA. RICE and/or PASTA are strictly forbidden. Note: This means that a contestant may use any ingredient in their chili with the exception of rice and pasta. BEANS ARE ALLOWED.
- 2) **No ingredients may be cooked in any way prior to the official commencement of the cook-off. Vegetables may be pre-cut but not pre-cooked.** Canned or bottled tomatoes, tomato sauce, pepper sauce, beverages, broth, the grinding and/or mixing of spices may be prepared prior to the start time. Meat may be treated, pre-cut, or ground. Meat may not be precooked. Peppers, onion, and other vegetables may be chopped, sliced, or diced prior to stoves being lit.
- 3) The cooking period will be 4 hours. The exact starting and ending times of the cooking period shall be announced at the contestants meeting, which take place in the Command/Judges tent at 8:00 AM. Cooking during the entire period is at the sole discretion of the contestant.
- 4) **The contestant or representative shall be present at the contestants meeting**, which will occur, as stated above, at 8:00 AM. At this meeting final instructions will be given and questions answered. **Stoves will be lit precisely at 8:00 AM to begin cooking.** A 32-ounce cup will be brought to you to submit your chili samples for judging.
- 5) **No chili is to be given out until it is announced over the public address system.** This should occur about noon.
- 6) Each team must have paid the entry fee for each 12'x12' area. Teams are limited to 4 members in the booth area. Booths are approximately 12'x12'. Teams are allowed as many non-cooking team assistants as they wish for shows, demonstrations, People's Choice Solicitation, etc., at their booths. No team member or assistant can interfere with neighboring booths or those attending the event for the purpose of tasting chili or viewing vendors services and products.

Please note:

Non-cooking assistants are not allowed to walk the general area of the chili cook-off competition or Home & Garden Show to solicit or otherwise hand out materials that would be in direct competition with the fundraising efforts of the Rotary Club of The Villages® Foundation, Inc. Political party candidates for election are not allowed to walk the general area of the chili cook-off competition or the Home & Garden Show to solicit or otherwise hand out materials. Materials may be displayed at your chili booth only. Violations of this rule will result first in a request to cease activities or activities that violate this rule. If the activity continues, your group or organization will be escorted from the area. In addition, any future applications and/or participation will be unapproved and disallowed. This event is intended to be a fundraiser for the Rotary Club of The Villages® Foundation, Inc. and no other organizations.

- 7) Contestants are responsible for supplying their own tents, and all of their cooking utensils, etc. The sponsor (Rotary Club of The Villages®) shall provide the booth space only. Bottled gas, provided by the contestant, must be used. **No electrical or gas will be available for use by contestants.** The contestant team must supply all other equipment.

- 8) **Each contestant must cook a minimum of 15 (fifteen) gallons of chili per contestant space.** If you use 2 spaces you must produce 30 (thirty) gallons of chili, 3 spaces 45 (forty-five) gallons, etc. One 32-ounce cup will be supplied for judging. NOTE: the 32-ounce cup will be brought to your chili tent around 9:00 AM. The remainder will be provided for sampling to visitors and guests in tasting cups, which will be provided by the Rotary Club of The Villages®. Teams are encouraged to make more than one pot and may select which is to be submitted for competition. Only one competition cup will be accepted from each competing team.

- 9) Each contestant is responsible for delivering the 32-ounce cup (which must be filled to the bottom of the upper rim) to the judging tent at noon. This is the time the official judging begins. The Chief Judge will assign each contestant a contestant's number. It is the responsibility of the contestant to verify that the number on the 32-ounce judging cup matches there assigned contestant number.

- 10) Judges will vote on the chili they think is best based on the following characteristics: COLOR AROMA, FLAVOR, TEXTURE OF THE MEAT, BLEND OF SPICES, AND CONSISTENCY.

- 11) The decisions of the judges and Chief Judge are final.

This is a rain or shine event to be held on

Saturday, February 5th, 2022

Thanks for your support and participation!

For any questions about these guidelines please contact:

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