



# 2017 Almost Heaven Chili Challenge

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## ~ The Basics ~



### What is it?

A Chili Challenge among fellow WV Firefighters / Fire Departments

### When?

Saturday, June 17, 2017 ~ 2 – 4PM ~ Awards Ceremony – approx. 5 PM

### Where?

Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum - Weston, WV  
(in conjunction with the 2017 Almost Heaven BBQ Bash / WV State BBQ Championship)

### Why?

Cause firefighters like their chili, like to have fun, and like to WIN!!!

**Yep, there will be CASH awards ~ Trophies ~ and most importantly ~ BRAGGING RIGHTS!!!**

## ~ The Rules ~

**Registration:** Team Registration with \$25 entry fee must be received **NO LATER THAN June 9, 2017.** Only teams consisting of firefighters are eligible to enter. We suggest you establish a “team name” but team members must be directly affiliated with a WV Fire Department.

**Set-Up:** Assigned team cook sites (10' x 10' area) will be available for set-up beginning at 9:00 AM, and teams must be set-up by 10:30 AM (gate opens to the public at 11 AM). Visitors will come to “your” team site to obtain samples, which should be ready by 2:00 PM.

**What kind of chili?** Your choice – may include onions, peppers, beans. Teams should prepare a “minimum” of 2-3 gallons for sampling – running out doesn’t get tickets or votes for your team!

**Chili Preparation:** Chili MUST be prepared “on site” from raw, un-prepped ingredients – plain tomato sauce, paste, and/or juice may be used, but cannot contain herbs, spices, or other additives.

**Prohibited Items:** Chili Condiments (cornbread, cheese, crackers, etc.) are **NOT** allowed!



### Who supplies What?

~ **Teams:** All cooking equipment (propane stove, camp stove, etc. – no electric available or allowed) utensils, chili ingredients, soap and water for washing hands, equipment, prep areas

~ **Organizer:** Provides 2 oz. sampling cups, spoons, napkins and sells tickets/tokens

**Cook Sites:** Teams are encouraged to be creative with your site / team members. Tasteful, but creative cook site decorations attract visitors to sample your chili. *NOTE: This is a “family-friendly” event – no profanity, nudity, offensive behavior or attire – violators will be warned, and if not in compliance, will be expelled from the event. Have a great time, but remember this event attracts lots of children and families.*

**People’s Choice Judging:** Individuals purchase sample tickets (\$5.00 for 5 tickets & 1 voting token), then present 1 ticket for each sample from teams of their choice. Individuals then “vote” by depositing their token in their favorite team’s voting container.

**Voting / Awards:** The 2017 Chili Champion, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will be determined by the total number of tokens received per team, with cash and awards based on total number of samples/tickets purchased (minimum of \$100 for first place), the more purchased, the more money goes in the cash prize pool.