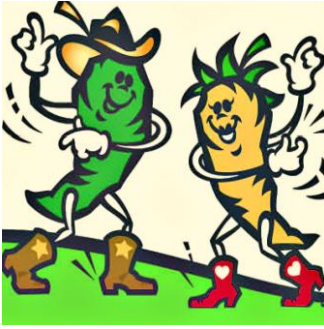


Ecumenical Ministries, Inc.
Chili for Charity 2012



When: Saturday February 25
Time: 11:30am -2:00pm
Where: Oak Hollow Farm, 14210 Greeno Road, Fairhope
Motorcycle Ride registration begins at 9:00am ride starts at 10:15am

We're so excited about our 12th annual Chili for Charity fundraiser.... and we want YOU to join us to make it the biggest and best year ever!

This year we are adding a motorcycle ride to our array of fun entertainment: Elvis is back (Shane Wilson, Baldwin County own Elvis tribute artist), Blind Dog Mike and the Howlers, a mechanical bull, children's inflatables, a hay ride, a display of vintage cars and tractors, tasty food, bakery items and, of course, our crowd favorite, the friendly rivalry among the cooking teams. Last year 42 teams participated in our cook-off; this year we are shooting for 50!

Enclosed is your team packet and entry form. Please read the information carefully; there are a few changes in the rules and regulations. Your quick response enables us to promote the teams and the event much more effectively.

Sign up early & receive 3 free Chili for Charity T-shirts while supplies last.

Traditionally we have great weather, but please note that this is a **rain or shine event**. Teams are urged to bring an awning/tarp to place over their booth for protection from sun or rain. We request a personal cell phone number in case we need to reach your team in the early morning hours, the day of the event.

In 2012, we look forward to a **HUGE FAMILY FESTIVAL** and **COOK-OFF** with YOU as a part of the festivities. Bring out the recipes and add the chilies! Every team has the exciting chance to win great Tom Jones pottery prizes and first place bragging rights for an entire year!



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Category 1: Churches, businesses, agencies, etc. will receive 3 aprons and 6 general admission tickets. Three free t-shirts while supplies last. Indicate sizes: S____, M____, L____ EX____ Quantities and sizes are very limited so register early. (EMI reserves the right to substitute sizes according to size availability.) Fee is \$60.00.

Category 2: Family teams will receive 3 aprons and 3 paid admission tickets. Fee is \$30.00

Name: _____

Team Name (if different from above): _____

Address: _____

Team Captain: _____

Phone #: _____

Cell #: _____

The undersigned acknowledge that he/she is providing his/her own recipe and should illness befall those who consume said food product or should any accident occur from use of applicant's equipment, applicant acknowledges that her/she shall be liable for any all damages resulting from the aforesaid occurrences and furthermore agrees to hold Ecumenical Ministries, Inc. (EMI), its Board of Directors, staff and volunteers harmless from any claims for damages which may be brought against it or them.

Applicant's signature

Team Registration entry fee: \$ _____

Additional tickets:

Number of general admission tickets _____ X \$10.00 each = \$ _____

Number of child admission tickets _____ X \$5.00 each = \$ _____
(3-12 years old)

Total enclosed with application: \$ _____

Please remit your signed application with payment to EMI:

Ecumenical Ministries, Inc.
P.O. Box 1103
Fairhope, AL 36533

Or drop it by either office: 564 Fairhope Ave, Fairhope
102 W. Spruce Ave., Foley

For more information call: 928-3430 (Fairhope) or 943-3445 (Foley)

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Official 2012 Cook-off Rules

1. Eligibility

- Each Team is comprised of three persons and must include one adult.
- Each member of the team will be given an apron to be worn to identify his/her membership of that team.
- Teams will receive six wristbands with their entrance fee, three for each of the team members and three extra for supportive members. Extra wristbands can be purchased at the time of registration or the day of the event. All team members and supportive members must have on a wristband. No exceptions.

2. Setup

- The grounds will be open for setup at 8:00am
- Please stop by registration to get a box of supplies and your booth assignment.
- Once you have unloaded your vehicle, please remove your vehicle from your booth before setting up. ALL VEHICLES MUST BE PARKED ON THE GRASS AREA SET ASIDE FOR TEAM PARKING. NO VEHICLE CAN REMAIN IN THE EVENT AREA BY ORDER OF OAK HOLLOW'S MANAGEMENT.
- All teams must be in their designated booth and ready to serve the judges by 11:00am.
- The booths are 10'X10' stalls marked out by flags. The center of the booth is the old colored flag marked with the team number
- All teams are required to bring their own tables, awnings and decorations for their booth. EMI only provides the spot.
- Since this a RAIN or shine event we strongly suggest that teams have awnings in case of rain. We do have a contingency plan for set up in case of rain, but the more teams with awnings the better.

3. Cooking

- All Teams will provide a MINIMUM of 10 gallons of cooked chili
- Off-site cooking, onsite warming and transportation must be done in a sanitary manner. These conditions are subject to inspection by the judging committee and /or members of EMI's Board of Directors. Failure to comply with standard sanitary and safe food preparing methods will disqualify the team from the event.
- All teams must bring hand sanitizer to assist in keeping their hands free of germs.
- All teams must have a cooking thermometer in order to maintain their chili at a 165degree temperature during the duration of the event.
- Each team will provide their own cooking utensils.
- Each team will provide their own cook stove or propane heating unit. There is no electricity to the booth and **generators are not allowed.**
- Heating should be done to the back of the booth to avoid accidental burns by team members or those attending the event.
- The chili should be warmed and distributed out of one 10 gallon container.
- Event starts at 11:30am. Please do not start serving chili to the crowd until that time.

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4. Judging

- There will be a panel of eight judges. Each will be instructed, with emphasis on equitable judging of all entries
- The judges should not have any contact with any of the teams before the judging process.
- Judges only know the chili's they are sampling by a number not team name.
- Each judge will have a runner who will collect samples for him/her in a random manner that is established by the Judge Coordinator.
- The team captain will be responsible for placing a sample of the chili from their pot into the sample cup.
- Runners will collect samples from each booth starting at 11am. Four judges will sample half the chilies and four will sample the other half. You will only provide four chili samples during the preliminary judging round.
- The judges will sample their chili and pick the top five from their samples. All eight judges will then sample the top ten chilies.
- The final judging round will require eight samples (one for each judge) from the top ten chilies.
- The winning chili and runner ups will then be determined by all eight judges from the ten samples.
- Presentation of the sample will not factor in any way in the judging of your sample. Judges have asked that nothing is put on the sample as a garnish. They want to only taste the chili.
- The team captain's signature on the entry form signifies the he understands that failure to comply with any of the above procedures in the judging process will disqualify their entry.

5. Awards/Contests

- Best Overall Chili Recipe
First through Fifth Place will receive awards.
- Best Booth Decoration Contest (one award given)
- Best Decorated Apron Contest (one award given)
- People's Choice (one award given)
This award is selected by event participants. One dollar equals one vote!

6. Reminders

- Each team must provide 10 gallons of chili
- Bring your own heating source and cooking thermometer. Chili must be warmed to 165 degrees and held at that temperature for the duration of the event.
- Tables and awning for a 10' X 10' space.
- Bring any cooking utensils you will need.

EMI will provide:

- Ladles for serving chili
- Sample cups and spoons
- Crackers
- Paper towels