

# 2017 East Texas Gusher Days

## April 15

Downtown Gladewater, Gladewater, Texas

### Cook-Off Teams — Official Entry Form

Chili Cooking Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Head Cook Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Head Cook Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Assistants: \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us more about your Chili Cook-Off Team: \_\_\_\_\_

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**HURRY! SPACES WILL BE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS**

Teams agree to abide by all Rules and Regulations of the East Texas Gusher Days Chili Cook-Off Competition. All forms must be accompanied by the team entry fee. Entry forms and fees can be mailed to **Jim Bardwell, 211 N. Main St., Gladewater, TX, 75647**. Or, you may register the day of the event. For more information email Jim at [jbardwell@gladewatermirror.com](mailto:jbardwell@gladewatermirror.com) or call 903-845-2235.

**Checks must be payable to: East Texas Gusher Days**



## Are you the best Chili cook in East Texas?

### Well, let's see what you have ....

We'll give you a chance to prove it on April 15th when you reach for the top prize with your secret concoction of meat, spices, peppers and whatever else tickles your taste buds and opens your sinuses.

So, if you're hankerin' to prove you make the "chiliest chili" in East Texas, join us for **East Texas Gusher Days Chili Cook-Off**, held in downtown Gladewater, the Antique Capital of East Texas, on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Entry fee is \$20 and turn-in time is 1 p.m..

**CHILI GRIND ONLY.**

Jackpot Beans competition is just \$5, with turn-in at Noon.

Trophies will be awarded for 1st Place Chili and 1st Place Bean, and Peoples' Choice Award.

We have door prizes galore!

And make sure you join us for the Cooks BBQ at 7 p.m. on Friday night at the Chili Tent, located just south of the Rail Road Tracks on Center Street. We provide everything – you just need to bring a smile and an appetite.

RVs welcome (no hookups), parade, antique car show, karaoke, food, arts & crafts vendors, live entertainment, street dance, carnival amusements and more.

Call Jim Bardwell at 903-845-2235 for more information or email [jbardwell@gladewaterrmirror.com](mailto:jbardwell@gladewaterrmirror.com), or Gladewater Chamber of Commerce 903-845-5501.

### **CASI Rules Apply.**

**CASI Chili Cooking Rules Chili Cooked on Site** - All chili must be cooked from scratch on site the day of the cook off. All chili must be prepared in the open, (no motor homes, closed tents etc.)

**Chili Cooked From Scratch** - "Scratch" is defined as starting with raw meat. No marinating is allowed. Commercial chili powder is permissible, but complete commercial chili mixes are not permitted. No Fillers in Chili - Beans, macaroni, hominy, rice or other similar ingredients are not permitted for judging.

Sanitation - Cooks are to prepare and cook chili in as sanitary manner as possible.

**Inspection of Cooking Conditions** - Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by the head judge or his/her designee and CASI Referee. Failure to comply is subject to disqualification.

**Cooks May Have to Taste Their Chili** - At the discretion of the head judge and CASI Referee, chili cooks may be required to remove the lids from their chili cups and taste their chili before turning in for judging. (If a contestant refuses, his or her chili will be disqualified.)

**One Chili Per Cook** - Each head cook is responsible for preparing one pot of chili that he or she intends to be judged and turning in one judging cup from that pot. No more than one judging sample can be taken from any one pot.

**Cooks Must Sign Number Slips** - Chili cooks must sign their secret number slips in ink with their first and last names at the time cups are issued. Winners will not be eligible if their secret number slips are unsigned when presented. (NOTE: Cooks must present their signed secret numbers to win.)

**Protect the Judging Cup** - Once judging cups have been issued, each head cook is responsible for his/her judging cup. Cooks must not remove or tamper with the numbers on the outside of the cups. Any marked or altered cup must be replaced prior to turn in or it will be disqualified.

**Filling Cups** - Cups will be filled 3/4 full or to the level designated at the cook's meeting.

**Chili Turn In** - Head cook must turn in the chili. Chili will be turned in at the place and time designated at the cook's meeting or place otherwise designated by the head judge.

**Penalties** - Failure to comply with CASI rules will result in disqualification of an individual cook. Decision of the official(s) are final. In case of disqualification, the CASI official monitoring the cook off immediately will notify the head cook and give a reason for his or her disqualification. In the event disqualification of a cup of chili occurs after judging has started, it is not necessary that the cook be located or given an explanation for the disqualifications.

**Now that you've read the rules and figure you can still load your pot with the winning entry in spite of those dang rules, download the entry form, and tell us all about yourself, and we'll give you a chance to concoct a your heavenly (or not) batch of Texas chili.**

**'Nuf said? See you there. Oh, by the way you'll have to bring your own chili pot.**