



CASI Cook-Off Invitation

Cheyenne, Wyoming
Sunday, June 14, 2009

Become one of Cheyenne's Best Chili Cooks! *Union Wireless Peppers on the Plaza, Cheyenne's Chili Cook-Off* will be held at the Cheyenne Depot in Historic Downtown Cheyenne, Wyoming. The highlights of this event are 1) the International Chili Society (ICS) Sanctioned Chili Cook-off – Mile High Regional on Friday, June 12th and 2) the ICS Wyoming State Championship on Saturday, June 13th and 3) the Chili Appreciation Society International (CASI) Cook-Off on Sunday, June 14th.

All Cook-off's feature three categories: Traditional Red Chili, Chili Verde and Salsa. This event is exclusively sponsored by *Union Wireless* and is a fundraiser for the Cheyenne Depot Museum, the Cheyenne Depot Museum Foundation and United Way of Laramie County. This event is supported by the City of Cheyenne and the Historic Plains Hotel. There will be space for all cooks at the Cheyenne Depot and special parking for cooks in a nearby parking lot.

Accommodations:


- A block of rooms is held at The Historic Plains Hotel (just across the street from the plaza) for the Chili cooks at an incredible discounted rate of only **\$89.00 a night**. **For this exclusive rate, reservations must be made by June 5th.** Call 1-866-2PLAINS or 307-638-3311 and mention **"Chili Cheyenne weekend" (*Peppers on the Plaza*) to get your special rate.** The rooms will certainly increase in value just before the Championship weekend ...you'll otherwise never experience Historic Cheyenne in the summer at this price!

Please complete and return the attached application and supporting materials

By June 5th to:

**Cheyenne Depot Museum
Attention: Chili Cookoff
PO Box 2160, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003
Phone: (307) 632-3905**

**CASI Cook Questions? www.chili.org
Or contact the Cheyenne Depot Museum at 307-632-3905**

Join us for three cook-offs during the 
2009 Union Wireless Peppers on the Plaza, Cheyenne's Chili Cook-off!
Friday – June 12th - International Chili Society (ICS) MILE HIGH REGIONAL
Saturday – June 13th – ICS WYOMING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
Sunday – June 14th – Chili Appreciation Society International (CASI) Cook-Off

Cooks Party for ICS on Friday night at the Plains Hotel.
Cooks Party for CASI on Saturday night at the Plains Hotel.

See you in June for a *hot* time in a *cool* place!

**Note: If you are interested in cooking for the ICS Cook-Offs, please download an application at www.cheyennedepotmuseum.org.
(Membership to ICS is required to participate in ICS Cook-Offs.)**

Fact Sheet

DATES & TIMES

ICS Mile High Regional Friday – June 12th

- Mandatory Cooks Meeting at 1:30pm in Judges Tent

ICS Wyoming State Championship Chili

Cook-off -- Saturday – June 13th

Mandatory Cooks Meeting at 9:30 am in Judges Tent

CASI Chili Cook-off -- Sunday – June 14th

Mandatory Cooks Meeting at 9:30 am in Judges Tent

Drop off equipment between 8am and 10am

Red Chili Competition

Red cooking begins at 9am

Red turned into judging tent at 1pm

Chili Verde Competition

Chili Verde/Green cooking begins at 9am

Chili Verde/Green turned into judging tent at 1pm

Salsa Competition

Turn in salsa to judging tent at 12noon

Chili Cookoff winners announced at 5:00pm (or sooner) – all Categories

Historic Cheyenne Depot – 121 West 15th Street – Cheyenne, Wyoming. Unloading area next to Cheyenne Depot, parking in the parking lot just to the West of the Cheyenne Depot. All cooks will be on level pavement and to provide their own coverings. Judging will be under a designated Judges Tent.

LOCATION ALL THREE DAYS OF COOK-OFF

CATEGORIES OF COMPETITION FOR ALL COOK- OFFS PRIZES for

- Traditional Chili Red
- Chili Verde and Salsa
- Traditional Chili Red – 1st, 2nd, 3rd places receive trophies. 4th – 10th places receive ribbons.
- Chili Verde – 1st, 2nd, 3rd places receive trophies. 4th – 10th places receive ribbons.

CASI COOK-OFF

- Salsa – 1st & 2nd places receive trophies. 4th – 10th places receive ribbons.
- Showmanship – Trophy for most creative/showmanship
- People's Choice – Trophy for People's Choice Award

FEES FOR CASI COOK-OFFS ON SUNDAY

\$20 for One Chili or Salsa Entry; \$35 for Two Chili or Salsa Entries; \$50 for all Three Chili and Salsa Entries. You receive one free cooker's packet with an entry (Limit 1).

FEES FOR ICS COOK-OFF ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

\$30 Traditional Chili Red, \$25.00 Chili Verde, \$20.00 Salsa fee.

ICS members. **Discounted fee \$10.00 for new ICS members, GOOD ONLY FOR FIRST COMPETITION.** You receive one free cooker's packet with an entry.

CASI COOK REQUIREMENTS

- All chili must be cooked from scratch on site the day of the cook-off. "Scratch" is defined as starting with raw meat. No marinating is allowed. Commercial chili powder is permissible, but complete commercial chili mixes ("just add meat" mixes that contain pre-measured spices) are NOT permitted.
- All chili must be prepared in the open (no cooking in motorhomes).
- One Red 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.
- No beans/pasta or other fillers allowed in the chili.
- Salsa must be prepared on site with enough salsa for sampling.
- All Official CASI Rules apply, except we ask every cook to supply at least one gallon of chili. Failure to comply with CASI rules will result in disqualification of an individual cook.
- After a sample of your chili has been submitted to be judged, cooks can add beans to their chili to increase supplies for tastings.
- It is recommended that cooks cook a minimum of 3 gal. of chili to have samples available for People's Choice Award.

SHOWMANSHIP

- At least one member of each showmanship team must enter the chili competition.
- Contestants should bring signs(s) identifying your Chili team name and Chili Booth, decorations, props, costumes, battery-powered amplifier, musical instruments, giveaways, and any other equipment may be used in showmanship.
- Judging Criteria – Showmanship must be in good taste and judged on the following criteria: Theme, Costume, Booth Set-Up, Action and Audience Appeal.

LOGISTICS

- Unloading near Plaza, park in parking lot West of Depot.
- Limited number of tables available for rent. Reserve your table early!
- All cooks to provide own covering (10'x10' Pop-Up Tent Suggested) and fire extinguisher.
- All cooks will need to get a permit from the State Health Department. You must submit a health permit request by June 8th. There is no fee for these health permits for chili or salsa cooks. See the enclosed health permit application.
- One cookers bag will be provided to each entry (Limit 1).

NEED MORE INFO?

For information about the CASI or ICS Cook-Offs, contact the Cheyenne Depot Museum at 307-632-3905 or go to www.cheyennedepotmuseum.org.

APPLICATION FORM NEXT PAGE!





Pd \$ _____ Ck # _____ MO Cash

OFFICIAL CASI CONTESTANT APPLICATION FORM
CASI Cook-Off – Sunday, June 14, 2009
121 West 15th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming

Please Check The Categories You Will Be Entering On Sunday, June 14th:

Red Chili _____ Chili Verde (Green) _____ Salsa _____

ENTRY FEES - \$20 for One Chili/Salsa, \$35 for Two Chilies/Salsa, \$50 for All Three

Cook-off Name _____ Date _____

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Contestant Name _____

Business Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business Phone (____) _____ Residence Phone (____) _____

Fax _____ Email _____

TeamName _____

List in detail any planned activities: _____

Will you be attending Saturday Night's Cooks' Party? Yes _____ No _____

Will you be doing Showmanship? Yes _____ No _____

Will you be sponsored by anyone? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, fully disclose who and all details _____

The above information is correct to the best of my knowledge. I have read the Chili Appreciation Society International (CASI) official rules and regulations at www.chili.org and I hereby agree to abide by such rules and regulations.

Signed _____ Date _____

Accepted By _____ Date _____
Cook-off Chairperson

Please complete and send entry form and entry fees in by **June 5, 2009 to:**

Cheyenne Depot Museum
Attention: CASI Chili Cook-off's
P.O. Box 2160
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003
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*The Cheyenne Depot Museum, Cheyenne Depot Museum Foundation, United Way of Laramie County, City of Cheyenne and the Historic Plains Hotel thank you for your participation in **Union Wireless Peppers on the Plaza!***