



Annual Walton County Masonic Chili Cookoff

Cook/Vendor/Sponsor Event Information

We appreciate your interest in taking part as an attendee, cook, vendor, or Event Sponsor at our Annual Chili Cook-off!

Join us for our Annual Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, March 1, 2025. This CASI-sanctioned event features cooks vying for points to qualify for the Terlingua Championship in the CASI Division. Additionally, there will be an Open Division and a Community Division, allowing local cooks to compete for the title of Best Chili. Each division will have its own set of rules, but entry is open to everyone!

The event is free and open to the public. For a \$10.00 fee, attendees can enjoy unlimited tasting and take part in voting. Votes contribute to points for chili cooks in the National Competition (CASI Division only), with a trophy and bragging rights awarded to winners in each division. Additionally, live entertainment and children's activities are planned.

We are currently accepting applications for chili cooks, vendors, and event sponsors. Entry forms and payment information for all categories are available at our [Chili Cookoff Information Page](#). We also have three tiers of Event Sponsorship: Level 1 at \ \$100, Level 2 at \ \$250, and Level 3 at \ \$500. Detailed information about each sponsorship level is available on the [Event Sponsor Form Page](#).

We at Walnut Grove Masonic Lodge are deeply grateful. The proceeds from this event will support our Charities and Community Outreach programs.

The Chili Appreciation Society International (CASI) stands as the largest organization of chili enthusiasts and contest participants worldwide. CASI endorses close to 400 contests and judges over 15,000 cups of chili throughout the U.S. each year. As a registered non-profit corporation and a federally recognized 501(c)(3) charity, CASI is the premier sanctioning body for chili cookoffs.

Below is information will come in handy for the day of the Event.

Schedule of Events

7:30am - Set-up

8:00am - Registration

8:30am - CASI Cooks Meeting

9:00am - Cooking Begins for CASI and Open Division

12:30pm - CASI Turn In

12:00pm - Event Open to Public

1:00pm - CASI Judging Begins and Open Turn in

1:30pm - Open Division Judging and Community Turn in and Public Tasting (while supplies last)

2:00pm - Community Judging

3:00pm - Awards Ceremony (CASI, Open Division, Community & Peoples' Choice)

The event will be held at Walnut Grove High School found at 4863 Guthrie Cemetery Road in Walnut Grove, Georgia. This location is down the street from last year's location and our Lodge Building. You find directions from Google at <https://maps.app.goo.gl/EVixcL2uMAgaNhi87>. Our Alternate location will be the Walnut Grove City Park down the street from the High School. All entrants will be notified of any change of location via email and there will be signs pointing to the event.

Cooks/Vendors please be aware that you will need to bring all the supplies that you will need for the event including tables, chairs, power (generator, cookers, etc.), food, etc. Walnut Grove Lodge will be supplying tasting cups, voting tickets etc. but not supplies you will be using for your cook or Vendor Booth. Cooks should arrive no later than 7:30 am for setup/registration. Community Division entry should be onsite and ready by 12:30.

Vendors can come later if they arrive and can be fully set up by 11:00pm. The Registration Desk will be found at the Pavilion. Cooks and Vendors will set up near the Pavilion and have approximately a 15x15 area to work with. Once setup, Cooks and Vendors will need to park in the Additional Parking Area.

Cooks, please refer to the Guidelines and Entry Forms on this site for your specific Entry type, whether it's CASI, Open Division, or Community, as well as the general Entry Forms.

Awards for the CASI, Open, and Community Divisions, along with the People's Choice, will be presented at 3:00pm. All divisions are eligible for the People's Choice award. Any spectator at the cook-off can be eligible to vote for this award.

Should you have any inquiries, do not hesitate to contact us via email at chilicookoff@wg703.com or by phone or text at 678.661.1515.