



2011 Chili Challenge Presented by 94.9 KCMO

Frequently Asked Questions

- What:** 25th Annual Lenexa Chili Challenge Presented by 94.9 KCMO
- Where:** Old Town Lenexa, NE Corner of Pflumm & Santa Fe Trail Drive, Lenexa, Kansas
- When:** Friday, October 14, 2011 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Saturday, October 15, 2011 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Begin announcing awards at 4 p.m.
- Awards:** Competition Chili (C.A.S.I.) – top ten places awarded
prizes/final table winners announced
Home Style Chili – top ten places awarded prizes
Awards for top three in Salsa, Hot Wings, Showmanship, and People’s Choice

Number of Teams Competing: 175 +

Number of Judges: 200+

Sanctioning Body: C.A.S.I. (Chili Appreciation Society International)

The Lenexa Chili Challenge:

Top three winners of C.A.S.I. Chili qualify for entry into the Terlingua International Chili Championship. Travel expenses provided for winner.

Special Activities:

On Friday: live music, roving entertainment, fireworks and specialty food vendors.

On Saturday: Peoples Choice Award (with proceeds going to Juvenile Diabetes Foundation), live music, stage performances and specialty food vendors.

Fireworks Display

Fireworks will be displayed this year in the Old Town area. The display will begin at 8 p.m.

Where should I park?

Park in the Old Town area or the Lenexa Community Center parking lot.

Will there be shuttles?

No shuttles are available.

Can beer/alcohol/coolers be brought in?

No “carry in” alcohol is allowed. The public is not allowed to bring alcoholic beverages to the event. Competition teams are allowed to bring in alcoholic beverages during the check-in

process. The Lenexa Lions Club will sell alcoholic beverages in the concession area during the event.

Are dogs/pets allowed?

The Lenexa Chili Challenge allows service dogs for people with disabilities. No other dogs or pets are allowed at the Lenexa Chili Challenge or on the grounds at any time.

Are bikes, scooters or skateboards allowed?

No bikes, scooters or skateboards.

What time are teams allowed to check-in?

Teams can start arriving on Friday, October 14 at 2 p.m. However, due to the large expected crowds, teams need to make every effort to be in their booth by 5 p.m. Saturday check-in is also available from 7 to 9 a.m. Ambassadors will conduct meat inspections upon arrival.

Where will the information booth be located and what will they provide?

The information booth will be located in the center of the site adjacent to the Old Town Shops. In addition to providing information and contest maps, resale items will be available for purchase. Chili shirts, jackets, lapel pins and other items will be for sale.

Will free samples be available from the teams?

Limited samples will be available on Friday night. Many teams will provide free samples on Saturday starting at 9 a.m. until gone.

How much is the gate fee?

Friday, October 14 – FREE

Saturday, October 15 - \$2 per person; 12 and under free.

Each entrant will receive a spoon. Fresh sample cups will be available at each of the contestant's booth.

What does the money go?

All monies collected for the event go towards the costs associated with the festival and some proceeds go towards the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

How many teams are competing in the contest?

175 or more.

Who is providing concessions and what?

There are a variety of concessions available.

What band is playing and when?

Friday, October 14

The Doo-Dads (Children's Entertainment)
10 – 10:45 a.m.

The 9th Street Incline Band (Variety Band)
7:30 – 11 p.m. (break for fireworks)

Saturday, October 15

The Benders (Variety Band)
12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Where is handicapped parking?

Located in the rear Old Town lot and Community Center. Spaces are limited.

Where are port-a-potties?

In several locations throughout the site.

When do judges report?

Chili and Salsa judges report to the Lenexa Community Center at their designated times.

Hot Wing judges report to the Lenexa Senior Center at 1 p.m. Judges are pre-selected and assigned.

When does judging begin for the different categories?

Sample turn-in times will be:

Salsa	10:30 a.m. (Lenexa Community Center)
C.A.S.I. Chili	Noon (Lenexa Community Center)
Home Style Chili	Noon (Lenexa Community Center)
Hot Wings	1:30 p.m. (Lenexa Senior Center)

What are the different categories?

C.A.S.I. Chili is described as any kind of meat or combination of meats cooked with chili peppers, various other spices and other ingredients, with the exception of items such as beans or spaghetti, which are strictly forbidden.

Home Style Chili is described as any kind of meat or combination of meats cooked with various spices and other ingredients, which may include any variety of beans, spaghetti, or other fillers.

Salsa is described as any kind of sauce containing various spices, herbs, etc. typically tomato based, that can be used as a dip for chips. Excludes Guacamole and Cheese dips. Excessively hot salsas will be disqualified. Cooks must be willing to eat their own salsa.

Hot Wings is described as a chicken wing either whole or part that may be cooked with various spices and other ingredients. Wings must be cooked on site. All cooking methods (deep fried, grilled, smoked, etc.) accepted for judging. Excessively hot wings will be disqualified. Cooks must be willing to eat their own wings.