

GHOST *Calico* TOWN

CALIFORNIA DAYS CHUCK WAGON CHILI COOK-OFF FAQS



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1. Do I need to bring my own extension cords?

Yes. We will supply the power but you will need supply your own cords and /or power strip.

2. What type of cooking sources can I bring?

The following items are acceptable forms of cooking

- Propane Gas Grills
- Camping stoves
- Hot Plates
- Instant Pots
- Crock Pots
- Pressure Cookers

Unacceptable forms of cooking:

- Microwaves
- Open fire pits (fire safety)
- Charcoal briquettes (fire safety)

3. Will Cooking tables be provided?

Yes. Calico Ghost Town will provide each competitor one tabletop station.

4. Will chairs be provided?

Upon request Calico Ghost Town will provide a metal chair, but we strongly recommend bringing your own chair(s), as the metal chairs may be uncomfortable.

5. Will there be handwashing stations?

Yes. Calico Ghost Town will provide handwashing stations including hand soap.

6. Am I allowed to bring someone to help me?

Yes, you may bring someone to help. However, we advise that children remain out of the cooking area for safety reasons.

7. Will I have access to cooking water?

No. We advise you to plan ahead and bring sufficient water to cook with. There is not potable water to tap from that is near the cooking area.

8. Can I leave my cooking station to use the restroom?

Yes. Calico Ghost Town staff will be monitoring the site at all times.

9. Is there going to be a rest area for me while my chili is cooking?

Yes. Calico Ghost Town will provide a shaded area for sitting. You may want to bring your own chair and any items that you may need during this time. You are responsible for your station from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

10. What are the categories of judging?

Calico Ghost Town judges will be focusing on five categories:

- Presentation
- Smell/Aroma
- Flavor
- Texture
- Overall Presentation

Each category will receive a score from 1-5, with 5 being the highest, totaling up to a possible 25 points. There will be First, Second and Third place prizes awarded, including bragging rights.

11. Do I need to bring sample cups for the judges?

No. Calico Ghost Town will provide each contestant with bowls for judges' samples, including spoons and plastic to cover the bowls from contamination.

12. Will the public be tasting the chili?

No. The chili samples are only meant for the judges. The public will not be tasting the chili.

