

Nine cooks registered for 2008 Chili Cook-Off

Nine cooks are currently registered to compete in the 2008 Chili Cook-Off at the Chili and Blue Grass event Saturday afternoon and evening, April 26 at the Alamo Mission Museum.

Chili lovers are urged to bring their lawn chairs, come for a dinner of all-you-can-eat chili and live entertainment. Cost of admission is \$10 per person, with food service starting at 6 p.m. The meal includes a bowl for chili, cheese, crackers, and a drink. Homemade desserts will be available for purchase for an additional charge.

Cooks may begin cooking after noon the day of the contest. A minimum of two gallons of chili must be prepared for each entry. A quart and a pint of the chili will be collected at the time of judging, 5:15 p.m. The pint will be used by judges.

A quart of chili from the top three winning chili pots will be sold at auction. Also to be auction will be a half-dozen sweet confections from local area retailers.

Those registered to compete in the chili competition at press

time include Garry Romines, Debbie Renner, Sandra and Bebbie Gaines, all of Mount Vernon, Katrina Easterling and Donnie Barnwell of the Hagansport Community, Don Meeks of Como, Ronald "Squirrel" Wills of Sulphur Springs, Billy Williams of Winnsboro, and Paul Parris of Mount Pleasant

Local cooks can still accept the challenge and enter. The cost to enter to cook chili is \$25 as an individual or \$50 for a team. Cooks may enter the bean division of the contest for an additional \$5. The campsite decorating division may be entered for a \$25 additional fee.

The first prize chili cook will receive \$200, and second prize will be \$100. There will be 100% return on fees for the bean contest. The best campsite winner, will receive \$100. The winner of this category is to be determined by popular vote of those in attendance.

Ten points will be awarded for taste, and five points each for aroma, consistency, and appearance. Judges will remain anonymous until after judging

is completed.

For more information or to register by phone call (903)

588-2442, (903) 860-2007, or (903) 285-4888. The Alamo Mission Museum is located on

CR SE4105 one and a half miles south of I-30.

- Lillie Bush-Reves '08

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