



Salsa Festival Extravaganza

Cook – Off Registration Packet

- 1) Cooking stations are available first come, first served. An entry fee of \$10.00 per category/per dish registration must be received no later than July 25, 2022. All contestants should be at least 18 years of age.
- 2) Check in and setup time is between 7a.m. - 8a.m. on Saturday, July 30, 2022, at the Luna County Courthouse Park (700 S Silver Ave, Deming, NM). Spaces are assigned on a first come, first served basis. Cooking areas must be set up no later than 8 a.m. and all vehicles must be vacated from the festival grounds by 8am. Cooking time commences at 8 a.m.
- 3) The Deming MainStreet Salsa Festival Extravaganza is not responsible for theft, damage of personal property, or injury to any contestants, or to any contestants' family members or guests.
- 4) Judges are to be chosen by the Deming MainStreet Salsa Festival Extravaganza Committee. Decisions of the judges are final.
- 5) Contestants must provide all of their own supplies, food thermometer, cooking equipment, hot holding equipment (including transport), cold holding equipment (including transport), utensils. See temporary food permit checklist & requirements included with application packet.
- 6) Any contestant using propane will be inspected and issued a permit for the fee of \$15.00. Tanks over 12 years old must be certified prior to event. All cooking areas may be inspected by a state food safety rep.
- 7) For all cook - off contestants the festival will provide a 10 X 10 space with a "roof" covering, 3 compartment sink, trash bags, electricity (if needed – must note on application) hair restraints, food service gloves, handwashing sink, and hot & cold water is available. Containers for judging will be provided.
- 8) All traffic lanes in the cooking area must be kept open.
- 9) All cook off areas must be cleaned and vacated by 3 p.m.
- 10) Contestants can compete in more than one category with additional fee per dish.
- 11) Food supplies need to be purchased at a commissary in N.M like Walmart, Peppers, Sam's Club, etc.

Chilies and onions will be provided by local farmers.



Categories

- Salsa: The contestant must use green/red chiles or jalapenos as an ingredient
- Red Chile: The prepared dish can be an appetizer, main dish, or dessert. The contestant must use red chile as an ingredient.
- Green Chile: The prepared dish can be an appetizer, main dish, or dessert. The contestant must use green chile as an ingredient.

Levels

- Amateur – Individuals not associated with a restaurant and/or food truck. Amateurs must cook on site. Please review the entire Salsa Festival Cook-off Registration Packet before registering.
- Professional – Restaurant and/or food truck owners, cooks, and chefs. Professional/Commercial can cook in their licensed kitchen but must provide a temperature log when turning in the entry.

Judging:

- 3 individual plates must be prepared for judging in each category entered.
- All containers must be marked with level and space number i.e., P1
- Judging will be based on appearance, aroma, taste, and aftertaste.
- All entry containers must be turned in to the Judge's booth by 12pm. Judging will commence shortly thereafter.
- Winners will be announced immediately following

Prizes

- Awards will be given for first, second, and third place in each category.
- There will be 2 categories: Amateur and Professional/Commercial. ***Each contestant is either an amateur or professional, not both.***
- Professional/Commercial winners of each category will receive a banner "Best of" to display at their place of business, cash, an apron, and event ticket(s). 1st place amateur winners will receive cash, an apron, and event ticket(s).
- Event ticket(s) and an apron will be given to 2nd winners, and 3rd winners will receive an apron.

Space is limited, so sign up now! Space will be assigned as entry forms are received. In the event we run out of space you will be notified immediately.

May the best team win!



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Team Name: _____ Contact Person: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Electricity: Yes ___ No ___ Electricity spots are limited to 20 amps.

Please specify your need for electricity: _____

Please indicate how many dishes you are entering by placing a numerical number before each category. \$10 per entry per food dish entry. ***Each contestant is either an amateur or professional, not both.***

___ Salsa: Amateur ___ Pro ___ ___ Green Chile Dish: Amateur ___ Pro ___

___ Red Chile Dish: Amateur ___ Pro ___ Total # of dishes: _____

Please make all checks payable to Deming MainStreet Salsa Festival

Hold Harmless Agreement

Wavier: The Deming MainStreet Salsa Festival Extravaganza reserves the right to refuse any vendor application, should this occur, the fee will be refunded. The vendor shall defend, save, and hold harmless the Deming MainStreet Salsa Festival Extravaganza, their respective officers, agents, board members, staff, volunteers, sponsors, and assigns from any claims, damages, losses, liability, or expense which may arise, and shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage due to fire, accident, theft, weather, acts of God, vandalism, or any other loss or injury whatsoever or not specifically describe herein, whether past, present, or future. Booths are not insured by the County of Luna, Deming MainStreet Salsa Festival Extravaganza, or any sponsoring agents. Exhibitors must make provisions for safeguarding their goods. Exhibitors must have replacement cost insurance for all personal property. Exhibitor assumes full liability for protecting, care, and maintenance of exhibitor's property. **ANY VENDOR NOT HOLDING VALID LIABILITY INSURANCE EXHIBITS AT THEIR OWN RISK AND ASSUMES ALL**

Please sign to acknowledge that you have read all the information, rules, and regulations, and agree to be bound by this contract.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Deming MainStreet use only:

Date received: _____ Payment Method: _____ Amount: _____ Electricity: Y ___ N ___

Level/Contestant #