



MainStreet Roswell



Dear Friends,

MainStreet Roswell would like to invite you to claim your title as having the Best Green Chile Stew in the Southwest in the "Best of the Southwest Green Chile Stew Competition" during the 2022 Chile Cheese Festival, September 23rd and 24th with the taste testing taking place on Saturday the 24th at 2 p.m.

We are excited to once again be hosting this competition. Through generous support we have over \$800 in cash and prizes lined up for you to battle it out to win. The competition is open to anyone interested in entering. There will be stiff competition. The entry fee is only \$25 and we have fantastic prizes – not to mention the bragging rights!

We are making this easy, once you are registered and have paid your entry fee, the only requirement is for you to bring your Green Chile Stew, already prepared and hot, in a working slow cooker (with no name) with a properly fitted lid; there are more details on the entry form – 2nd page of this letter. Deadline for entry is 1:30pm on September 24th. Taste testing will be at 2 p.m.. Winners to be announced from the stage at 5 p.m.

Please feel free to call me with any questions,

Barbara Gomez

Executive Director

575-914-8017



1st Prize: \$300, 3 large bags of fresh green chiles

2nd Prize: \$150, 2 large bags fresh of green chiles

3rd Prize: \$50, 1 large bag of fresh green chiles



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Best of the Southwest Green Chile Stew Competition

Entrant or Business Name: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____ Mailing (if different) _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone _____

RULES:

- We must receive this application with your \$25 cash entry fee no later than Saturday by 1:30pm, 9/24/21.
- You will need to arrive at the Chaves County Courthouse Lawn on Saturday, 09/24/21 between 11AM and 1:30PM with your Green Chile Stew already prepared and at a hot hold temperature in a slow cooker with a properly fitting lid.
- MainStreet Roswell (MSR) is not providing anything other than electricity and power strips for plugging into. If you are needing any type of equipment or cleaning station (other than basic handwashing), you will need to provide these yourself and notify MSR, so that we can try to find room and power to accommodate your equipment.
- If you would like cheese added to your stew right before the tasting, please be sure to bring it in an appropriate container that can be placed on ice until the tasting begins; we recommend a plastic container with a well-fitting lid that can be written on.
- All samples will be visually assessed in their holding pots, and tasted by our chosen judges from small containers filled by our MainStreet Roswell (MSR) organizers. The MSR organizers are to be the only ones to know which stew belongs to which entrant/business. If you share with anyone which number your stew is, you will be disqualified. We want to keep this fair for ALL involved.
- Immediate disqualification for any foreign objects in your stew including; but not limited to, plastic, foil, other non-food items.
- You cannot sell any stew. If you have a New Mexico food license and items were prepared in an approved facility, you may give away samples after the judging is finished.
- After all tasting is done, you may then attach a paper or card up to 3X5 inches to your container to advertise your name/business. You may also have business cards and/or menus available, please keep your materials within your assigned area so that everyone can have items on display.
- The judge's votes will be final, if for any reason there is a tie, we will flip a coin to determine the winner.
- Prizes: 1st place will receive \$300, 3 large bags green chiles from Graves Farms, and the traveling trophy-which MUST be returned next year so that it can go to the next title holder, the 2022 Winner will also receive a plaque that is theirs to keep. 2nd place will receive \$150, 2 large bags green chiles from Graves Farms, and a plaque. 3rd place will receive \$50, 1 large bag green chiles from Graves Farms, and a plaque. Other prizes to be determined.

By signing below, you agree to the rules as stated above:

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed name _____ Phone Number _____

Application Deadline: 1:30PM on Saturday, 09/24/21

Mail application & payment to: MainStreet Roswell, PO Box 1328, Roswell, NM 88202 OR CALL 575-914-8018

Entries are to be at the Chaves County Courthouse Lawn between 11AM-1:30PM on Saturday 09/24/21