

# INNAGURAL SALSA CHALLENGE RULES and INFORMATION

Saturday, September 21, 2019

In conjunction with the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-off



## Salsa Entry

- 1) Salsa must be homemade; not store or restaurant bought.
- 2) Salsa must be made from scratch (using fresh ingredients or professionally canned items).
- 3) All ingredients in the salsa must be edible.
- 4) Your salsa must be made in a licensed commercial kitchen or prepared fresh on site at the cook-off.
- 5) One gallon of salsa must be submitted. It will be used for both the judges and the People's Choice sampling. Chips will be provided.
- 6) Entrants are responsible for supplying all ingredients, cooking utensils, blenders, can openers, etc. needed to prepare their salsa.
- 7) All safe food handling and canning processes must be followed.
- 8) There is no entry fee if you already registered for the Chili Cook-off. If you would like to only compete in the Salsa Challenge there is a \$10 fee.
- 9) The registration form and payment must be submitted no later than Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Day of Contest

- 1) Salsa challenge competitors must check in at the salsa tasting booth between 9:00am – 11:30am.
- 2) Judging will begin at 12:50pm.
- 3) People's Choice Tasting will be held from 1:00-3:00pm.
- 4) Contestant must be available for People's Choice to interact with the visitors
- 5) Chips will be provided for judging.
- 6) Upon sign-in, a numbered container will be issued for each contestant's sample to be judged.
- 7) All entrants must prepare a minimum of 1 gallon of salsa for the event; 5 ounces will be used for judging, and the remainder will be used for public tasting.

## Set Up/Tear Down

- 1) Each entrant will be supplied with a picnic table; table decorations/themes are optional, but encouraged for fun.
- 2) There will be limited access to electricity at the event; however, a work station with electrical access will be available for entrants to use for certain appliances, such as blenders.

**Judging and Awards**

- 1) A panel of judges will score the entry based on taste, appearance and overall impression. Judging categories are: 1. Sweet or 2. Spicy
- 2) People’s Choice Award -public tasting participants will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite salsa!
- 3) Winners will be announced, and prizes awarded, in the three categories on stage at 3:15pm.

**For additional information please contact Watertown Radio at 605-886-8444 or Bramble Park Zoo at 605-882-6269**

**Come and join the fun. May the best salsa win!**

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**Registration Form**

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Theme: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Information (space for tents etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Categories to be entered in (please check all that apply):

- Sweet
- Spicy
- People’s Choice

I have read the rules and regulations on the enclosed sheet and confirm that all of the above information is correct. I understand that Watertown Radio, the Bramble Park Zoo, or any other sponsoring organization is not responsible for any accidents or injuries to me or my support team members.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this form along with your \$10 entry fee (if applicable) by September 13th to: Watertown Radio 921 9th Ave SE Watertown, SD 57201 Attn: Brenda Rorvick. Make checks payable to Bramble Park Zoo If you have questions, please call Brenda Rorvick 886-8444 or email [Brenda.rorvick@alphamediausa.com](mailto:Brenda.rorvick@alphamediausa.com) or Jaime Stricker 882-6269 [jstricker@brambleparkzoo.com](mailto:jstricker@brambleparkzoo.com)*