Official Soup Cook Off Rules!

**Basic Soup Cooking Rules**

- Individuals or teams (up to four people) may enter the Cook off. Teams must designate a Head Chef during registration. Limit two soups per individual/team.
- Each individual/team will be assigned a table and are welcome to decorate their area!
- Participants must furnish their own cookware and utensils.
- Soup must be cooked from scratch at home and brought on site the day of the cook-off.
- Each contestant must make a **minimum of one (1) gallon** of soup, although much more is appreciated. Remember there will be a large hungry crowd.
- Each participant must provide one (1) pint of soup for the judges to sample. (Bribes are not allowed)
- Soup entries must be kept warm with the use of crock pots or other warming devices during the contest and electrical outlets will be provided.
- Tasting spoons, napkins, serving cups, ballots, pencils and trash containers for the People’s Choice Soup Award will be provided.
- No deliberate sabotage to another contestant or their entry will be tolerated and such an act would lead to automatic disqualification.

**Judging Criteria**

The official judging by a pre-selected panel of judges (men and women) will begin at approximately 11:00 am. The pre-selected judges will not enter the preparation area prior to judging. Your soup sample will be collected at approximately 10:45 am and taken to the judge’s location for tasting. Soup will be judged on the following criteria, Aroma, Appearance, Taste, and Texture (Consistency). Each is voted on with 1-5 points and taste points are doubled. The Soup entry with the highest score wins. Public judging for the People’s Choice Award runs from 11:00 am to 11:30 am. All associates are encouraged to sample and cast their vote!

**Prizes**

- **1st Place** $50 Gift Card & Trophy
- **2nd Place** $25 Gift Card & Ribbon
- **3rd Place** $15 Gift Card & Ribbon
- **People’s Choice** $25 Gift Card & Trophy

**Judges decisions are final. Absolutely no sore losers!**