ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES, INC.  
20th Annual Chili for Charity Event  
Saturday  March 7th, 2020  
11:30am -2:00pm  
**Halstead Amphitheater (New Location)  
Fairhope on the campus of Alabama Coastal College

In 2020 we look again forward to our HUGE FAMILY FESTIVAL and COOK-OFF with YOU AS A PART OF THE FESTIVITIES. The event grows every year in its popularity. Last year we had more than 2,000 people in attendance. **Having a team is a perfect way to get your message out into the community as well as being a great team building exercise for your employees or members of your organization.**

Besides some of the best chili Baldwin County has to offer. There is toe-tapping music by Blind Dog Mike and the Howlers, along with a mechanical bull, children’s inflatables, balloon artist, tasty baked goods and of course, our crowd favorite, the friendly rivalry among the cooking teams.

The entrance fee is still a low $75.00 which gives you six adult admission tickets. Your responsible to bring 10 gallons of your award-winning chili. (See the enclosed application and rules for more information). So, bring on your best recipe and add the chilies, every team has the exciting chance to win great Tom Jones pottery prizes and first place bragging rights for an entire year!

This is the 20th year for Chili for Charity and we will also be celebrating EMI’s 50th Anniversary of service to the community. We are looking forward to having your team participate in this very special event!

Sponsorship opportunities are still available just give us a call.

For more information, contact:  
Ecumenical Ministries, Inc.  
Sally at 251-928-3430 (Fairhope)  
Dana at 251-943-3445 (Foley)
Ecumenical Ministries, Inc.
Chili for Charity 2020 Team Application

Category 1: Churches, businesses, agencies, etc. will receive 3 aprons and 6 general admission tickets. **Fee is $75.00.**

Category 2: Family teams will receive 3 aprons and 3 general admission tickets. **Fee is $40.00**

Name: _____________________________________________________________________

Team Name (if different from above): _____________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________________

Team Captain: _______________________________________________________________

Phone #: ______________________                Cell #: _________________________

The undersigned acknowledge that he/she is providing his/her own recipe and should illness befall those who consume said food product or should any accident occur from use of applicant’s equipment, applicant acknowledges that her/she shall be liable for any all damages resulting from the aforesaid occurrences and furthermore agrees to hold Ecumenical Ministries, Inc. (EMI), its Board of Directors, staff and volunteers harmless from any claims for damages which may be brought against it or them.

__________________________________________________
Applicant’s signature

Team Registration entry fee: Category 1 or 2 (circle one)                                    $________

Additional tickets:

Number of general admission tickets   _______ X $12.50 each =         $________
($15.00 day of event)
Children under 12 are free

Total enclosed with application:         $________

Please mail your signed application with payment to EMI:

Ecumenical Ministries, Inc. or drop it by either office: 564 Fairhope Ave, Fairhope
P.O. Box 1103 102 W. Spruce Ave., Foley
Fairhope, AL  36533

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Official 2020 Cook-off Rules

1. Eligibility

★ Each Team is comprised of three persons and must include one adult.
★ Each member of the team will be given an apron to be worn to identify his/her membership in the team.
★ Teams will receive six wristbands with their application fee; one for each member of the team, and three extra for support crew. Extra wristbands can be purchased at the time of registration or the day of the event. All adults in your booth must have a wristband. No exceptions.

2. Setup

★ The grounds will be open for setup at 8:00am.
★ Stop by the registration area to pick up your supplies and booth assignment.
★ Once you have unloaded your vehicle, please remove your vehicle from the loading area before setting up.
★ All teams must be in their designated booth and ready to serve the judges by 11:00am.
★ The booths measure 10’X10’ and are marked by flags. The center of the booth is the odd colored flag marked with the booth number.
★ All teams are required to bring their own tables, awnings and decorations.
★ Since this a RAIN OR SHINE event we strongly suggest that each team bring an awning.

Cooking

★ All teams will provide a minimum of 10 gallons of cooked chili.
★ Off site cooking, onsite warming and transportation must be done in a sanitary manner. These conditions are subject to inspection by the judging committee and or/members of EMI’s Board of Directors. Failure to comply with standard sanitary and safe food handling methods will disqualify the team from the event.
★ All teams must have hand sanitizer available.
★ All teams must have a cooking thermometer in order to monitor their chili which should be kept at 165 degrees
★ Each team will bring their own cooking utensils.
★ Each team will provide their own stove or propane heating unit. There is not electricity available and NO GENERATORS ARE ALLOWED.
★ Heating should be done to the back of the booth to avoid accidental burns by team members or those attending the event.
★ The chili should be warmed and distributed out of one container.
★ The event starts at 11:30am. Please do not start serving chili to the crowd until that time.
3. Judging

★ There will be two panels of 4 judges.
★ Judges will only know the chili samples by a team number
★ Each judge has a runner who will collect samples in a random manner which has been set by the judge coordinator.
★ Runners will begin picking up samples at 11am. Each panel will only sample half of the entries, so you will only be providing four samples during the preliminary judging round.
★ Each judge’s panel will determine the top four entries from their samples.
★ Runners will then pick-up the samples from the 8 top entries that will be sampled by all eight judges to determine the winners of the “traditional category.”
★ Judges request that no garnishment is served with the sample.
★ The team captain’s signature on the entry form signifies the he understands that failure to comply with any of the above procedures in the judging process will disqualify the team.

4. Categories/Awards

Best Chili (1st through 3rd place awards given)
Best Booth Decoration Contest (1st through 3rd place awards given)
Best Decorated Apron Contest (1 award given)
People’s Choice (1 award given)*
*This award is selected by event participants, one dollar equals one vote.

6. Reminders (check List)

☐ Each team must provide 10 gallons of chili
☐ Bring your own heating source and cooking thermometer
☐ Tables and awning for a 10’ X 10’ space.
☐ Bring any cooking utensils you will need.
☐ Please bring hand sanitizer, and make it available to your servers

EMI will provide:
☐ Ladles for serving chili
☐ Sample cups and spoons
☐ Crackers
☐ Paper towels