



Old Boney Mtn *Hot Summer Night* Festival International Hot Sauce Competition

Rules

We are on a quest to find the best tasting hot sauce in the world. You could win the title!
It's super easy to enter and you do not have to attend to win.
All entries are mail-in only.

Awards:

One (1) Award - Old Boney Mtn Hot Summer Night People's Choice Grand Champion

One (1) Award - Old Boney Mtn Hot Summer Night People's Choice Favorite Label

1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Awards for Best "Mild" Hot Sauce

1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Awards for Best "Medium" Hot Sauce

1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Awards for Best "Hot" Hot Sauce

1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Awards for Best "Extra Hot" Hot Sauce

This is unlike many other hot sauce competitions or expos because this is for charity! Your hard earned money will not line our pockets. All entry fees go to awards, event overhead and our major benefactor:

Grossman Burn Foundation

Each category entered requires its own entry form and fee.

Entry Fees: \$50 for one entry. \$30 each, for two or more entries

Read all of the rules, then complete one (1) entry form for each hot sauce category you enter. For each category entered, submit a **signed** entry form with three (3) five (5) ounce bottles or larger, entry fee per category and mail to:

**Old Boney Mtn Hot Summer Night
501-I Reino Road, Suite # 387
Newbury Park, CA 91320**

If want to be a vendor at the 7/12 event **AND** you want to compete in the hot sauce competition, you are required to mail in your hot sauce entries and the same rules and hot sauce fees apply to you. There is no additional fee though, to have a booth on 7/12/18.

If you just want to have a hot sauce booth at the 7/12/18 event, but you do **NOT want to compete** in the hot sauce contest, there is **no booth fee IF** you offer unlimited tastings of your hot sauce to a minimum of 500 attendees. You must still sign and complete the application below and submit to address shown indicating you have read and agree to the rules and health guidelines and you understand you will **NOT** be eligible for the People's Choice Award at the OBM HSN Festival on 7/12/18. Only those hot sauces that were mailed in for the pre-event judging are eligible for the People's Choice Award on 7/12.

All hot sauce tastings and entries of any kind must be manufactured in a professional, inspected food facility. All entrants must be certified professional manufacturers, following all FDA or Home (origin) Country regulations designated for consumer mass production by a certified kitchen, and/or co-packer. **No “home packed” products may be entered.** Labels must meet FDA or Home (origin) Country guidelines.

All entries must be correctly canned and sealed according to standard food and health safety procedures. *Contest management reserves the right to discard and disqualify any entries that are not properly canned or sealed, according to food and health safety procedures.*

No Capsicum Extract may be used in any product entered.

All entrants must submit three (3) samples for each division entered, which at minimum, equal 5 ounces per bottle.

Product must be shipped along with the **signed entry form**, full payment of fees, and must be received by the **entry deadline date of 6-30-18** to be considered eligible. Entry forms must be filled out completely. Please do not attempt to phone, fax, or e-mail entry forms. All entries must be carefully packaged. We will not be held responsible for any damage incurred during shipping.

There are NO refunds.

You may enter as many products as you like. Each product must have a separate entry form filled out, signed and fee paid.

All entries in the contest will be judged “as is” and will not be mixed or served with any other products before tasting.

Your product should not require refrigeration prior to opening.

Each product must be properly labeled with ingredients listed along with the name of the product on each entry bottle.

Disqualified entries will not be notified of disqualification. Please be sure to read these rules thoroughly and if any questions please refer them to us before entering.

In addition to your entry, if you would like your product available for purchase at the event, send additional product at your discretion. All proceeds from the sale of your products will go to the event charities as outlined by the event coordinators. Product will not be returned to you. If you would like to be a vendor at the event and serve samples you can apply on-line through our website at www.oldboneymtnhotsummernight.com

Hot Sauce Awards

There will be four divisions of hot sauce: mild, medium, hot and extra hot. In addition there will be one (1) award for “People’s Choice Hot Summer Night Grand Champion” and one (1) award for “People’s Choice Hot Summer Night Favorite Label”. Winners will be announced after the Old Boney Mtn Hot Summer Night Festival. Voting for the People’s Choice Award and the Best Label Award will be voted on by attendees of the Old Boney Mtn Hot Summer Night Festival during the festival. Judges Choice Awards for the top three (3) hot sauces in each division will be established prior to the Festival by a panel of judges. The top three (3) in each division will be entered into the “People’s Choice” Competition where there will be one grand champion of the 12 finalists. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards mailed to the winners of each division judged within 2 months post event.

Judges Choice Pre-Event Judging Criteria

Judging for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each division (mild, medium, hot and extra hot) will take place *prior* to the Old Boney Mtn Hot Summer Night Festival.

The judging panel can be made up of food industry professionals, including chefs, restaurant owners, culinary instructors, food writers, food manufacturers not entered in the contest, and other industry leaders and professionals. A number of judges may be “Chile Heads” who have served as judges at other food events. You can apply to be on the judge panel through our website.

All product sampling will be conducted under the strictest of standards using fair, impartial and blind judging methods.

Products will be judged on the following criteria: appearance, aroma, texture, flavor, use of heat, and overall impression.

Each hot sauce entry is judged in a blind tasting using a numbered cup to represent each entry. Judges are not allowed to see any indication of the brand, owner, or manufacturer of the product.

Each entry shall be scored on its own merits with a whole number from 1 to 10 with 10 being the highest. No pluses (+), minuses (-), fractions (1/2) or decimals (.5) will be taken into consideration. Each entry must be scored by a minimum of three judges. Score sheets are then tabulated by calculating the total score for each entry and dividing by the number of judging sheets for each product to obtain an overall average score.

The decision of the judges is final and may not be contested.

People’s Choice Grand Champion Hot Sauce and Favorite Label Judging Criteria:

The three (3) winners of each of the four (4) divisions selected by the judges pre-event, will be entered in the *People’s Choice Hot Summer Night Grand Champion Award* category (12 Sauces). This will be voted on by attendees of Old Boney Mtn Hot Summer Night Festival. There will only be one (1) “Grand Champion” Hot Sauce winner.

The People’s Choice Favorite Label Award will be voted on by attendees of the Old Boney Mtn Hot Summer Night Festival. All mail in entries will be in competition for this award. The bottles will be kept separate from the blind tasting area and there will be no correlation in numbering making it virtually impossible to match a label with a sauce.

Each attendee will receive two (2) chips to vote with, one (1) to vote on the grand champion and one (1) to vote on their favorite label. Attendees will place the chip in the receptacle numbered the same as their favorite hot sauce and the other in the receptacle with their favorite label. Chips will be tallied at the end of the festival and awards announced post festival. Winners will be mailed their awards no later than two months post festival.

All decisions by the judges and event coordinators are final and may not be contested.

Disclaimer:

Organizers will not be held responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged entries and reserve the right to refuse any product that, in their judgment, may present a health hazard. In any of the categories that are judged visually, all declared winners are final. No containers or leftover products will be returned. All entry fees are nonrefundable.

The contest rules have been established for the best interests of all concerned. In the event of necessity, any rule may be altered at the discretion of Old Boney Mtn Hot Summer Night. In any event, all interpretation of rules and final decisions will rest with the event coordinators. The decisions of the judges are final, binding, and conclusive in all matters.

By entering your product and/or signing the entry form, you understand these rules and agree to abide by the decisions of the event coordinators.

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Questions? [805.807.2600](tel:805.807.2600)



Old Boney Mtn Hot Summer Night Festival

International Hot Sauce Competition Entry Form Two Chances to Win

Each category entered requires its own entry form and fee.
Entry Fees: \$50 for one entry. \$30 each, for two or more entries.

Name of Company: _____ Contact: _____ Name of Product: _____

Street Address (no PO Box accepted): _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Cell: _____

Website: _____ Country of Origin: _____

Hot Sauce Division: (Check One)

Mild Medium Hot Extra Hot

(3 top place winners in each category, are automatically entered into People’s Choice competition at event)

All entries must be received by June 30, 2018 and include a copy of this form, signed, and **check or money order made payable to: Rotary Club of Newbury Park** and three (3), 5 oz. or greater bottles of your product.

Submit All Entry Forms, Fees and Products to: **Old Boney Mtn Hot Summer Night Festival**
501-I So. Reino Road, Ste. #387
Newbury Park, CA 91320

NO FEE for hot sauce vendors not entering competition but want a booth at event, no need to pre-submit product, but you agree to provide food tastings for a minimum of 500 attendees. This application needs to be completed, signed and mailed to address shown above.

I hereby agree that I have read and understood the rules for the Old Boney Mtn Hot Summer Night, International Hot Sauce Competition and agree to abide by the rules. I further state that all information provided above is accurate. In the event of necessity, any rule may be altered at the discretion of OBM HSNF. All decisions of the event organizers are final, binding, and conclusive in all matters. Hold Harmless: In consideration for being permitted by the RC of Newbury Park and RI Dist. 5240, Old Boney Mtn Hot Sauce Corp., Evergreen Alliance golf Limited, LP dba Arcis Golf Los Robles Golf Course to participate in the Old Boney Mtn Hot Summer Night Festival, I hereby waive and discharge any and all claims for damages for personal injury death, or property damage which I may have or which I may hereafter accrue to me as a result of participation in said activity. This release is intended to discharge in advance the aforementioned organizations and event sponsors, volunteers, employees and agents from any and all liability arising out of or connected in any way with my participation in said activity, even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the person or entities motioned above. It is further agreed that this waiver release, and assumption of risks is to be binding on my heirs and assigns. I understand that no refunds will be issued for any reason. By signing the entry form you understand these rules and agree to abide by the decisions of the event coordinators. Old Boney Mtn Hot Summer Night, its organizers and volunteers are not responsible for any damaged, lost, or stolen product. Winners agree to allow Old Boney Mtn Hot Summer Night to publish product name, image, and/or logo.

Company Authorized Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

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