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## CHILI COOK-OFF

**Do you think you have a prize winning chili recipe?**

**Come and put your recipe to the test and help raise money for  
HOLMEN'S HOPE!!!**

**When:** Saturday, February 8, 2025  
**Where:** Holmen American Legion Post 284  
419 1st Avenue West, Holmen WI  
**Time:** 10:30 am to 3:00pm (for Contestants)

### **WHY ARE WE RAISING MONEY FOR HOLMEN'S HOPE?**

Holmen's Hope is all about building community through service.

Holmen's Hope is a non-profit community organization serving the over 20,000 individuals and families in the Holmen School District. During the summer, Holmen's Hope serves 60+ sack lunches three times a week to three different locations in Holmen. Currently we are in the midst of our Weekend Backpack Program that assembles bags of non-perishable food items on Fridays for 55-60 children identified by the school district as children in need. Each bag costs about \$6.00 per week, per student for a total of \$250 per child to feed for the entire school year. We estimate that the Weekend Backpack Program will cost \$14,000 this school year unless this cost is offset by food and monetary donations.

We would love to have you join our Chili Cook-off competition.

Entry Fee. The entry fee is \$25.00.

Our organization will provide Styrofoam cups for chili, spoons, and napkins for the general public.

People's Choice – The public will be the judges for the People's Choice Award by dropping off voting tickets in your bucket. Each voting ticket is worth \$1.00 that will go to the Holmen's Hope fundraiser. The most voting tickets in a team's bucket will win the People's Choice Award and "Bragging Rights" and cash prize of \$100.

Presentation Award: Dress up, decorate, go all out and have fun! Cash Prize of \$50.

Judge's Choice – There will be a blind judges panel consisting of 3 judges that will be looking for appearance or creativity of presentation, taste, and texture. Each team will receive a number to be on their Styrofoam cups. Once the team hands in their chili to the organizer, their number will be changed so the judges will not see any identification of the team. **There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place cash prizes determined by the judges. First place will receive \$150, 2nd place \$100, and 3rd place \$50.**

Public admission is \$5 for adults and children, children under the age of 4 are free – so invite family, friends, and neighbors to watch you in action. **The more people you know and invite to help raise money for the Holmen's Hope, the better your chances are of winning the People's Choice Award!!!!**

Ingredients – Use your favorite recipe.

You may NOT use can, boxed, store bought, or mixes for your chili.

All ingredients must be pre-cooked and mixed prior to the event. Chili is to be brought “ready to eat” at the temperature of 165 degrees. You must bring your own condiments and table decorations to show off your category.

Allergy Caution - Please have a list of the meats and ingredients next to your roaster pan for allergy purposes. If peanuts or peanut oil is used, please display a warning sign.

Chili Rules –

- Each team must cook a minimum of 4-5 gallons of chili (18-22 qt. roaster pan).
- Teams may start setting up at 10:30am; first come, first serve basis on any table; ready to serve at 11:45am to the public
- There will be a team cooks' meeting at 11:00am for instructions.
- Teams will turn in 3 Styrofoam cups of chili to the organizer to give to the blind judges' panel. (Styrofoam cups and a 9x9 clam shell or Styrofoam container will be provided at cooks' meeting.)
- Each team will be given a 'contestant number'. Your number will be visible only to you and the organizer; when you turn in your chili, your number will be changed so that the judges will not know which team's chili they will be judging.
- Chili samples for the judges will begin to be collected at 12:00pm by the organizer.
- Teams must furnish their own ingredients, equipment, heavy-duty 50' extension cord, and utensils.
- Teams are responsible for the maintenance of its proper temperature of 165 degrees for serving.
- Two teams will share an 8' table (4 feet each team).
- You may decorate your ½ table however you would like! Feel free to promote your business at your table.
- Awards will be presented after the bucket raffle and silent auction; approximately 2:45pm.
- Remember: The more people you invite and bring, the more chances you have of winning the “People's Choice Award” and knowing that you raised the most for the Holmen's Hope with your category. Don't forget to Facebook, email and call and invite everyone you know to come and support your team's dish (each voting ticket cost is \$1).

Public Tasting (12:00pm until 3:00pm) – People may taste and vote for the whole 3 hours, please bring plenty of chili.

Other Events – There will be a silent auction and bucket raffle during the taste testing of the Chili Cook Off.

***If you wish to donate money toward the Holmen's Hope Fundraiser, please add the amount to your entry fee and indicate on the registration form.***

Questions – Please contact Craig Coe, at 608-783-4770 or [hello@holmenshope.org](mailto:hello@holmenshope.org)

Thank you!

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## Registration Form

**Saturday, February 8, 2025 – 10:30am to 3:00pm  
At the Holmen American Legion, Holmen WI**

Return this form along with your check.

**Checks payable to:** Holmen's Hope  
**Mail to:** Holmen's Hope  
PO Box 675  
Holmen, WI 54636

**(\$25 each entry):**

_____	Chili Entry	\$ _____
_____	I wish to donate to the Holmen's Hope Fundraiser	\$ _____
	TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED	\$ _____

Team Captain's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd # \_\_\_\_\_

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

I certify that I have received a copy of the official rules and guidelines, and I agree to abide by them. I understand that a violation may disqualify me or my team from the competition and any awards or prizes.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_