

SUPPORT OUR EVENT!

The Amelia Island Montessori School Chili Cook-Off will take place in the historic downtown of Fernandina Beach on Saturday, February 6, 2027.

Our goal is to bring the greater community together for this family-friendly event while also benefiting one of the true educational gems in our community. Competing teams will create their best chili recipes and provide tastings over a 2½-hour window in hopes of becoming this year's chili champion. There will also be live music, an interactive kid zone, arts and crafts, and more! It is sure to be the talk of the town, and you definitely do not want to miss your chance to be involved!

SCAN FOR DETAILS!



AMELIA ISLAND
MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Annual Chili Cook Off



SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 6, 2027
11AM-2PM

CHILI TASTING 11AM-1:30PM
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST



Why Support the Amelia Island Montessori School's Chili Cook-Off?

- 1. Visibility:** By supporting our event, your brand will gain exposure to a diverse audience, including parents, students, and local community members. We will prominently feature our sponsors and participants on our social media platforms and event materials throughout the year.
- 2. Community Impact:** Your partnership directly supports our educational programs, classroom resources, and extracurricular activities. AIMS is committed to providing an enriching learning environment for our students, and your contribution plays a vital role in achieving that goal.
- 3. Networking Opportunities:** The chili cook-off is an excellent opportunity to connect with other local businesses, educators, and families. It's a chance to build meaningful relationships and showcase your commitment to community engagement.

Opportunities to Support Us

You can support our event by signing up to be a sponsor, participant, and/or attendee! Simply scan the QR code to the left or reach out to the contact info below for more details. Don't forget to spread the word to your network!



2027 Chili Cook-off Rules

General

1. Various categories and rules are established as guidelines to ensure fair competition between teams.
2. Each team will be allocated a space of 12'x12'.
3. Teams are responsible for supplying all ingredients, cooking devices, coolers, thermometer, tents, tables, chairs, cleaning supplies, etc. Electricity is available but you are responsible for your own extension cords.
4. All team members shall sign the Waiver and Release form provided on the day of the event.
5. Each team is responsible for providing a fire extinguisher for their station.
6. Absolutely NO smoking will be permitted in the cook-off area.
7. Sampling bowls and spoons will be provided by AIMS.

Cooking

1. A minimum of 10 gallons is required for public sampling.
2. All ingredients for your chili must be from an approved source (FDA inspected facility). This would include all food purchased at a grocery store.
3. One recipe will be judged per team. For this reason, only one chili can be served to ensure fair voting for People's Choice.
4. Ingredients may be prepared in advance, such as cooking of meat, vegetables, beans, etc.; however, ingredients must be combined on-site, and the chili completed at the event.
5. One quart of chili must be reserved for judging, and will be picked up for the judges by 12:30 PM
6. Only patrons with a wristband will be allowed to sample. NO EXCEPTIONS. Because this is a fundraiser, it is important those who do not have a wristband are not allowed to sample chili!
7. You must designate a captain of your team which will monitor wristbands and communicate with officials.
8. Voting for people's choice: Each ticket represents one vote, so collect as many as you can! However, please do not "bribe patrons" with cookies, extra chili, etc.
9. Two sets of utensils should be used: one for food preparation and one set for serving. A serving spoon must be used to put the chili in the sampling cups.
10. Servings of chili must be passed over the front of the table. This will keep food away from the general public.
11. A hair restraint like a baseball cap or hairnets should be worn at all times.
12. Hand Sanitizer and garbage cans will be provided in your general area for attendees to use.
13. No other food besides chili should be served to the attendees. Garnishes for the chili are ok.

Judging/ Awards

1. Chili will be judged by the following criteria: aroma, appearance, consistency, aftertaste, and flavor. All criteria will be weighted equally for each category. No garnishes please.
2. Each team will be given an official quart container. Please ensure you reserve enough of your chili for the judges. Judging will begin promptly at 12:00pm.
3. The decisions of the judges are final.
4. All entrants participate at their own risk. AIMS is not liable for losses or damages for team participation in this event. AIMS reserves the right to change or modify these rules at any time.
5. **Awards will be given out for the following categories:**
 - Overall Judges' Choice – Novice: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd
 - Overall Judges' Choice – Professional: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd
 - Best Cook Station (evaluated on theme/decorations and showmanship) – 1 Winner
 - Spiciest Chili – 1 Winner
 - Best Vegetarian Chili – 1 Winner
 - People's Choice – 1st, 2nd, and 3rd



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Annual Chili Cook-Off
Saturday, February 6, 2027
Downtown Fernandina



INSTRUCTIONS:

Kindly review the rules and regulations set forth by the Amelia Island Montessori School Chili Cook-Off.

Please then complete the entry form and email or mail it to the address below.

- Email: teamaims@ameliaislandmontessori.com
- Phone: 904-261-6610
- Mail form to:
Amelia Island Montessori School
1423 Julia Street
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
- Encourage other teams you know to enter this event!
- For any questions, please use the contact information above.

ENTRY FEES:

Fees include entry into competition, an assigned space, electricity (if needed), and sampling bowls and spoons.

- Early Bird Entry by Wednesday, January 6, 2027: \$175.00 per team
- Last Call Entry by Friday, January 29, 2027: \$200.00 per team

Competition fees can be paid by check or with a credit card (Visa, Mastercard). Please make checks payable to: Amelia Island Montessori School (AIMS) or call (904)-261-6610 for credit card payments

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2027

ENTRY FORM:

Team Name: _____

Team Captain: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of Team Members _____

Which category does your team fall under? Professional Team (Restaurants and chefs): _____Y _____N

Novice Team: (All Others) _____Y _____N

I will be competing in the Spiciest Chili category: _____Y _____N

I will be competing in the Vegetarian Chili category: _____Y _____N

I will need a power source*: _____Y _____N

*Everyone will have access to a single 110v plug.

Cooking sites are roughly 12' x 12', additional space may be permitted upon availability.

I HAVE READ THE ATTACHED RULES AND REGULATIONS AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM.

Signature: _____ Date: _____