

Palmdale

SAFETY EXPO

Car Show & Chili Cook-Off Rules

ANTELOPE VALLEY MALL • SATURDAY • JUNE 15, 2013 • 10 AM TO 2 PM

Everyone is Welcome to Participate

Thank you for participating in the Palmdale Safety Expo, Car Show & Chili Cook-Off presented by the Palmdale Sheriff's Station and the Palmdale Sheriff Boosters. The Palmdale Sheriff Boosters are a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation and your entry fee is completely tax deductible (95-4683976).

The entry fee for the Car Show through Friday, June 14, 2013, is just \$15.00. The entry fee at the door on the day of the event, Saturday, June 15, 2013, is \$20.00. The entry fee for the Chili Cook-Off is just \$20.00. The deadline for Chili Cook-Off registration is Wednesday, June 12, 2013. Registration fees are non-refundable.

Please **READ THESE RULES BEFORE ENTERING THIS EVENT**. All participants must complete the Application and sign indicating they have read and agree with the rules.

Please make your check payable to "Palmdale Sheriff Boosters" attention: Safety Expo, and submit your application to the Community Relations office at the Palmdale Sheriff's Station, 750 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, Ca. 93550. Please direct any questions to Deputy Jodi Wolfe at 661-272-2520 or email PalmdaleSafetyExpo@gmail.com. We are not responsible for slow mail delivery, so if you want to make sure your entry is received on time please feel free to drop off your application at the front counter at the station. The station is open 24/7 for your convenience!

The Palmdale Sheriff Boosters have partnered with the Palmdale Sheriff's Station to help raise funds for "999 for Kids". "999 for Kids" was created in 1985 through a joint effort of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the County's Department of Children and Family Services. The two county agencies began working together after they recognized a need to help physically and mentally challenged children who are medically vulnerable or are victims of the most severe cases of child abuse, neglect and family violence.

The "999 for Kids" program raises money to purchase special items and services for these children, including sport wheelchairs, computers, special education classes, medically oriented toys, and games. The funds send children to summer camps for the deaf, blind, and those with other medical issues who would not otherwise have such positive experiences.

The City of Palmdale and the Antelope Valley Mall have graciously stepped forward to help us with this event. Without their support, this event would not be possible.

If you haven't been to any of our previous Safety Expo's, you are in for a great time. Car Show participants can start arriving and setting up between 8 and 9:30 am. If you want to be placed next to your friends, please arrive together.

Car Show participants are asked to enter the mall from 15th Street West, on the west side of the mall by Sears. This year there will be two entrances for Car Show participants, one for pre-paid and the other for those paying at the door. Please follow the signs and directions of our volunteers.

Chili Teams can begin setting up their booth as early as 7 am, the morning of the cook-off. Official start time for cooking is 8:00 am. The event opens to the public at 10 am and ends at 2 pm. The chili competition will end at 1:30 pm, and all "People's Choice" votes will be tabulated at that time.

All awards will be presented at 2 pm. Our rules are designed to be fair to all. Both the Car Show and Chili Cook-Off events will be judged by a committee of judges and by the public. ALL decisions of our judging committees are final.

The Safety Expo, Car Show and Chili Cook-Off are free for the public to attend. For just \$5, the public can purchase a card allowing them to sample each of the chilis and vote for their favorite. Folks entering the Car Show area will be given a "People's Choice" card. They will simply enter the number from the placard of the car they like best and submit the card at the judging booth.

ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SELL ADVANCED CHILI TASTING CARDS AND ENTER OUR "BIG BOWL" COMPETITION.

While this event is a contest for the best car show entries and best chili recipe, our primary objective is to raise money for "999 for Kids" and we ask for your help in this endeavor. **The Big Bowl Champion Award** is given to the top three (3) teams or participants collecting the largest dollar amount for their "Big Bowl" or donation jar at their vehicle or on their table. You can make or decorate your "Big Bowl" anyway you like! You can begin fundraising prior to the Safety Expo. Ask your friends, family, and coworkers to sponsor your team by making a donation. You can also sell "Chili Tasting Cards" in advance and count those funds toward your totals! Just complete the "Advanced Chili Tasting Card Sales" form and start collecting the money. Tickets are just \$5.00 each or four for \$16.00. A donation sheet can be found on the last page of these rules. Please accept checks made payable to "Palmdale Sheriff Boosters"

At approximately 1:40 PM, the judges will stop by each booth and count all the money collected in each team's Big Bowl. The team will receive a receipt for the money collected. Any monies collected through advance Chili Tasting Card sales will also be added to the total. The three top fund raising teams will receive awards.

Please Help Us Promote This Event!

While this event is an exhibition of safety services from throughout the Antelope Valley, the purpose of the car show and chili cook-off are also to raise funds for the “999 for Kids” program. We need your help in getting the word out to as many people as possible. Please consider:

- Inviting friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors to this event
- Using email or sites like Facebook or Twitter to promote this event and your participation
- Send messages to friends letting them know you have entered your vehicle or chili in this event and they can help you to win by purchasing advanced Chili Tasting Cards
- Sell Chili Tasting Cards in advance
- Promote this event by sharing our website: www.palmdale.lasd.org

Car Show Rules

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RULES AND INFORMATION

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Refer to page 2 for more information.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The Safety Expo is intended to be a family friendly event. The organizers appreciate you sharing your car with the public by participating. Our goal is for everyone to come out and have a great time. There are a few simple rules which will be strictly enforced:

No Radios or Music – High Desert Broadcasting will have a live remote at this event and will be playing music for everyone to enjoy. They have asked that no competing music be played.

No Vulgar or Obscene Language – There will be kids.

No Revving of Engines – There are businesses and residences close to the mall. Noise will easily echo and be amplified by the buildings. Please be respectful of others.

No Burn-Outs – Would you like someone pulling into your driveway at home and doing a burn-out? The mall has graciously allowed us to use their parking lot for this event. Please respect their property, so we may be allowed to do this again in the future.

No Speeding – It’s a mall. There will be people walking all around. We don’t want any accidents. Slow down and wear your seat belt.

No Racing – Did we mention this was a “Safety Expo” sponsored by the Sheriff’s Department? Oh yeah, CHP will be there too!

No Alcohol – This is a family friendly event and we would like to keep it that way

No Bicycles – Your car is valuable and we appreciate you sharing it with the public at our event. We want to make sure your car goes home the same way you brought it

Pick Up Your Trash – Help us keep the area clean so we may be invited back next year!

Umbrellas or E-Z Up’s – This event will be held in a large parking lot at a shopping mall. Vehicles will be positioned two parking spaces apart in a checker board style configuration, backed into a parking spot. Small beach umbrellas and chairs are permitted next to your vehicle. This is the high desert and it is not uncommon for winds to start kicking up in the afternoon. You are responsible to insure you’re your items do not blow away or damage anyone’s property. We respectfully request **NO E-Z Up style coverings** be used in the car show area.

Judging Categories

A plaque will be presented to the top vehicles in each of the following categories:

- People's Choice - Plaque will be awarded to the vehicle which receives the most votes from the public.
- Best of Class - Import Car
- Best of Class – Commercial Vehicle, Pre 1965
- Best of Class – Commercial Vehicle, Post 1965
- Best of Class – Rat Rod
- Best of Class – Pre 1948
- Best of Class – Post 1948
- Best of Class – Pre 1965
- Best of Class – Post 1965
- Best of Class – Original
- Best of Class – Custom
- Best of Class – Special Construction
- Best of Class – Paint
- Best of Class – Interior
- Best of Class – Engine
- Best of Class – Engineered Vehicle
- Best of Class – Motorcycle

This year we have tried to expand our award categories to best recognize the hard work, time, and devotion each of our entrants have put into their vehicles. Each vehicle will be judged in their respective category based upon each judge's independent numerical average. Each of the judge's scores will be computed and the vehicle with the most points in their category will be awarded the "Best of Class" plaque.

The decisions of the judges are final. All entrants participate at their own risk. The City of Palmdale, Palmdale Sheriff Boosters, Antelope Valley Mall, Los Angeles County, and the Sheriff's Department are not liable for losses or damages resulting from participation in this event. The sponsors reserve the right to change or modify these rules at any time. Any changes will be communicated to all entrants. The sponsors also reserve the right to disqualify any participant for violation of these rules.

Event Timeline

Pre-Registration thru Friday, June 14, 2013. \$15 per vehicle.

Day of event registration, Saturday, June 15, 2013. \$20 per vehicle.

Please arrive between 8 – 9:30 am. All vehicles must be in position by 10 am.

Enter off 15th Street West, by Sears. Please follow instructions of our volunteers.

Event begins at 10 am and ends at 2 pm

Big Bowl Collection 1:40 pm

Awards Ceremony 2 pm

Chili Cook-Off Rules

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OFFICIAL RULES

ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SELL ADVANCED CHILI TASTING CARDS AND ENTER OUR "BIG BOWL" COMPETITION.

Refer to page 2 for more information.

You must be at least 18 years old to enter.

The Palmdale Safety Expo, Car Show & Chili Cook-Off is **NOT** affiliated with nor sanctioned by the International Chili Society (I.C.S.) or the Chili Appreciation Society International (C.A.S.I.). **Their rules do not apply to this event.**

The way we see it, "Chili" cannot be defined. **Whatever you call CHILI, we will call chili.** Chili may or may not contain meat. Chili may or may not contain beans. Chili may be red, white or any other color. Regardless of what you call chili, YOU must prove it is edible by tasting (and swallowing) it in front of the judges.

You can serve your chili with any additional toppings of your teams choosing. Cheese, onions, Fritos, Mac-n-cheese, etc., feel free to be creative.

You will be required to prepare a minimum of three gallons of chili. There is no maximum quantity but remember the public will be tasting and voting for the People's Choice Chili. If you run out, chances are pretty good you won't get their vote.

Only one recipe will be judged per team.

All Participant areas must be self-supporting. No electricity will be provided. Coleman stoves are recommended. **NO GENERATORS ALLOWED.**

Participants are responsible for supplying all ingredients, cooking devices, cooking utensils, tables, chairs, coolers, E-Z Up, etc. Sampling cups, spoons and napkins will be provided.

Participants are responsible for conforming to Health Department Rules and Booth Standards as outlined in this document.

Vehicles will only be allowed into the cook off area to unload their materials. This will occur between 7 and 8 am **ONLY**. Participants will then park in designated spaces at the south end of the parking lot adjacent to the Car Show area.

Stands must be completely removed and your area must be completely free from garbage by 4 p.m.

Health Code Requirements For Preparing Chili

The following is a list of rules and regulations approved by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health concerning the Chili Cook-Off. These rules may be strictly enforced by a representative from the Department of Public Health.

Chili may NOT be made prior to the event unless it has been prepared in a certified food preparation area as approved by the Health Department. If made in a certified kitchen, you will be required to provide a health permit license to the health inspector. We have taken care of all Health Department fees and forms.

YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO SELL ANY FOOD ITEMS! Our agreement with the Health Department allows you to provide samples of your chili for free. In the event you sell ANY food products, you will be considered a food vendor and you will be required to pay the requested application fees, and comply with different food preparation, sanitation and booth standards.

ALL Chili Booth Participants are REQUIRED to keep **ALL** hair restrained. This can be done with a hair net, pony tail braid, ball cap, etc. **NO** hair can be out of the restraint.

Coolers with ice will be needed to store meat and other refrigerated ingredients. The holding temperature in the ice coolers needs to be at 40 degrees (f) or below. Food must not be stored in direct contact with or submerged in the ice. All ice chests must be off the ground.

POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS FOODS (all meats, sauces, etc.) must reach an internal cooking temperature of 165 degrees (f).

After the chili is fully cooked it must be held at 140 degrees (f) or warmer, to be served. Be sure to keep your chili hot. Each team must have a food thermometer and test the temperature of perishable foods regularly. This food handling practice is necessary because the risk of food borne illness occurs when potentially hazardous food is held in a temperature danger zone between 41 degrees and 139 degrees (f).

You will need to provide the following for adequate hand washing facilities, but **separate** from utensil washing, within your booth: **Warm** water supply dispenser (e.g. Coleman camping shower with spigot).

One separate tub (bucket or bowl) is needed for the collection of rinse/waste water. Paper towels and a pump-style soap container. **A separate basin must be used to clean utensils** (cannot use hand wash basin).

Place all hand washing equipment (solar shower, catch basin, soap & paper towels) in your booth area so it is easily accessible to all team members. Upon returning to the booth, all team members are required to wash their hands at the hand washing station inside the booth area.

No taste testing during preparation of chili with food preparation utensils is permitted. Please use a separate plastic spoon.

Containers holding the chili MUST remain covered except when serving.

Teams must keep the booth area clean and free from trash during the event. Teams will be required to clean their areas thoroughly after the event and they will be required to remove their booths at the completion of the event.

Beer or alcohol can only be brought onto the facility by teams FOR COOKING ONLY. NO ALCOHOL MAY BE SOLD OR CONSUMED.

ALL Tobacco use is prohibited in any food preparation or service area.

Health Department Booth Standards

The Safety Expo is intended to be a fun family event. With this in mind, we encourage you to set up your booth in a fun and exciting way. Have a theme. Dress up. Have a great time and encourage others to join in the fun at your booth! The only thing we ask is that you remain in good taste and that no outside music be played.

Each booth must display your team name. Your name should represent your booth and your chili. Be creative and have fun!

All booths must have a roof. The easiest way to do this is with an “E-Z Up” or other similar type canopy (or you can make something, but be prepared to remove it at the end of the event!). You will be setting up your booth on a pre-designated spot in an asphalt parking lot. You will need weights to hold your canopy down. This is the high desert and it is not uncommon for the wind to kick up. You will NOT be allowed to put stakes in the ground or damage the parking lot with holes. Please plan on bringing water bottles, sand bags, weights, or anything else you think you can use to hold your canopy down, should the wind kick up.

The Health Department requires a table skirt or covering on the bottom 3 feet of your booth (on the front and both sides). This may be done with plastic table cloths (or rolls of plastic sheeting that you can get at stores like “Michaels”). The primary purpose is to keep stuff or flying things from blowing into your chili or contaminating your food preparation area.

If you are setting up your booth as a theme, your props will work as long as they cover the bottom 3 feet of your booth.

You can plan on your booth area being approximately 12ft. x 12 ft. You must provide a table for serving your chili to the public and/or for preparing your ingredients for cooking. Plastic spoons and small bowls will be provided to the public with the purchase of their Chili Tasting Card, to sample your chili.

Please bring a decorated bowl or donation box to collect contributions/donations from the general public. (NOTE: ALL Proceeds from the donation jar or bowl count toward your Big Bowl Champion proceeds). You may decorate your collection bowl in any manner which you think will help you collect the most money for "999 for Kids".

Judging Categories

There are four judging categories for the Chili Cook-Off event:

Judge's Choice Award - Best Traditional Chili: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners. Plaque is awarded to the top three teams for the best over-all traditional chili from all finalists, according to the judges.

Judge's Choice Award – Best Non-Traditional Chili: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners. Plaque is awarded to the top three teams for the best over-all non-traditional chili from all finalists, according to the judges.

People's Choice Award: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners. Each event patron will be given three vote tickets to vote on the chili they like most. They can spread out their votes for their favorite tasting chili or they can award them all to one team. The team with the most vote tickets will win.

Best Booth / Most Spirited Booth Award: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place. Plaque is awarded to the top three teams with the best theme, booth design, decoration, and the most unique and appropriate way costumes support the theme of the booth and for overall presentation of theme, demonstrations, performances, etc., according to the judges.

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Judging Criteria

Each team will be provided one 16 oz cup with your designated team number. This cup will be filled with a sample of your chili as you want it prepared for the judges. At 12 pm (High Noon), your head chef will prepare the cup and submit it for judging. At the judging booth, your head chef will be required to taste a sample of their own chili in the presence of a judge.

Each cup of chili will judged on five (5) categories to arrive at one whole number. Each judge will be given six (6) points to distribute to their top three chili choices. The judges are not permitted to confer. Their ballots will be tabulated to determine the top three

chili choices in following categories: Best **Traditional Chili** and Best **Non-Traditional Chili**.

Your chili will be judged based on the following factors:

- Appearance - Chili should look appetizing.
- Aroma - Chili should smell good.
- Consistency - Chili must have a good ratio of ingredients. It should not be dry, watery, grainy, lumpy, or greasy.
- Taste - Taste, above all else is the most important factor. The taste should consist of the combination of all ingredients with no particular ingredient being dominant.
- Aftertaste - The aftertaste or bite is the lingering flavors or heat created by the various types of ingredients and spices,

Votes will be tabulated and the highest overall scoring chili's will win. In the event of a tie, the top finishers will be re-tested by the judges and new scoring sheets will be tabulated. The highest scoring chili will win. The winners will be announced at the awards ceremony at approximately 2 pm. The top three teams in each category will win awards.

People's Choice

At approximately 1:40 PM, Judges will come around to each booth. They will tally the total number of tickets collected for each team. The top three teams with the most tickets will win awards.

Booth Judging

Each booth will be judged in the following categories:

- Booth - design, theme, banner/signs, logo, setting/decorations
- Costumes - creative, colorful, unique and appropriate to theme
- Showmanship - enthusiasm shown by all team members, performances, and special effects.

The overall setting and decorations of the booth should be colorful, eye catching and should carry off the theme. The theme should be obvious throughout the whole booth.

Banners or signs should include the team name and theme should be eye catching.

Designs or graphics appropriate to the theme should be displayed on the banner and perhaps elsewhere in the booth and/or on the costumes.

Costumes should be creative, colorful, unique and appropriate to the overall theme. The more team members who are in costume, the better the score will be.

The teams' (all members) enthusiasm must be present and sustained throughout the day. Performances and special effects are the criteria where teams can be especially creative. This would be something that the team does or has that would not be ordinary and expected – something that really makes the booth stand apart from the rest in the minds of the judges.

Big Bowl Champion Award

At approximately 1:40 PM, the judges will stop by each booth and count all the money collected in each team's collection bowl. The team will receive a receipt for the money collected. Any monies collected through advance Chili Cook-Off sales will also be added to the total. The three top fund raising teams will receive awards.

Chili Cook-Off Timeline of Events.

All entrants must register by Wednesday, June 12, 2013. Entry fee is \$20.

Day of the event is Saturday, June 15, 2013.

Chili Cook-Off event will be held in the parking lot by the mall's main entrance.

7 am – Booth set up

8 am – Start cooking!

10 am -2 pm – Event opens to the public

12 noon – Bring your chili sample to judging booth. Be prepared to taste it!

1:30 pm – People's Choice tickets will be tabulated

1:40 pm – Big Bowl Champion monies will be collected

2 pm – Awards Ceremony

