

SCHULENBURG FESTIVAL

Cook- Off

Saturday, August 1, 2026

CASI CHILI COOK-OFF RULES - ENTRY FEE \$25.00

1. Open Cook-off chili grind.
2. All chili must be cooked from scratch & on cook-off grounds.
3. Competition chili will be defined as any kind of meat, or combination of meats, with chili peppers, and other seasonings WITHOUT beans, macaroni, and/or fillers.
4. Judges or cook-off officials will be at liberty to inspect meat and ingredients.
5. Chili will be judged on taste, aroma, consistency, red color, and aftertaste.
6. **Chili must be ready for judging at 2:00 pm SHARP at American Legion Post.**
7. **ABSOLUTLY NO VEHICLES** will be allowed on cook site during cook-off unless vehicle is part of your cooking showmanship set-up, or you are camping/cooking in it (this applies to Day Cooks only). **THIS WILL BE ENFORCED. You will be towed at your expense. Cook only parking will be available behind the Expo Center (we will give you pass upon arrival).**
8. Showmanship will be judged between 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm.
9. Enter cook-off grounds at West Avenue and Baumgarten Street (enter where sign says **DO NOT ENTER**).
10. Points may be used towards qualifying for International CASI Championship Chili Cook-off.

JACKPOT LOCAL CHILI COOK-OFF RULES - ENTRY FEE \$25.00

1. Head cook must be a Schulenburg resident & have a Schulenburg address. Officials at liberty to verify address.
2. Chili grind only.
3. All chili must be cooked from scratch & on cook-off grounds.
4. Competition chili will be defined as any kind of meat, or combination of meats with chili peppers and other seasonings.
5. Judges or cook-off officials will be at liberty to inspect meat and ingredients.
6. Chili will be judged on taste, aroma, consistency, red color, and aftertaste.
7. **Chili must be ready for judging at 2:00 pm SHARP at the American Legion Post.**
8. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three winners based on the above criteria.
9. Cash prizes will be based on the number of entries, which will determine the amounts awarded.

JACKPOT BEAN CONTEST RULES - ENTRY FEE \$20.00

1. Entries will be judged on taste, aroma, and consistency.
2. Only **PINTO** beans may be used in this contest and must be cooked from scratch (dry beans) on cook-off grounds.
3. Beans and gravy only in turn-in (NO meat or other identifying ingredients in turn-in). Entry will be disqualified. Nothing bigger than a bean.
4. Must provide one pint of beans for judging.
5. **Turn-in time is 12:00 noon SHARP at the American Legion Post.**
6. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three winners based on above criteria.
7. Cash prizes will be based on the number of entries, which will determine the amounts, awarded.

JACKPOT BLOODY MARY CONTEST RULES - ENTRY FEE \$15.00

1. Entries will be judged on taste and showmanship (container presentation).
2. Entry may be placed in any container; however, no distinguishable marked containers will be permitted with the name of the team or team logo.
3. VODKA will be the only permitted alcohol ingredient.
4. May use pre-mixed juices. Regular spices only.
5. **Turn-in/set-up will begin at 9:30 am. Enter at the kitchen door on east side of the American Legion Post. All entries must be in place by 10:00 AM SHARP. Judging will begin at 10:00 am. Once judging has begun, NO entries will be accepted. Entries must be picked up after judging is complete. Please provide at least 32 oz of Bloody Mary for judging.**
6. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three winners based on the above criteria.
7. Cash prizes will be based on the number of entries, which will determine the amount, awarded.
8. One winner will be awarded a trophy for showmanship.
9. You must be 21 to participate in the contest or be a judge for this contest. Officials are at liberty to check for ID.

IBCA BBQ COOK-OFF RULES – ENTRY FEE \$200.00 (THREE MEATS)

1. This is an IBCA sanctioned cook-off & IBCA rules will apply. These can be found on the following link: <https://ibcabq.org/organization-documents?/>. If you need a hard copy or have problems opening this link please let us know & we will get them to you. Turn in at the south door of the American Legion Post.
2. Enter cook-off grounds at West Ave. and Baumgarten Street (enter where sign says **DO NOT ENTER**)
3. **You will be provided an approximate 20' x 30' area for set up. This will be at the discretion of the Cook-off officials.** Some of the park grounds are a little uneven. We will do our best to accommodate your needs.

4. Placing of teams will begin on Thursday (7/30/26) after 6:00 pm, unless prior arrangements have been made with the Cook-off officials. **NO ONE** may begin setup at any time without prior approval. **NO** spots will be held, reserved, or marked off (we will take it down). Again, we will do our best to accommodate your needs.
5. **NO** vehicles will be allowed on cook-off grounds. There will be designated cook parking for **cook-off team members only** (we will give you a parking pass upon arrival) behind the Expo Center.
6. **NO** ATV or 4-wheeled vehicles will be allowed. Only ones allowed will be Schulenburg Festival Directors & Cook-off officials.
7. Water is available but very limited. This will be on a first come first serve basis. Make sure to bring long hoses & splitters as you will have to share with your neighbor. Again, we will do our best to accommodate your needs.
8. Electrical is available but very limited. Most of the plugs are 30 amp – very few 50 amp. ALL these will be on first **PAID** entry basis & you will need to be able to move in on either that Wednesday or Thursday. You can bring your own generator (be self contained) we will have space for you. We strongly encourage this. Again we will do our best to accommodate your needs.
9. The chief cook will be held responsible for the conduct of his or her team & their guests. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages and or drugs will be grounds for disqualification.
10. Early entry deadline is 7/21/26. All BBQ entries received after this date will be subject to \$25.00 late fee.
11. Two wrist bands will be included with your BBQ entry. This will give entry to all Festival activities throughout the weekend (carnival/bouncy house not included). We will **NOT** be replacing lost or ones misplaced – so **HOLD ON TO THEM**.

OPEN JACKPOT COOKS CHOICE COOK-OFF RULES – ENTRY FEE \$40.00

1. Check in for this will begin at 5:00 pm Friday (7/31/26) at the American Legion Post.
2. Turn in time will be 6:30 pm SHARP at the American Legion Post.
3. Turn in may be any meat based concoction. Must be cooked on pit & must be cooked on cook-off grounds.
4. Turn in should be placed on plate provided in a manner where it can be judged on the appearance of the food. Also provide approximately 10 bite size pieces for the judges to sample.
5. This will be 100% pay back. 1st place – 50%, 2nd place – 30%, & 3rd place – 20%.
6. Results of this contest will be announced immediately after this judging has concluded & will be announced in front of the American Legion Post.

SANITATION:

Cooks are to prepare and cook meat in a sanitary manner. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by the cook-off committee. Infractions identified by the cook-off committee shall be immediately corrected or the cook & team will be subject to disqualification

GENERAL INFORMATION:

NO DJ's or Live Bands will be allowed on cook-off grounds. Music played will be in LOW moderation. Music will be discontinued after midnight on Friday & after 1:00 am on Saturday. All decisions of the judges are final. Misconduct and or violation of any rules will be considered automatic disqualification. We will provide transportation to & from Cooks parking if needed. Please ask officials. The Schulenburg Festival Association or any of its members or sponsors will not be responsible for accidents, theft, or damage to any equipment or persons. The Schulenburg Festival Association reserves the right to make additional regulations as situations warrant. **ALL RESULTS TO THE ABOVE-MENTIONED CONTESTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF ALL COOK-OFF JUDGING, IN FRONT OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST** (place subject to change). Gates to cook-off area will be closed at 4:00 pm Friday & remain closed the duration of Fridays festival. Gates will also be closing at 8:00 am Saturday (Chili day cooks will be allowed entry) & remain closed the duration of Saturday's festival. We will open gates for about 1 - 1-1/2 hours after results have been announced to allow those wanting to leave Saturday evening to do so & then close again & remain closed the duration. State & Local COVID mandates will be followed – failure to comply WILL result in disqualification. **LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL!!!**

Turn in Times:

Friday:

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Tray Pick Up
 5:00 pm BBQ Head Cooks Meeting
 6:30 pm Chef's Choice

Saturday:

9:00 am - 10:00 am Tray Pick Up (for anyone arriving late on Friday)	
10:00 am Bloody Mary	12:00 pm Chicken 1 - ½ fully jointed chicken (to include breast, wing, thigh, & drumstick). SKIN ON
12:00 pm Beans	1:30 pm Pork Spare Ribs (8 individual pork spare ribs)
12:30 – 1:30 CASI Showmanship	3:00 pm Brisket (8 Full Slices)
2:00 pm CASI & Local Chili	

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT (please leave message):

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OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK

TEAM NAME: _____

CHIEF COOK: _____ CELL # _____

TEAM MEMBERS _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

Approximate size of your set up (trailer/pit) _____ please note our size specs above

_____ CASI CHILI - \$25.00

_____ IBCA BBQ 3 MEATS - \$200.00

_____ LOCAL CHILI - \$25.00

_____ CHEFS CHOICE - \$40.00

_____ SHOWMANSHIP (CHILI)

_____ JACKPOT BEAN - \$20.00

_____ JACKPOT BLOODY MARY - \$15.00

ELECTRICIAL HOOK UP AVAILABLE BUT LIMITED. **\$25.00 PER DAY**. ABSOLUTLY NO ELECTRICITY WILL BE HOOKED UP BEFORE 6:00 PM ON THURSDAY.

_____ Thursday _____ Friday _____ Saturday _____ Sunday

TOTAL PAID _____ CHECK # _____ / CASH _____ / SQUARE _____

You may mail entry forms to either of the above addresses or bring upon arrival. Forms can also be accessed:

<https://www.schulenburgfestival.org/cookoffs>