



October 3rd, 2026: Information and Schedule

Cooking:

- Chili may contain any ingredients
- Each team must bring their own ingredients
- Cooking on grills, portable burners, etc., is recommended. Depending on location/requirements, electricity is limited! (*This must be planned ahead of time!*)
- You MAY ONLY pre-cook meat
- Canned, bottled tomatoes, tomato sauce, peppers, pepper sauce, broth, and spices may be prepared beforehand
- All other preparation must be done during cooking time (chopping vegetables, etc.)

Set-Up:

- The zoo will supply each team with a picnic table.
- Bring your own 'space', including grills, tents, chairs, etc.
- Set up is Saturday morning (10/3/26) beginning at 8:00 am, utilizing the South Employee entrance on 6th Avenue marked Gate #4. The cooks' meeting will be at 9:15 am. *If you would like to bring a larger camper, etc., please call Jaime at 605-882-6269 at Bramble Park Zoo to arrange ahead of time.*
- Themes, signs, and costumes are encouraged, as are any other items you would like to decorate your space with, to be in the running for the Showmanship Award.

Misc:

- The Zoo does not allow latex balloons or pets on zoo grounds.
- Be prepared to serve a minimum of 5 gallons of chili to your adoring fans. Keep in mind that when you run out of chili, you will lose possible votes. 7 gallons may not be a bad idea.
- You may not ask for donations or sell items at your booth.
- Any vehicle that is staying for the duration of the event may be parked behind your booth. If you need to come and go, please park outside the fence in the gravel parking lot. Gate #4 will be closed except for set-up and tear-down. Anyone working at your booth will receive free admission.
 - People's Choice: The public can buy wristbands to try any or all of the chili for \$3 per person beginning at 12:00 pm and ending at 2:00 pm or when the chili runs out.

Judging:

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Awards, as well as Shoot & Holler and Showmanship Awards, will be chosen by official judges. *Shoot & Holler must be palatable to compete.*
- People's Choice Award will be chosen by public vote (via voting tags on wristbands and dollar donations. Dollar donations will count as \$1 for 1 vote.)
- \$2,500 in cash prizes donated by Platinum Realty.

Schedule:

8:00 am - Zoo opens for set-up
9:15 am - Cooks meeting
9:30 am to 10:00 am - Prep time
10:00 am - Cooking with fire
11:50 pm - Samples delivered for judging
Noon - Public tasting begins
2:15 pm - Awards ceremony

10:00 am to 4:00 pm - Zoo Hours
\$5 Reduced Admission for the day!



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Registration Form

Team Name: _____

Organization/Company Name: _____

Theme: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address (City, State, Zip): _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Other Information (Space for Tents/Electricity, etc.): _____

Common Allergens in Your Chili: _____

How Many Types of Chilies: Regular: _____ Shoot & Holler: _____

***Each team has the option of making multiple batches of chili (minimum of 5 gallons each). Each batch of "regular" chili will be judged under the Judge's Choice category. Each batch of hot & spicy chili will be judged under the Shoot & Holler category.*

I have read the rules and regulations on the enclosed sheet and confirm that all of the above information is correct. I understand that KXLG Radio, the Bramble Park Zoo, or any other sponsoring organization is not responsible for any accidents or injuries to my support team members or me.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Space is limited! To ensure your space is reserved, please return the form by September 25th, 2026. If you have questions, please call Nicole Kraus at 605-753-9910 or email nicole.kraus@kxlgradio.com, or call Jaime Stricker at 605-882-6269 or email jstricker@brambleparkzoo.com.

The entry fee of \$75 has been covered by Dakota Land Federal Credit Union! Please return this form by September 25th to:

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835 10th Ave SE
Watertown, SD 57201
Attn: Nicole Kraus

