



## **POT-O-SPUDS COOK-OFF**

### **June, 29 2008 Big Lake, MN**

So what is the POT-O-SPUDS cook-off you ask? Well I would have to say it's more about, 'What it's about'. POT-O-SPUDS cook-off is about friends, family or even co worker getting together to spend the day enjoying some fun in the sun and cooking up some money for our community.

If you have dusted off grandmas old potato soup recipe (which you have never mentioned to the neighbors how good it is, countless times!) loaded up the family car with the Coleman stove, card table, chairs, cooking utensils, required ingredients and most of all the attitude to go out and prove to the world that grandma's potato soup is the best. If you have come up with an idea to make your cooking booth a little more attractive then the booth next to yours. Maybe you have a song or a dance to "woo" the public to cheer you on to proving grandmas soup is the best. Then I can only tell you that you are right on track to what POT-O-SPUDS is all about. One of the best things about all of this is you could win great awards by entering a team. I won't even say anything the fact you can say "I told you so, Grandma's is the best". Big Lake **SPUD FEST** is looking for people just like this to come out on Sunday June 29, 2008 to join in the fun.

Funds will be raised by selling tasting cups to the public. These cups will be sold by Spud Fest staff member only. Just follow the directions below fill out an application and call Geoff at 612-859-9320 to be sure you get registered. So grab your hot pads and see you on the 29<sup>th</sup>



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### **COOKING RULES**

1. All entries must contain potato (no sweet potatoes)
2. Entries are to be stew or soup based. No casseroles, fried or baked dishes will be allowed.
3. All cooking supplies and ingredients are to be supplied by each cooking team.
4. Basic health codes for event cooking shall be followed during preparation and distribution of samples. It will be the responsibility of each team captain to maintain as healthy food-safe environment as possible throughout the event.
5. At any time, if requested by **SPUD FEST** staff or any judge, team's members must be willing to sample their cooking.
6. Each team is to make a minimum of 12 quarts of their entrée.
7. Potatoes **may be** pre cooked or baked. (new rule change 2006)
8. No other ingredient's may be pre-cooked, treated, or prepared in any way prior to the preparation period which will begin approximately one half hour prior to the commencement of the official cook-off. The only exceptions are factory canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, broths or spice mixes.
9. The cooking period will be 3 ½ hours and 1 ½ hours of public sampling or until gone.
10. One representative (team captain preferred) from each team shall be present at a contestants meeting, at which final instructions are to be given and questions answered. This meeting will be at 11:15 am the day of the cook-off.
11. Cooking area must be in open view but covered by top or canopy preferred.
12. The decision of the judges will be final.

### **TEAMS GUIDE LINES**

1. Teams must pre-register in order to enter contest, the entry form must be received no later than June 20, 2008.
2. Each team is to have a team name.

3. An entry fee donation of \$20.00 is required with each **POT-O-SPUDS** application. ( \$10 expo only)
4. Each team is to have a Team Captain.
5. Contestants are responsible for supplying all of their own cooking utensils, etc.
6. Each team is to supply their own drinking water for cleaning and cooking.
7. Means of cooking shall be Coleman type cook stove or propane cook top or grill. No charcoal or wood burning grills.
8. Electrical power can be supplied to a limited number of teams, first come basis. This must be requested on the entry form. Portable generators will not be allowed.
9. Teams will be permitted to set up their equipment, decorations and cooking areas anytime after 9:00 A.M up to 11:00 AM on the day of the cook-off. Area must be set up and all vehicle traffic completed by 11:15 am. Loading and unloading will only be allowed in designated area.
10. **SPUD FEST** will not furnish any tables, chairs or other supplies. All supplies are the responsibility of the contestants.
11. No team shall sell any samples or any other items direct to the public. Sampling cups will be sold by **SPUD FEST** staff only.
12. No vehicles, trailers or pull behind cookers will be allowed to travel into or be staged as part of any teams cooking area.
13. Each team will have a 15' x 15' cooking area.
14. It will be the responsibility of each team to clean up their cooking site at the end of the day. Trash receptacles will be provided by **SPUD FEST**

## **SHOWMANSHIP RULES**

1. All entertainment must be preformed by the team members only.
2. Showmanship teams must be limited in their activity so as not to interfere with the other contestants. Traveling (moving around the contest area) is allowed, and traveling show teams will be judged while traveling.
3. Nudity and lewdness are banned from showmanship. Intentional use by any contestant will result in disqualification of that team.
4. No contestant or team may possess or discharge firearms or use any pyrotechnics or explosives on **SPUD FEST** grounds or during the cook-off. Contestants discharging firearms and/or using explosives or other pyrotechnics will be disqualified from the cook-off.
5. **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** – No team will be allowed to bring alcohol onto **SPUD FEST** grounds. Beer and wine may be consumed in the contest area but must be purchased from the beer tent. If any team does not comply with this provision, it will be disqualified from the all competition.
6. Showmanship will be judged by a selected and anonymous panel of judges through the day.
7. All decisions of judges will be final

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Application must be received no later the June 20, 2008

Team name \_\_\_\_\_

Team sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Team contact Phone number (        ) \_\_\_\_\_

Team Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of team member's \_\_\_\_\_ Date filed \_\_\_\_\_

\$20.00 entry fee check \_\_\_\_\_ cash \_\_\_\_\_ ½ price expo \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: Big Lake Spud Fest

Mail entry form and payment to: Spud Fest PO Box 215 Big Lake, MN  
55309

For questions Email Geoff Randall [info@biglakespudfest.com](mailto:info@biglakespudfest.com) or  
[Kenranclan@aol.com](mailto:Kenranclan@aol.com) also on the SPUD FEST hotline (763) 262-FEST

I hereby certify all food will be properly handled and treated, and is healthy for  
consumption by the judges and public. I also have read the rules and regulations and  
agree to abide by them.

Team representative \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_