



**September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**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 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 (9/20/25) beginning at 8:00 am, utilizing the South Employee entrance on 6th Avenue marked Gate #4. *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 and signs 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.
- Cost per team: \$75 check made out to Bramble Park Zoo. Non-profit organizations and families enter for \$25.
  - People's Choice: The public can buy wristbands to try any or all of the chili for \$5 per person beginning at 12:00 pm and ending at 2:00 pm or when the chili runs out.

**Judging:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 slips and dollar donations. Dollar donations will count as \$1 for 1 vote.)

**Schedule:**

8:00 am - Zoo opens for set-up  
9:15 am - Cooks meeting  
9:30 am -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



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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.): \_\_\_\_\_

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Common Allergens in Your Chili: \_\_\_\_\_

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 me or my support team members.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form along with your \$75 entry fee (non-profit and family's cost is \$25), payable to Bramble Park Zoo, by September 12<sup>th</sup> to:

KXLG Radio  
835 10<sup>th</sup> Ave SE  
Watertown, SD 57201  
Attn: Nicole Kraus

Space is limited! To ensure your space is reserved, please return the form and payment by September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

If you have questions, please call Nicole Kraus at 605-753-9910 or email [nicole.kraus@kxlgradio.com](mailto:nicole.kraus@kxlgradio.com), or call Jaime Stricker at 605-882-6269 or email [jstricker@brambleparkzoo.com](mailto:jstricker@brambleparkzoo.com).