

27th ANNUAL ARKANSAS BEAN FEST

October 31, 2009

Sponsored by the
Mountain View Area Chamber of Commerce

CONTEST RULES for COOKING BEANS

- (1) Beans, water, stir paddles, and kettles will be furnished to each team. Each team/contestant is responsible for furnishing flavoring and spices to his/her taste.
- (2) Contestants will cook the amount of beans assigned to his/her kettle. No beans may be removed without Bean Committee approval.
- (3) Cooking area will open for participants at 6:45 a.m. Beans, water, and kettles will be ready at this time. The BeanFest Committee will begin lighting fires at approximately 7:00 a.m.
- (4) Judging will begin at approximately 11:00am (to be determined by the Bean Committee). Awards will be announced after all judging has occurred and will be in conjunction with the Cornbread, decoration and other awards.
- (5) Entry fee for each kettle will be **\$50.00**. Prize money (1st) **\$150.00**; (2nd) **\$100.00**; (3rd) **\$75.00**. Best of show: Cooking Area: **\$35.00** Costumes: **\$35.00**. Winners also get a Beanpot trophy.
- (6) Each contestant will be responsible for cleaning the area around his/her assigned bean pot at the end of the day's activities.
- (7) Only three (3) cooks will be allowed in the roped off "cooking" area at any given time. Participants will be issued badges that will allow them in the area. **NO OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS, FRIENDS, RELATIVES, LONG LOST PALS, or ENEMIES** will be allowed in the area and please NO Children under the age of 12 for their safety. This is done to keep the area safe and spill free. Failure to adhere to this rule may lead to disqualification from the Bean Cooking. ***The Bean Committee has the final decision in this matter.***
- (8) For sanitary reasons, cooks must use disposable spoons when tasting the beans during cooking, or they must sanitize the spoon between tasting. Additionally, use caution when smoking around beanpots, the ashes of your cigarette may drop into the beans. (While this may not be unsanitary, it does look disgusting!)
- (9) Entrants may decorate the cooking area as you wish as long as it is not offensive & not too close to the burners for flammable reasons! Prizes may be awarded for best decorated area. Your decorations cannot interfere with safe travel in the area or extend past your cooking area.
- (10) **This event is intended to be a fun and entertaining event.** Committee members for the BeanFest area are volunteers who do this for enjoyment and have no affiliation with anyone; therefore they treat everyone equally alike and with respect. In return, they should be shown the same respect. Any abusive behavior on the cooker's part during registration or cooking will **NOT BE TOLERATED**. Applicant will be disqualified from the competition and will be banned from future consideration from any Mountain View contests for three (3) years.

**PLEASE KEEP THESE RULES.
DO NOT RETURN WITH THE APPLICATION.**

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BeanFest Cooker Application

I agree to follow the official rules for the 2009 Bean Fest Cooking Contest. I understand that failure to follow the rules may lead to disqualification from the BeanFest Cooking and the cooking area. I additionally understand that if am disqualified from the Contest, I will not be allowed to participate in the Bean Cooking Contest for the following three Bean Festivals.

Name(s): _____

(Please circle the primary contact and indicate his/her address below.)

Address: _____

Phone: () _____ Email: _____

Signature of primary applicant : _____

ALL ENTRIES *with \$50.00 entry fee* MUST BE RETURNED BY
October 1, 2009.

THANK YOU & GOOD LUCK!

Special Instructions or comments (indicate your previous location if you remember.)

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Dear Bean Cooker Participant:

Thank you for your interest in participating in the 2009 Arkansas Bean Fest and Championship Outhouse Races in Mountain View. We appreciate your interest and, if you have cooked before, your decision to return and try your hand again for the coveted **Beanpot** Award.

Please note that the price of entry will remain **\$50.00** this year. We hope to make the event an enjoyable and memorable one for you and your group this year.

Once you have read the CONTEST RULES, please fill out the attached application and return it with your application fee to -

**MVACC
P.O. Box 133
Mountain View, AR 72560**

Deadline for entry is **Thursday, October 1, 2009**. After that, if any pots are available, we will open the application process to first come first serve.

If you have questions, please contact Michalle Coon, Executive Director, at 870-269-8068. Please remember all the workers at this event are volunteers and put on this event for the enjoyment of everyone. Courtesy and a smile go a long way!

Happy Cooking,

Michalle Coon
Executive Director