



Rotary Club of Bay St. Louis  
2025 Team Guidelines  
**20<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili/Mac & Cheese  
Cook-Off Fundraiser**

**Thursday, February 27, 2025**  
Bay St Louis Community Hall, 301 Blaize Avenue



Thank you for entering our Cook-Off. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and we appreciate you joining us for a good cause and great fun!

All entered team members must have a wristband. The number of bands your company will receive depends upon your level of sponsorship. Additional wristbands can be purchased for \$15.00.

You will compete for the following awards:

- Best Chili (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place)
- The Big Cheese (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- 5-Alarm Hot & Spicy Winner
- Best Booth
- Best Non-Traditional
- People's Choice

All decisions will be by a team of judges, except for People's Choice. For that award, visitors will cast votes with dollars in a jar at your booth (we provide) as part of our fundraiser. We urge you to encourage voting – it's a good cause and great way to increase bragging rights! All proceeds from this event will benefit our service projects both locally and internationally.

Rotary will provide for your 8x8 booth - one 8-foot table, two chairs, and paper products – tasting cups, spoons, napkins/paper towels. You will need to bring chafing dishes /sternos, serving utensils and tablecloth if desired, along with booth decorations.

Reminder– **no crock pots** will be allowed in booths. Please prepare your Chili/Mac-n-Cheese prior to event and bring warm. You will need chafing dishes/sterno setups to keep your items warm for the 3-hour event. Rotary will have a limited supply of chafing dish/ sterno kits available for purchase the day of at the hall.

Due to electrical issues in previous years, nothing is allowed to be plugged in except to decorate your booth. Bring your own extension cords if needed. **\*\*Tents are only permitted along the perimeter of the hall and can be no larger than 8x8.**

Estimated attendance for the event is approximately 800 people. Please prepare a minimum of 5 gallons of Chili.

The building will be open for set up at 9:00 am. All teams need to be in place and ready to serve BEFORE 5:00 pm. **\*\*Space is awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis.**

Beverages will be available for sale so please, no outside drinks.

Prizes will be awarded at 7:30pm.

**EVENT CO-CHAIRS:** Dave Mayley (228-380-0755), David Hilbert (228-697-0838), and Meg Noonan (228-304-0130)