

Dear Friend of the Quitman Pilots,

**HERE COMES THE 2025 Chili Cook-off!**

**It will be held Friday night, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Stop what you are doing and put it on the calendar now!**

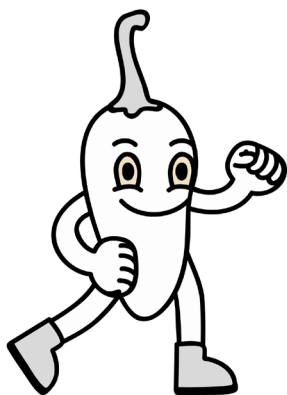
Booth space is limited, so if you're considering entering the 2025 cook-off, return the enclosed form as soon as you can! Also, please help us spread the news about ticket sales for this public event. I've attached the informational flyer, along with the booth map and costs and sponsorship levels.

We know your funds are limited, and you must make decisions on when and where to support. We remain extremely grateful for your consideration of our club and our work in the community. Because of YOU, the Quitman Pilots accomplish many charitable works in our community. Our projects and efforts are only possible because of our great community supporters! Thank you for your past support and any consideration you give to this request.

Please direct any questions to me via email at [amy@quitmanpilots.com](mailto:amy@quitmanpilots.com) or by calling 903-763-6560.

With Grateful Pilot Thanks,

Amy Park  
Chair – 2025 Quitman Pilot Chili Cook Off



**IMPORTANT NOTE**

*First come, first choice! As entry forms/payments are received, Teams may choose the table where they wish to be located at the event.*

## ENTRY / SPONSOR FORM - 2025 CHILI COOK OFF

Friday, January 31, 2025 6 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

<b>Name of Company or Individual:</b>	
<b>Contact Person:</b>	
<b>Primary Phone:</b>	
<b>Email for Above:</b>	
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	

### ENTRY FORM FOR COOK-OFF PARTICIPANTS

The entrance fee is \$25.00 cash plus a \$25.00 gift card (from your own business or any restaurant or business). The club uses the cards as prizes for our raffle buckets. We will buy the cards for those that would rather just send \$50.00. **Circle one and return with check/card to the address below.**

I've enclosed a \$25 gift card  
and a \$25.00 check.

I've enclosed \$50.00.  
Please buy my gift card.

*Participant agrees to the cook-off and civic center rules attached,  
and to provide at least two gallons of chili for the event.*

### SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

All levels will receive a booth space free with sponsorship if they wish to participate in the cook-off, and additional entry for the 4 booth personnel.

Level	Amount	Promotion	We will participate in cook-off?	
			yes	no
<b>Platinum:</b>	\$500	Platinum mention in all promo, 8 tickets to event, cook-off entry.	yes	no
<b>Gold:</b>	\$250	Gold mention in all promo, 6 tickets to event, cook-off entry.	yes	no
<b>Silver:</b>	\$150	Silver mention in all promo, 4 tickets to event, cook-off entry.	yes	no
<b>Friend:</b>	\$125	Friend mention, 2 tickets to event, cook-off entry.	yes	no

**Make all checks payable to:**  
Pilot Club of Quitman  
PO Box 1265 Quitman, TX 75783  
**Questions?** Email: Paige @  
quitmanpilotclub@peoplescom.net

Please consult the attached diagram and mark your space preference: 1, 2, 3 Etc. First come/first pick! We'll let you know the results when you load in on Jan 31!

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## OFFICIAL RULES & INFORMATION

2025 Quitman Pilot Club Chili Cook-Off

Friday, January 31, 2025 - 6:00 to 8:00

### **Schedule for Friday, January 31, 2025:**

- 9:00 a.m. - Civic Center opens for booth set-up.
- 5:00 p.m. - Be set up with a **min. of 2 gallons** of warmed chili.
- 5:05 p.m. - 1 team member will be required to meet for judges' instructions.
- 5:15 p.m. - Chili and booth judging commence.
- 6:00 p.m. – Doors open to the public.

### **Set Up & House Keeping:**

- All are limited to an 8' X 8' set-up area. A table and 2 chairs are provided.
- Bring all needed utensils, serving ladles, extension cords, oven mitts, towels.
  - All individual serving bowls/cutlery/napkins are provided by Pilot Club.
- **Don't affix anything to the walls or cause damage** (Civic Center rules attached).
- Hey, hey, hey. NO HAY please!
- Leave your area clean at the end of the event.

### **Awards:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places will be awarded in the first 3 categories below:
- The Grand Marshall Award, chosen by the 2025 GM.

**JUDGES' CHOICE:** Three sequestered judges will taste/judge the chili. Samples will be presented in random order, identified by a letter/number, without disclosing the contestant. Points, 0 to 10 (highest), will be given for: **Aroma, Color, Consistency, Taste, and Aftertaste.** As a rule, *"Fine chili should look good, smell good and taste good!"*

**PEOPLES' CHOICE:** Attendees select the winners by tipping. All tips will be used by the Pilot Club to sponsor Special Olympics and other local community projects.

**OVERALL BOOTH/SHOWMANSHIP:** Judges (not the chili judges) select these based on Points, 0 to 10 (highest), will be given for: **Original Theme, Costumes, Booth Décor** (promotes theme) and **Showmanship** (Energy/personality at booth).

**2025 GRAND MARSHAL AWARD:** The Pilot Club chosen Grand Marshal, honoring a person who has supported the Pilot Club and the Quitman community, will select the awardee. This award is a plaque to be presented to his/her choice by the Grand Marshal.

**CARROLL GREEN CIVIC CENTER**  
**Rules and Conditions of Rental**

1. The civic center board reserves the right to increase the rental rates and deposit at any time they determine the existing rates are not sufficient to meet operating expenses.
2. Rental rates include the use of tables and chairs, and the use of utilities in the space rented. The rates include the use of rest room facility.
3. Decorating by renter shall be compatible with other scheduled uses of the facility. The rate for this time shall be at a rate agreed upon with a representative of the center. Decorations for any event must be approved by a representative of the center and may not be affixed by use of nails, tacks, staples or tape to tables or walls or floors.
4. The foyer will not be used as a meeting place or set up for serving or eating food at any time. Foyer will remain clear of furniture of any kind except that placed or approved by the center.
5. The use of any civic center facility shall be compatible with the design and intended use of the facility. If the board feels that such use is inappropriate, use may be denied.
6. Parking for events at the center shall be free, except for those using recreational vehicle outlets for electricity and water.
7. The renter shall be liable for all damages to building and furnishings, reasonable wear and tear excepted.
8. The center shall furnish heavy plastic bags for disposal of trash and food scraps. All disposable plates, cups, eating utensils, etc. shall be placed in plastic bags, tied and placed outside in trash bin. Renter shall leave all tables and chairs free of any trash and food particles or smudges. All floors, including foyer and restrooms shall be left free of trash and dirt. Paper towels used in restrooms shall be bagged, tied and placed outside. All cabinet tops, sinks, stove, etc., in the kitchen shall be free of trash, grease and food particles. Wet mops should be hung on the picket fence outside the kitchen door.
9. Tables, chairs and other furniture or objects shall not be pushed across the floors. Such sliding of furniture or objects will mar the floor. No chairs shall be stored in the rooms to either side of the stage, nor should any furniture in those side rooms be moved. Do not affix anything to the stage walls or the side room walls.
10. If air conditioning is used, the thermostat must be turned up to 90 degrees before renter leaves the premises. If heat is used, the thermostat must be turned all the way down. Failure to follow this rule will result in forfeiture of the security deposit.
11. A representative of the center shall have the right to enter any portion of the center premises at any time, and the entire premises shall at all times be under the control and charge of the center. Issued keys are to be deposited in the drop box outside the front door upon leaving.
12. The center reserves the right at all times to require the renter to remove from the premises any animal, furniture, fixtures, wiring, exhibits, decorations, signage or other things that do not comply with state, federal, county or city laws or ordinances, or which the center finds to be detrimental to the premises.
13. Due to liability issues, children are not to be allowed on the stage at anytime.
14. The center reserves the right to require the presence of one or more security guards in such event, the rental fee will be increased to cover the cost.