

The McGregor Area Chamber of Commerce
Souptacular
Saturday, April 9, 2016 Noon-3pm

Information and Cooking Rules

Sponsors

Ukura's Big Dollar and the McGregor Baking Company are sponsoring this community event

Divisions

Adult Division: Soup entries from cooks 16 years of age or older

Youth Division: Soup entries from cooks 15 years of age or younger. Youth contestants must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost

Cooks: No charge to enter your soup in the contest!

Tasters: Adults (12 and up) are \$6, Kid are \$4 – this will include tasting samples of the soups (while supplies last), breads, crackers and bottled water.

Entertainment

Mike and Jan Cherry will be playing music for us to enjoy

How it works

Entering your soup is easy! Complete the registration form and return it to McGregor Area Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 68, McGregor MN 55760. All registrations must be received by March 31, 2016. You may arrive as early as 10:30am to start setting up.

What will be provided

Each cook will have a station for his or her soup, including table space, chairs, tasting bowls/cups, tasting spoons, napkins and a power source. The tables are 6 ft tables and you may have to share with one other cook depending on the number of entries. Plan for your table space to be 3 x2 ft.

You are encouraged to provide decorations for your station. The People's Choice award is influenced by your showmanship, decorations, attitude and of course, the flavor of your soup! Having an unique soup name, festive table and showmanship can draw people to your table for tasting – the decorated stations tend to get the most votes! Have fun with this!

What you should bring

Bring your prepared soup in a slow cooker or warmer, a ladle for serving, and extension cord and decorations for your space

How much should you make

Because this is our First Annual Souptacular, we have nothing to base this on! I have done some researching and it is recommend that you make at least 3 quarts of soup (each taster just gets a small

amount of soup, but you don't want to run out!) If you have soup left at the end of the event and would like to sell it, you may. Please bring your own containers though.

Prizes

Prizes will be awarded for Judges' Favorite Soup (we will have special guest judges), People's Choice, and Best Decoration

Judging

Soup must be prepared from ingredients assembled by the cooks; no mixes (see cooking rules for clarification). Soup may be made from any recipe. The top soup, chosen by the judges, will win the Judges' Favorite Soup Award.

Judging is based on the following:

- Flavor
- Consistency
- Blend of Spices
- Color
- Aroma

Each contestant will be assigned a contestant number and will be given an official judging cup. Each contestant should verify that their contestant number on their cup is correct. A Souptacular representative will collect a sample of your soup in your official judging cup and deliver it to the judging area. Judges will not be in the room during the collection time so that the entries remain anonymous.

Voting

One lucky cook will be chosen for the People's Choice award by the tasters. Votes will be turned in to a specified area and then tallied by our sponsors while the judges are tasting the soups.

One lucky station will be voted the Best Decorated by the attendees. Votes will be turned in to a specified area and then tallied by our sponsors while to judges are tasting the soups.

Definition and Cooking Rules

Soup is defined as an combination of ingredients and various spices cooked in water, stock, milk or some other liquid.

Rules:

All soup must be made from scratch; beginning with raw meats (if using meats), vegetables and spices.

The use of soup mix is not permitted

The use of canned or bottled tomato products, pepper sauce, and/or garlic is permitted

The use of boxed or canned stock and bases is permitted

A complete list of ingredients for each entry must be presented when you check in. However, we don't need your recipe.

Bring your finished soup ready to heat and serve in a slow cooker or warmer

A sample of your soup will be obtained for official judging

A minimum of 3 quarts of soup must be prepared for distribution to the public

The soup submitted for judging must be the same soup served to the public or you will be disqualified