



The 2017 Glory Be to Kids Chowder Challenge is a fun competition to highlight the popularity of WNY Chowder.

The contest will be held at Pine Woods Park in North Tonawanda. All participating individuals, groups/organizations and restaurants must prepare chowder that will be shared with the public and a panel of judges. The winner(s) will be declared the Glory Be to Kids Chowder Challenge Champion.

First decide how you want to enter:

Option 1: For judging only

- FREE TO ALL WHO ENTER!!
- Must make at least 10 quarts of chowder to be used for judging
- Chowder should be brought to contest in a crock-pot or other vessel that will keep chowder warm throughout the event.
- Chowder can be made off site and brought for judging.

Option 2: For judging and for sale

- FREE TO ALL WHO ENTER!!
- Must make *at least* 10 to 12 quarts of chowder and set it aside for judging
- Must be prepared to hand out samples as part of the crowd favorite judging
- Can make as much chowder as they wish to be sold
- Food tickets will be sold at a rate of \$3.00 for a bowl of chowder and \$6.00 for a quart. Glory Be to Kids will keep all profits from the sale of bowls and 25% of all quart and gallon sales. The rest of the profits can be yours to keep or you could donate them back as part of the fundraising efforts.
- Any chowder that will be sold must be prepared on site.

Chowder Requirements

Chowder must be of the chicken, beef, or chicken & beef variety. NO SEAFOOD! Save that for Boston. All contestants must make at least 10 quarts of chowder just for judging purposes. The rest of the ingredients are up to you.

Crowd Favorite - Festival attendees who pay the judging fee will be given an anonymous sample of all contestants' chowder and will rate each one on a scale of 1 to 10. Person(s) scoring highest will be crowned the "Crowd Favorite"

Prizes

As the Crowd Favorite Winner you will receive the following:

- Glory Be to Kids Chowder Cook-off trophy to be kept with the winner until the following year.
- Winner featured on our Facebook page and at www.glorybetokids.com
- A plaque will be provided to stay with the winner.

Contest Rules

- Open to any person or persons who wants to compete and try to become voted Best Chowder of WNY!
- Must be 18 years of age or older to participate
- Food handling gloves must be worn at all times while serving food

Participants must supply:

- Cooking surface or a hot holding unit (i.e. kettle, grill)
- Serving utensils
- Storage for perishable foods
- There will no access to a full service kitchen
- Bring own electrical cords (Please notify organizers ahead of time of any and all electrical needs)
- Easy up Tent or Shelter of some kind. (Suggested, but not necessary)

NOTE Participants will be able to drive into the park between the hours of 6am and 9am to drop off any equipment but must have all vehicles removed from the park by 9am.

Chowder Challenge Organizers will provide:

- 12 x 12 area to prepare and serve chowder
- Paper products (i.e.: soup containers, both 12oz single serving size and 32oz take-out size)
- Plastic eating utensils and napkins
- Oyster crackers
- Salt and pepper
- One six foot table
- Waste containers and liners
- Gloves for food service
- Electricity (Please notify organizers ahead of time of any and all electrical needs)

Attire:

- Hair nets or hats must be worn by all persons cooking or serving
- Gloves must be worn by anyone serving food
- Please creatively represent yourself or group in keeping with the Glory Be to Kids tradition of raising funds by having fun!

Score:

- Crowd Favorites (CF) judges will be any festival attendee who pays the "Crowd Favorite Voting" fee. Each CF judge will then be given 2-3oz. sample of each entrant's chowder. They will score each chowder by taste on a scale of 1 to 10. They will also score the individuals or group by best theme on a scale of 1 to 5. All scores will be tallied and whoever scores the highest out of all the entrants will be declared the Crowd Favorite. Glory Be to Kids will keep all proceeds from Crowd Favorite judges.

* All rules listed above are subject to change