

On the following pages are long, short and minimal versions of the Press Release for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Lone Star Vegetarian Chili Cook-Off.

Please make sure to get at least one version of this in your next newsletter and on your website as soon as possible!

# 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Lone Star Vegetarian Chili Cook-Off

[www.LSVN.org](http://www.LSVN.org)

Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Noon to 4 PM

At the **HISTORIC AUSTIN FARMER'S MARKET**  
6701 Burnet Road  
Austin, Texas 78757  
(½ Mile North of W. Koenig Lane (2222), South of the Dallas Nite Club,  
Between Twin Oaks Drive and Addison Avenue)

The 20<sup>th</sup> annual Lone Star Vegetarian Chili Cook-Off is being held this year in Austin, Texas on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 4 PM. The annual vegetarian cook-off began in 1989 when Shirley Wilkes-Johnson brought together the leaders of four vegetarian societies from across the state of Texas to form the Lone Star Vegetarian Network. This year's Chili Cook-Off is being held at the Austin Farmer's Market, the location of the very first Cook-Off!

Our mission is to show a healthy lifestyle can be as familiar as traditional, homemade chili – *and a lot more fun!* (The history of the Vegan Chili Cook-Off is available at [www.LSVN.org](http://www.LSVN.org).)

All of the chili is purely vegan. The cook-off is open to all entrants. To find an entry form, log onto our web site: [www.LSVN.org](http://www.LSVN.org) or call 512-413-2933 (Austin) or 972-235-5665 (Dallas) to request that a form be sent to you. The cook-off is open to the public for tasting and mingling; admission is only \$8 to taste ALL the different chilis! There will be lots of chili to taste, lots of interesting people to meet, guest speakers, great door prizes, live music, and many wonderful and educational booths & exhibits.

1<sup>st</sup> Place-\$300, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place-\$200, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place-\$100

People's Choice-\$250, Best in Show-\$100

Trophies and cash prizes are given for First, Second and Third Place for the "Best Chili" and for "Best Booth", as determined by a team of Celebrity Judges. Trophies are also awarded for "People's Choice"; the chili voted best by the public and "Best in Show" for table decorations and presentation. Entrants get wild with themes for their tables. This year, it will be exciting to see the ideas people come up with to set their chili apart from the rest. One thing we know for sure, every bite from every chili pot will be healthy, vegan, and delicious!!!

LSVN consists of these Texan Vegetarian Groups:  
Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston & San Antonio  
Go to [www.LSVN.org](http://www.LSVN.org) for a link to each Vegetarian group's web site.  
(Also see our color flyer and pictures from last year's Cook-Off!)

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Messin' with Texas Tradition for the Twentieth Year in a Row!

**20<sup>th</sup> Annual Lone Star Vegetarian (Vegan) Chili Cook-Off**  
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The Best Tastin' - Heart Healthiest Chili Cook-Off

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This year, the twentieth anniversary of the Chili Cook-Off is being held at the Austin Farmer's Market, the location of the very first Cook-Off!

Meet lots of other vegetarians and vegans and have a great time tasting a delicious variety of vegan chili.

If you are interested in attending as a cook or a taster, please see [www.LSVN.org](http://www.LSVN.org), or call 512-413-2933.

Contestants from all over Texas will delight you with an amazing array of delicious healthy meatless chilis as they compete for best chili and best booth!

Great Door Prizes, Live Entertainment, Educational Booths & Exhibits

\$8 per person to taste all Chilis!

An Event by Vegetarians, for ALL Chili Lovers!

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