



Dear Amigos,

The VIVA! Cinco de Mayo organizing committee would like to extend an invitation for you to attend our annual VIVA! Cinco de Mayo & State Menudo Cook-Off. This year's cook-off will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at the Hays County Civic Center.

Please return the attached application with the applicable entry fee by **Saturday, April 17, 2010** to **VIVA! Cinco de Mayo; c/o Cook-Off Committee; P.O. Box 953; San Marcos, TX 78667-0953**. Please make CASHIERS CHECK or MONEY ORDER payable to the following **(NO PERSONAL CHECKS)** VIVA! Cinco de Mayo.

There are a limited number of spaces for RV hookups available on a first come first serve basis with electricity and water for an additional fee.

There will be a **mandatory** meeting for all Cook-Off Teams on **Saturday, April 17, 2010** from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at the Old Bonham Pre-K School (211 Lee Street). All head-cooks and assistant cooks are encouraged to attend.

We sincerely hope that you will make plans to join us for the **2010 VIVA! Cinco de Mayo & State Menudo Cook-Off**. If you have any questions or need additional information please call (512) 353-8482 or visit us on the Internet at www.vivacincodemayo.org.

Sincerely,

Carrie Costilla

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Menudo Cook-Off Coordinator

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**2010 VIVA! CINCO DE MAYO
& STATE MENUDO COOK-OFF
COOK-OFF APPLICATION**

Saturday, May 1, 2010 - Hays County Civic Center

Team Name: _____

Sponsored by (Optional): _____

Address Line 1: _____

Address Line 2: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email: _____ Fax: _____

Booth Theme: _____

Head-Cook: _____

Team Members:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

Menudo (Entry Fee \$75.00 if paid on or before April 17, 2010. \$100.00 if paid after April 17, 2010)

Prizes and Awards

State Menudo Champion	\$800 & Trophy
State Menudo 2nd Place	\$400 & Trophy
State Menudo 3rd Place	\$200 & Trophy
Booth Showmanship	\$100 & Trophy

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Last Revised: 03/29/2010

By signing this application, I agree to abide by all rules, safety regulations, and agree to accept final decisions made by judges.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

STATE MENUDO COOK-OFF RULES

1. Gates will open at 7:00 a.m.
2. All cook-off applications must be signed and the appropriate entry fee paid by no later than **Saturday, May 1, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.**
3. **Contestants must fully prepare their Menudo entry on site at their assigned cook-off areas.**
4. Contestants will be issued an official "menudo bowl", which must be used for presenting your menudo entry for judging. All bowls are identical and must not be lost or altered in any way; to do so will warrant disqualification.
5. All official "menudo bowls" must be ready to be delivered by **3:00 p.m.** on the day of the cook-off.
6. There will be 13 judges chosen from among the cook-off contestants, names to be submitted on the applications. Selection of the judges will be public and will be held at **4:00 p.m.** at the cook-off stage. Judging will begin thereafter.
7. **Contestants can give away free samples of their Menudo.**
8. **Contestants may NOT sell any food or drink items or merchandise (shirts, caps, etc).**
Contestants wanting to sell merchandise must fill-out a vendor application and pay the applicable vendor fee.
9. Contestants by signing this application agree to abide by all rules, safety regulations, and agree to accept final decisions made by judges.
10. All menudo entries become property of the 2010 VIVA! Cinco de Mayo & State Menudo Cook-Off.
11. Contestants will enter through the back eastside gate; **NO VEHICLES** will be allowed inside the fenced area. Any vehicle found in the fenced in area will be towed at the **owner's** expense. **Only Contestants displaying a state-issued disabled person license plate or hanging tag will be allowed to bring there vehicle inside the fenced area.** The vehicle **MUST** remain within the confines of the assigned space. **(For safety reasons, vehicles CANNOT be brought inside the fenced area to remove Menudo booths until after ALL winners have been announced. Entry will be through the East Gate (Marshall Gas Side).**
12. There will be a **mandatory** meeting for all Cook-Off Teams on **Saturday, April 17, 2010** from **4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.** at the Old Bonham Pre-K School (211 Lee Street). For those teams unable to attend this meeting there will be a **follow-up** meeting on **Saturday, May 1, 2010** at **11:00 a.m.**
13. **There is a total limit of two (2) cases of beer per each five-member team allowed. Any beer in excess of the amount allowed will be confiscated and become the property of VIVA! Cinco de Mayo. No beer may be brought in after 10:00 a.m. Failure to comply will warrant disqualification. Head Cook can purchase up to three (3) cases at a \$1.00 a beer. We appreciate your cooperation and participation and ask that you support our concessions and help us in providing our future leaders with a quality education.**
14. All menudo booths must be removed by **12:00 p.m., Sunday, May 2, 2010.** Any booths left remaining will be thrown away. (no exceptions)

By signing this, I agree to abide by all rules, safety regulations, and agree to accept final decisions made by judges.

Signature: _____ Date: _____