



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 the cook-off will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2011 at the Hays County Civic Center (1249 Civic Center Loop).

Please return the attached application with the applicable entry fee by **Saturday, April 2, 2011** to **VIVA! Cinco de Mayo; c/o Cook-Off Committee; P.O. Box 953; San Marcos, TX 78667-0953**. Please make CASHIERS CHECKS or MONEY ORDERS payable to VIVA! Cinco de Mayo. **(NO PERSONAL CHECKS)**

There will be 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 2, 2011** from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at the Tire Factory Outlet (408 S. Guadalupe Street). All head-cooks and assistant cooks are encouraged to attend.

We sincerely hope that you will make plans to join us for the **2011 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](http://www.vivacincodemayo.org).

Sincerely,

*Carrie Costilla*

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Menudo Cook-Off Coordinator

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**2011 VIVA! CINCO DE MAYO  
& STATE MENUDO COOK-OFF APPLICATION  
Saturday, May 7, 2011 - 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 2, 2011. \$100.00 if paid after April 2, 2011)

**Prizes and Awards**

State Menudo Champion	\$1,000 & Trophy
State Menudo 2nd Place	\$400 & Trophy
State Menudo 3rd Place	\$200 & Trophy
Booth Showmanship	\$100 & Trophy

**\*\* Please Note \*\***

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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 7, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.**
3. **Contestants must fully prepare their Menudo entry on site at their assigned cook-off areas.** Pre-cooked menudo will warrant disqualification of the team. **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**
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 to the judging site 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. 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. By signing this application, contestants 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 2011 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 2, 2011** from **4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.** at the Tire Factory Outlet (408 S. Guadalupe Street). There will be a **follow-up** meeting on **Saturday, May 7, 2011** at **11:00 a.m.** at the Hays County Civic Center (1249 Civic Center Loop) for the teams that are unable to attend this meeting
13. **There is a total limit of two (2) cases of beer per each four-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. The 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 8, 2011.** Any booths left remaining will be thrown away. (NO EXCEPTIONS)

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_