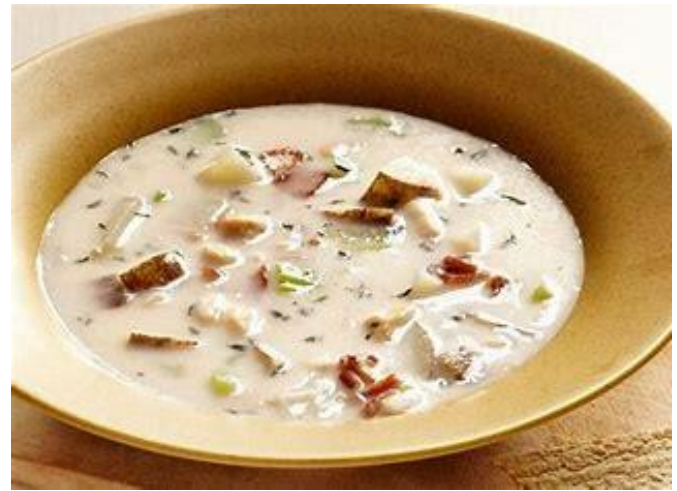




# SYRACUSE Winterfest

2025

## Chili & Chowder Cook-offs



The Updowntowners of Syracuse and Syracuse Winterfest, Inc. present the Chili Cook-off and Chowder Cook-off where patrons sample creations at the participating restaurants and vote for their favorites.

Patrons may purchase tickets pre-sale at the participating restaurants or at a central location on the event day for a \$5 fee. Then ticket holders will visit participating downtown establishments and sample their offering and vote for their favorite. Restaurants participating would offer a small sample (1 or 2 ounce) for each event. Upon receiving the patron's ballot, the establishment will mark off by their name to show a sample was given.

The ballots will include a map noting all restaurant locations. Winning entries will be determined from a total of votes from all participants. Each category will have 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place plaques awarded and monetary prizes of \$300 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$200 for 2<sup>nd</sup> and \$100 for 3<sup>rd</sup>. Syracuse Winterfest will print 800 tickets for this year's event.

This event is an excellent opportunity for restaurants to market their expertise in culinary skills and to promote the amenities at their facility. It is recommended that knowledgeable staff be present at the event to serve the sample and explain its characteristics.

Please let us know if you would be interested in participating in either or both by January 16<sup>th</sup> by email to [wacooper@twcny.rr.com](mailto:wacooper@twcny.rr.com) **We will need your logo, and a confirming email of the events you are entering.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Bill Cooper (315) 243-2500.

**Chili Cook-off - Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, Noon to 4pm**

**Chowder Cook-off - Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, Noon to 4pm**