



Perris Press Release

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Forecast for the weekend: Chili!

Chili maestros from throughout California and the west will descend on American Legion Post 575 in Perris Saturday, preparing tried-and-true recipes for local residents while trying to impress a team of judges with their cooking prowess.

The post's 10th Annual Chili Cook-off is expected to lure at least 30 individuals and teams from New Mexico, Arizona and Nevada in addition to California, said Perris City Councilwoman Joanne Evans, who is helping organize the event.

"This is the big one," she said.

The cook-off takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Legion Post, 623 South D Street.

The City of Perris is working with the American Legion on the event, providing pony rides for children. Musical entertainment will be provided by the band Flat Out Country.

Evans said that weather permitting, a classic car and motorcycle show also will take place.

Admission price to sample the chili is \$3, which Evans said helps offset the cost of putting on the cook-off and helps pay for youth programs sponsored by the American Legion.

"It's really a great time because you get to taste all the chili and meet a lot of interesting people," Evans said. "There's a whole lot of camaraderie."

Cooks spare no amount of creativity in their recipe for the perfect chili. A wide variety of meats—beef, chicken, turkey, pork, goat and more exotic fare—along with their own assortment of herbs and spices—go into making chili. Just two ingredients are prohibited, according to the International Chili Society: authentic chili can have no pasta or beans.
