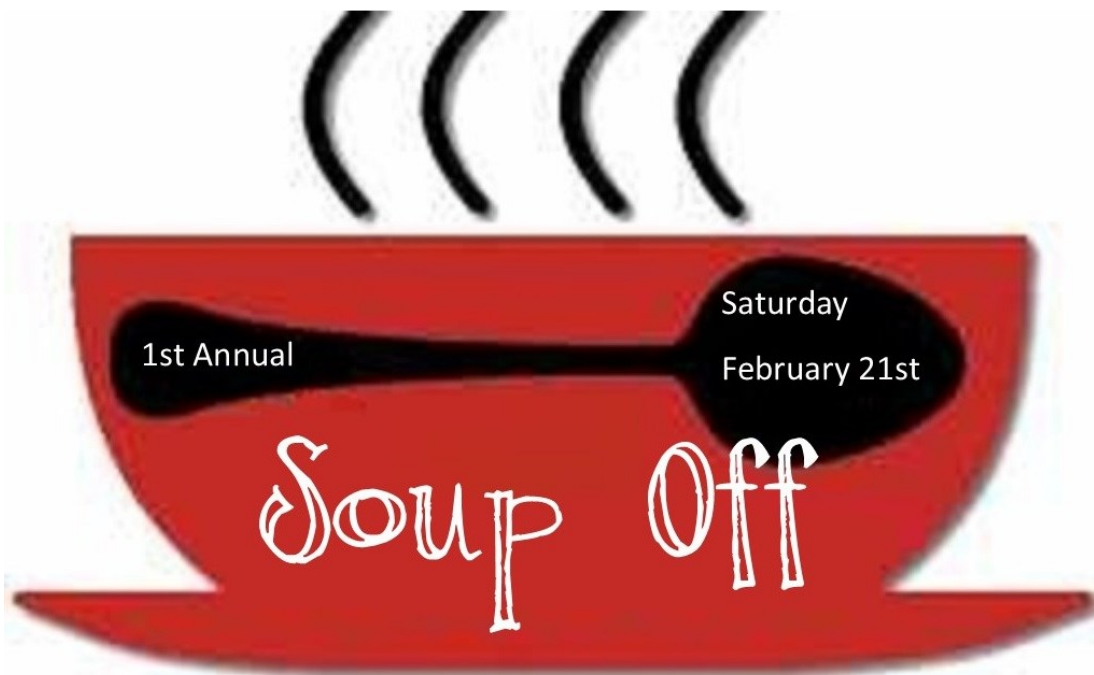




Thank you for participating in the First Annual Soup Off on Saturday, February 21st, 2015 . We are looking forward to making this event a great success and appreciate your participation and support of the Sioux Falls Meal Mobile!



We will have two categories which will be judged separately:

Professional and Non-professional.

Professional Category includes restaurants, caterers and other culinary-related food service businesses. Non-professional categories may consist of an individual or a group team.

- Professional registration fee: \$50.00 and door prize certificate (valued at \$50)
- Non-professional registration fee: \$50.00

All registrants will receive a Meal Mobile Soup Off Tee Shirt for participating.

**All entries must be homemade. No boxed or canned soups may be used.**

## Rules & Regulations

1. No open flames or propane are allowed at this event. All soups should be cooked ahead of time and brought to the event in an electric crockpot or heated in a stock pot on an electric burner. For time purposes, you may want to bring your soup already warmed.
2. We will supply the following: Tasting cups, spoons, napkins, table with skirting, 2 chairs, electricity and extension cords, pitchers of water for clearing the palate.
3. We will provide each cook with a sign listing soup title. The sign may also list a business logo or name. All information will be taken from the registration sheet you filled out, so please make sure your information is correct. Also make sure you are listed as either a professional or non-professional, so that we can place you in the correct category. They will be judged separately, except for the People's Choice Award and specialty awards from sponsors. There will also be a special Showmanship Award for best decorated booth.
4. Contestants need to prepare 3 gallons of soup for tastings in 2 oz. cups; supply burners/crockpot, ladles, and any cookware needed. Recipes must be submitted in advance with your entry. An ingredient list must accompany the judge's sample and be displayed on the table. You do not need to share your recipe with the public, just ingredients. Any edible items you wish to serve with your soup, such as bread or crackers, are allowed. Contestants may decorate their tables in any creative way they wish using decorative tablecloths, and accessories. Business cards, brochures, table signs are welcome. Non-profits may like to use table banners.
6. Only three workers will be allowed in each soup booth. Remember this is a fund raiser. Workers must have their hand stamped when entering event.
7. Spectator sampling will begin promptly at 11 am. Participants are required to attend a brief cooks' meeting at 10:30am. You can begin to set up your space at 9am, and must be set up no later than 10 am.

## Judging/Awards

1. The event lasts until 2pm, and awards ceremony will begin at 2:30. Participants may dispense samples to public until they run out of soup. Tasting will be cut-off at 2 pm. All voting for People's Choice award must be done by 1:45pm.
2. Samples for judging will be collected between 12:00 and 1:00. A Soup Off Committee member will visit your booth to collect a sample with your recipe during that time period. Please reserve about one (1) pint of your soup for the judging. To ensure confidentiality and impartiality during the judging process, each team will be assigned a number and will be given an official sample judging jar with their number on it. The ingredient list must accompany the soup to the judges.
3. Non-professional and Professional categories will be judged separately. Non-professional category participants will be blind-judged by our panel of celebrity judges and prizes will be a cash prize for first place and prizes for second and third. The Professional category prizes will be a traveling trophy/cash prize for first place and prizes for second and third. Only Professional participants will compete for The People's Choice Award. There will also be one special prize: Showmanship Award for the best decorated booth in each division. Special category awards may be given by some of the sponsors. In addition to prizes, all winners will receive the 2015 Sioux Falls Meal Mobile Soup Off Tee Shirt.
4. Non-professional entrants' soup will be judged on a scale of 1-5 (5 is the highest rating) on the following criteria: Aroma, Appearance, Creativity, Taste and Texture (Consistency). The winning soup must rate well in each of these criteria. All criteria will be weighted equally for each category.
5. Each adult and child over 5 years old will receive a voting ballot to determine the "People's Choice" award. Please invite your family, friends and co-workers to come out and support your soup. All votes will be collected and tallied at 2:00 pm and the winners announced during the Soup Off Awards ceremony. Teams are encouraged to engage the Soup Off patrons and encourage them to place a "people's choice" vote. Extra "People's Choice" votes (tickets) may be purchased for \$1.00 each or 10 for \$7.00 at the event registration table until 1:45pm.
6. The decisions of the judges are final. All entrants participate at their own risk. Sioux Falls Meal Mobile is not liable for losses or damages resulting from participation in this event. The Soup Off Committee reserves the right to change or modify these rules at any time. Any changes will be communicated to all entrants. All awards will be presented at 2:30 pm.