

24th Annual Irish Stew Cook-Off Application

Thursday, March 14, 2019 at St. Stephen's Parish Hall

31020 Cole Grade Road, VC – Next to VC High School

Open to the public 5:30 – 8pm

Three categories of entries: Service Club, Business, Individual

THE RULES

1. Bring 2-3 LARGE crock pots of prepared Irish Stew and a ladle for serving. Event organizers will provide tables, bowls and spoons. Please bring electric extension cords and a power strip to plug in your stew pots.
2. Decorate your table in an Irish theme. Bring a sign announcing your club, business or name. This is a great networking venue to promote your club or business, so bring flyers and advertising materials to pass out. If you plan to put any decorations on the walls please use painter's tape so it does not mar the finish.
3. Set up for stew cookers will be at 4pm sharp at the south door of St. Stephen's Parish Hall. Judging of the stews will begin promptly at 5:00pm.
4. Submit the entry form at the bottom along with a \$10 check payable to: **Irish Stew Fundraiser c/o Rotary Club of VC** and mail it to **PO Box 493, Valley Center, 92082** Your entry fee includes two prepaid entrances to the event. Any additional helpers that come with you to set up will need to pay \$5 per person to enter the hall. If you would like to pre-pay for helpers, include their names and the money with your entry application.
5. Judges are prone to accept bribes. Put together a fabulous bribe basket and tempt the judges. Bribe baskets will be auctioned off during the event. Imagination goes a long way with the judges. Be creative and have fun. Stews will be judged by an expert panel of judges, prior year's winners in their category, who are rarely Irish, but always on the take for bribes and good-natured blarney.
6. **Alcoholic beverages may NOT be offered at your booth.**

NOTE: Sponsor's event expenses are TAX DEDUCTIBLE and we will provide you a letter acknowledging your contribution.

Application deadline is March 9, 2019 or until all the stew spots are sold. For more information or questions, contact Justin at 760.749.1112 or info@VCIrishStew.com

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Cut and send to: **IRISH STEW COOK-OFF, PO Box 493, Valley Center, CA 92082**

Name _____ Tel _____

Mailing _____ Cell _____

_____ Email: _____

Organization/Entry Name: _____

Please include \$10 entry fee -- plus any additional tickets needed at \$5 per person \$ _____ Total _____

List names: _____, _____, _____
_____, _____, _____

NOTE: I am enclosing a donation of \$ _____ in lieu of a "bribe basket"

Bribe Baskets and/or Silent Auction Prizes

The Irish Stew Cook Off event is a fundraiser with the proceeds benefitting a variety of Valley Center community activities. The “bribe baskets” are an integral part of the fund raising program. Please be **generous**, creative as well as functional when assembling your “baskets”. Include in the baskets items that will appeal to a broad cross section of attendees. If you run a business – some of your merchandise or a “gift certificate” for services you provide, can enhance the value of the basket. Remember this is a tax deductible donation and we will acknowledge it as such.

To make the basket more saleable please provide a brief description of basket content. We suggest an 8 ½ by 11 page – folded in half to create an A-frame [see illustration]. The description should include:

1. Donor organization name
2. Company slogan if you have one
3. List of basket content
4. Retail value of basket



NOTE: Assembling a gift basket is a non-trivial exercise – so please start early. You have to plan its theme, buy the contents and the basket itself, assemble and decorate the basket, and wrap it in cellophane so it will travel – as well as prepare the display sign. This is in addition to the work needed to get your Irish Stew cooked and your table decorated.

We understand your highest priority is running your business or managing your club/organization.

Alternatives to preparing a “Gift Basket” would be donating an auctionable item with retail value of \$75-150 or simply making a tax deductible monetary contribution of \$50-100. If you chose this option, please add the amount of your donation to the entry fee when you submit your application.