



Happy Holidays! Yes, they are just right around the corner!

It's time for the 9th annual Christmas Tree Festival & Auction on December 11-12, 2026! It's that time of year again when local nonprofits get the opportunity to get original and deck out unique Christmas trees to steal your hearts. 100% of the proceeds from each tree goes directly back to that organization. That's what we call spreading Holiday Cheer!

This is where you come in, are you feeling spicy, sweet, hot; are you ready to compete? **Chili Tasting** is back and it's your time to showcase those secret kitchen talents you might have. We challenge you; the boldest, individuals, business, and community leaders to bring their best chili to the table.

This year's Chili Tasting will be held Saturday, December 12th from 4:30 to 8:00 at Margaritaville! We are gearing up for the best year yet and can't wait to see what you have to offer.

Why should you participate? Let us tell you why:

- Your mouthwatering chili isn't just food for the soul – It draws in people by the truckloads, this means increased traffic for our Silent Auction Items
- Prizes! Of course, there are Prizes! It's not a competition without a winner. We're changing things up a bit this year. This year anonymous judges will be picking their favorite chili in both the individual and business division, for a 1st prize winner in each division. But don't worry, the people will still have their vote as there will be only one winner in the overall People's Choice Division; combining both business and individuals.

1st Place: \$750 for both Businesses and Individuals!
1st Place \$750 Peoples' Choice Award
Best Decorated Table will take home a \$200 Margaritaville Gift Card

So, dig deep into those kitchen cabinets, for those old family cookbooks, gather the meats, begin your travels for your most exotic spices, and burn your way into our hearts for a victory! Register soon, we only have space for 10 entries!

Please be courteous to our host Margaritaville Resorts – No external alcoholic add-ons or tents

Feast your eyes on the attached Chili Registration

Question? Just reach out to events@fmb-wc.org, or Stephanie stephaniebuboltz@gmail.com 320-579-0155

Help us Celebrate the Holidays, support our community, and get your Tastebuds dancing by joining us for this magnificent event!

Happy Holidays from the 2026 Christmas Tree Festival Committee

Megan Allers, Stephanie Buboltz, Deb Nelson, Angie Marsden, Laurie Webster,
Ashlee Torgerson, Monica Schmucker, Angie Deters, Kathy Nash

Fort Myers Beach Woman's Club
9th Annual
Christmas Tree Festival & Auction
Chili Registration
December 12, 2026

Name: _____

Business (if applicable): _____

Contact Email: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Chili Details (what makes your chili special?)

Chili Name: _____

What a taster should know (flavor, meat type, spiciness/heat level):

Please bring any accompaniments that will enhance your Chili;
Cheese, Onions, Sour Cream, etc.

We will provide spoons and tasting cups.

Don't forget the decorations! A most spirited table will be awarded!

You will need enough chili for 300 4oz. tastings!

NOTE: We recommend filling the cups 1/2 way.

Please keep in mind your chili will need to stay warm.

Let us know if you will need electricity!

This event is indoors this year - you are limited to a 10x10 space - please no tents!

Please be courteous to our hosts, Margaritaville resort - No external alcoholic add-ons will be permitted this year

Please let us know IF YOU NEED:
(none is mandatory):

You Must Be Set Up By 3:30pm

_____ Electricity

_____ Extension Cords

Please email registration to stephaniebuboltz@gmail.com or events@fmb-wc.com

