

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
PRESS RELEASE

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Type of Incident:	Annual Fun In the Sun Chili Cook-off		
Approved By:			
<u>NARRATIVE</u>			

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department "Fun In the Sun Chili Cook-off" will take place Saturday, October 2nd from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Jack Bones Equestrian Center in Castaic. The event, which is expected to draw thousands of area residents, will benefit Special Olympics, Santa Clarita, as well as Heads-Up Therapy on Horseback for disabled children and Fueled by the Fallen.

The chili cook-off was first sponsored by the Sheriff's Department over 25 years ago, and has grown to include dozens of sponsors and vendors, in one of the largest summer weekend events in the Santa Clarita Valley. This year, participants will enjoy live bands, 50/50 drawing, an antique car display, equine demonstrations, military displays and much more. Additionally, there will be games for all ages, and, of course, plentiful chili and other delicacies.

In addition to dozens of chili booths, other food items will be provided at reasonable prices. Adult beverages will be available as well, to those who provide appropriate proof of age.

Fun In the Sun Chili Cook-off "chili cards" will be sold the day of the event for \$5 each, entitling tasting of the various event entries.

Chili booths may compete in numerous categories for awards in culinary skills, booth decoration, and team spirit. New this year is the restaurant category, inviting local restaurants to come and compete and the Tournament Trophy which will have the winners names added each year.

The Jack Bones Equestrian Center is accessible via the Parker Road exit off the northbound Interstate 5 to Castaic Road south. Continue ½ mile to Tapia Canyon Road east, and follow the signs to the event.

Additional sponsorships and vendors for the event are welcome, and are encouraged to visit the Cook-Off's website at www.alanar.net/chilicookoff for information and forms. You may also contact Tabitha Youngstrom at 661-294-6309, or via the internet at tjyoungs@lasd.org.