



# Ocracoke Child Care, Inc.

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Ocracoke Child Care will have back-to-back fundraising food events on the island this winter and spring.

The first one will be a Chili Cook-off on Saturday, Feb. 13, Valentine's weekend, at the Ocracoke Station campground.

This will be a "Chopped"-type event where chili chefs create their chili dishes on site from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

While observers may arrive at any time to watch the cooking action, the chili dishes must be ready by 1:30 p.m. when attendees taste the chili until 3 p.m. and judge for people's choice.

Four winners will be chosen: Best Overall; Most Unique; Best Vegetarian and Best Traditional (beans, meat, tomatoes).

Entry fees are \$25 for participating chefs and \$10 for attendees. Beer, water and soda will be for sale by Ocracoke Station.

Marissa Gross, a Child Care board member, who spearheaded the first one three years ago, was the impetus for this year's event.

"The first year was a lot of fun and we had a lot of participants," she said.

Cooking from scratch (as they do on reality TV cooking shows), on-site is the key to the fun.

"Anyone can cook something great at home with unlimited time," she said. "The whole point is to see what you can do in a short amount of time."

Entry forms are available at Ocracoke Gas Station and the Pirates Chest.

Ocracoke Child Care Center, while closed since last fall, expects to open mid-March.