



Clam Chowder Cook-Off and dance to benefit Ocracoke Child Care scheduled for April 4.

In what organizers hope to be an annual event, to benefit Ocracoke Child Care, a Clam Chowder Cook-Off and Dance will be held April 4 in the Community Center, 99 Irvin Garrish Highway.

The cook-off will be from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and the dance will be from 7 to 11 p.m., featuring the Ocracoke Rockers.

All--individuals, businesses, restaurants and professional chefs--are invited to create their best version of "traditional" Ocracoke Clam Chowder and/or non-traditional and bring them to the Community Center for the contest.

Traditional means the only ingredients allowed are clams and their juice, water, potatoes, onions, salt pork or bacon, salt and pepper. Pepper vinegar and hot sauce may be used as condiments. "The inclusion of any other ingredients is considered non-traditional," said Ruth Toth, who is organizing the cook-off.

Top vote-getters in the "peoples' choice" judging in the two categories will receive a Golden Clamshell Trophy, created by island artist Susan Dodd. Runners-up will receive recognition as well.

Chowder entry fee is \$25 each and attendees will be charged \$10 to taste all of the chowder entrees. Cook-off contestants are asked to submit their registration forms by March 30.

During the Cook-off, there will be a bake sale, music and a performance by some of the students of "The Little School," as the Child Care Center is called.

Sponsorships of \$50 each are also being sought.

The dance that night from 7 to 11 p.m. will feature the Ocracoke Rockers. Along with the music, the OCC is asking people to bring heavy hors d'oeuvres. The OCC will provide beer and three cakes to raffle: a Hummingbird, chocolate layer and award-winning fig cake.

Admission to the dance is by donation as well as for the beer and hors d'oeuvres.

All proceeds will benefit the Child Care Center, which re-opened March 2 after a three-month hiatus in which the center was renovated and administration reorganized.



Ocracoke Child Care Clam Chowder Cook-Off

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2015

11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Ocracoke Community Center

OCC needs your help to raise money for the continued operation of our child care center. We are asking individuals, businesses and other organizations to enter their best clam chowder for our cook-off, or become a sponsor.

CONTEST RULES

There is a \$25 entry fee for each. We are requesting that you make 2 to 3 gallons of chowder. We are charging \$10 per person for one taste of each chowder and to vote for a people's choice award in two categories:

- Ocracoke traditional and non-traditional. OCC will provide 2-oz cups in which you will serve the chowder. Set-up for your booth begins at 10:30 a.m. We will provide a source of electric power to keep your chowder hot. An outdoor area will be set aside for outside cookers. Tasting will begin at 11:30 and end at 2. The awards will be presented as soon as the ballots can be counted.
- Traditional chowder ingredients are limited to clams and their juice, water, potatoes, onions, salt pork or bacon, salt and pepper. Pepper vinegar and hot sauce may be used as condiments. If you use any other ingredients, it's considered non-traditional. The only required ingredient in the non-traditional category is clams.

**OCC will award a first-place "Golden Clamshell Trophy,"
designed by Susan Dodd**

Please list all ingredients used in your chowder for the tasting public to see. Please clearly identify your name. Feel free to decorate your table or dress up if you like.

We hope that you have fun and enjoy the music. Between 2 p.m. and the awards ceremony, OCC will sell to-go containers of any leftover chowder for \$5.

Please fill out and return the entry along with the \$25 entry fee to Ocracoke Child Care PO Box 284 Ocracoke, NC 27960 by Monday, March 30.

You want to help, but you don't make clam chowder, please consider becoming a sponsor of this event or volunteering at the event. Sponsorships start at \$50. You will receive two tasting tickets and ballots for every \$50 you give along with the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping our community by helping our children and young families. Your tickets can be picked up at the door the day of the event.

OCC will be selling hot dogs, beverages and baked goods as well. We hope that everyone will enjoy musical performances by our children and community members. That night, the Ocracoke Rockers will play for a dance at the Community Center from 7 until 11. A donation for entry and beer will be asked. Music begins at 8 p.m.



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**ENTRY AND SPONSORSHIP FORMS
(Please duplicate these forms as needed)**

Clam Chowder Cook-off Entry Form

NAME _____

YOUR MAILING ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL _____

PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR CATEGORY: TRADITIONAL or NON-TRADITIONAL

PLEASE INCLUDE ENTRY FEE OF \$25 WITH A CHECK MADE OUT TO OCRACOKE CHILD CARE CENTER.

Ocracoke Child Care Center Clam Chowder Cook-off SPONSORSHIPS

NAME (as you wish it to appear on the sponsorship list) _____

YOUR MAILING ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL _____

AMOUNT YOU WISH TO CONTRIBUTE _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK

BY Monday, MARCH 30, 2015,

TO: OCRACOKE CHILD CARE, PO BOX 284, OCRACOKE, NC 27960