

# Chilimania

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## A healthy start to your big day

The fifth annual Chili Chase will be held on Saturday, Sept. 8 in downtown Edgerton. This year's race includes both a 5K and 10K route.

The Chili Chase is a fun run and walk that serves as the official kickoff for the annual, daylong Chilimania festival. The Chili Chase is a fundraising event, with all proceeds from entry fees donated back to the community via the Chilimania Scholarship & Community Donations Fund.

Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities — and their four-legged friends, who are invited to compete to become the official Chilimania Mascot — are encouraged to participate.

Entrants choose between a 5K or 10K route — registration costs are the same. Back by popular demand, the 2018 Chili Chase will again be chip-timed by Tortoise & Hare Timing Co., who also will handle the on-line registration process.

All competitors (especially pets) are encouraged to dress up in chili-themed costumes to add to the festive atmosphere. There are prizes for the top finishers, and all competitors ages 21+ receive Chilimania's nearly world-famous "Bloody beers" after they cross the finish line. Plus, participate in fun games and challenges and you could win some Chili Gear!

## Spice up your Chilimania morning

Help us decide who makes the Edgerton area's best Bloody Mary! Chilimania's fifth annual Best Bloody Mary Contest will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018 at Two Brothers Pub & Grill in downtown Edgerton. The contest follows the conclusion of the Chili Chase 5K/10K. Admission is free, but you must be 21 to register to be a judge.

The goal is to have a fun time and find out which local bar can create the best-looking (how good it looks aesthetically) and best-tasting (how pleasing it is to the tastebuds) Bloody Mary! The competitors' Bloody Mary mix will be judged and awarded in two categories:

Anyone in attendance (ages 21+) may enter to be a judge. Judges will be chosen that morning using a lottery system. Samples from all contestants will be available to those not selected as judges.

Our judges will determine the entry with Best Overall Taste via a blind tasting of mixtures excluding any dressings, condiments, and/or garnishes. They also will choose the Best Display via a visual judging of a 16-ounce display drink, with all the fixings included.

The winning bar will receive a "traveling trophy" plaque with their bar's name inscribed, which they can display throughout the year. New this year, the winning bartender will receive a prize package containing Chili Gear and prizes from local merchants.

The 2017 winners were Last Nite Bar & Grill (Best

Overall Taste) and the 59er Diner (Best Display).

## More for your tastebuds than just chili

Even the most-seasoned chili fans will tell you that it's impossible to exist on chili alone — although we don't blame anyone for trying! There is a wide variety of food available during both Country Edge and Chilimania.

From BBQ to pizza to burgers and sweets, there's something for every taste and appetite. Some of our vendors are run and staffed by local nonprofit organizations, so you'll be helping their causes while noshing and indulging.

Country Edge and Chilimania also are proud to again this year partner with Bud Light as the presenting sponsor of our bar area. Attendees 21 years old and older with proper ID can enjoy a variety of ice-cold canned beers, ciders, and other malt beverages. In addition, Chilimania serves red and white varieties of Barefoot wine in individually sized plastic bottles.

## Fun for the whole family

Chili, beer, and loud music might not sound like a child-friendly environment, but Chilimania offers a dedicated area for families and children to escape the crowds and noise and have some fun. Located in the public parking lot on the west side of North Henry Street, the Children's Area features family-friendly games, activities, and snacks. This area is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Admission and location information

•Chilimania and all related activities are held in downtown Edgerton, Wis. The Chilimania grounds are located on North Henry Street and the surrounding areas.

•The main gate is located at the intersection of West Fulton Street and North Henry Street. There also are gates located on the north, east, and west sides of the grounds.

•The Country Edge and Chilimania Main Stage is located just north of the intersection of North Henry Street and West Canal Street.

•The Chili Chase 5K/10K begins and ends in front of Sara's Health & Fitness, 121 N. Henry St.

•The Best Bloody Mary contest is held at 2 Brothers Pub & Grill, 116 W. Fulton St.

Separate admission is required for Country Edge (Friday) and Chilimania (Saturday). Hand stamps will be available for those who wish to leave and re-enter the grounds on either date.

•Country Edge admission is: TBA (check chilimania.com for details); children 12 and under are admitted free with an adult.



# Chilimania gives back

Chilimania's mission is to raise money for the education of Edgerton's youth. This is done via the awarding of scholarships to deserving, college-bound Edgerton High School seniors during their scholarship reception each May. As the event has grown in popularity over time we have raised more money, and our organizing committee has continually voted to increase both the number and amount of each scholarship award.

Chilimania is pleased to share that due to the success of our 2017 event we were able to award seven scholarships in May 2018, each in the amount of \$2,500 and totalling \$17,500 overall. This is the highest dollar amount ever awarded by Chilimania, and we thank the public for their overwhelming and continued support.

In addition, the fantastic support shown to Chilimania by the community sometimes helps us raise more money than we award in scholarships. When this occurs we are pleased to be able to donate our proceeds to a variety of community-based organizations, projects, and causes.

Here is a comprehensive list of organizations that received contributions from Chilimania, Inc. during 2017: Arts Council of Edgerton, Boy Scouts Venture Crew #471, Buck Jenkins Fundraiser, Central Lutheran Church Youth, City of Edgerton (Christmas lights), Edgerton Band Boosters, Edgerton Golf Boosters, Edgerton High School Drama Club, Edgerton High School Forensics Team, Edgerton High School TIDE Committee, Edgerton Hospital Capital Foundation, Edgerton Otters Swim Team, Edgerton Outreach, Edgerton Teen Center, Edgerton Tider Football Boosters, Edgerton Volunteer Fire Department, Friends of Silverwood Park, Fulton Church, Fulton Lodge (Masons), Gifts for Kids, Josh Anderson Memorial Fund, Leadership Development Academy of Rock County, Scot Severson of Emigails Benefit and St. John Lutheran Church Youth Group.

•Chilimania admission is: \$8 for adults; children 12 & under are admitted free with an adult.

Free, on-street parking is available throughout the downtown area and on adjoining streets. There are some business and property owners who charge a fee to park on their property.

We ask all attendees to please be respectful of our business and residential neighbors while traveling to/from the festival grounds.

Country Edge and Chilimania are family-friendly events, so there are no weapons allowed anywhere on the grounds. Please leave all weapons at home or locked securely in your vehicle.

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