

**“BEST CHILI SIDEKICK” CORN BREAD CONTEST
KICKAPOO VALLEY RESERVE WINTER FESTIVAL
JANUARY 10, 2026**

Guidelines for entering the bread contest:

- 1) Notify the Kickapoo Valley Reserve (KVR) that you will be entering the contest by **January 10, 2026**. Please provide the following information by contacting the KVR at (608) 625-2960 or kickapoo.reserve@krm.state.wi.us:
 - name of baker and, if applicable, business/organization you're entering on behalf of;
 - name of your bread(s) This is a corn bread only competition; **ALL CORN BREADS WILL BE JUDGED ON THEIR COMPATABILITY WITH CHILI.**
 - note any ingredients of particular interest (i.e., gluten free flour, etc.).
- 2) Entrants must make their own corn bread(s) from scratch (no mixes allowed).
- 3) The use of quality ingredients and sanitary conditions must be followed since samples will be provided for consumption by judges and the public.
- 4) Provide at least **two standard loaves or two 9x13 cake pans** for judging purposes. Additional loaves can be provided for consumption by the public for “Popular Vote” purposes.
- 5) Do not pre-cut entries. Samples will be labeled and served via toothpicks for voting purposes.
- 6) Do not provide sauces or spreads with samples.
- 7) Please put your name on the bottom of any container you would like it returned.
- 8) Deliver corn bread(s) to the KVR Visitor Center no later than **9:30 AM on Saturday, January 10, 2026**. Entries received after 9:30 AM will be eligible for the “Popular Vote” ONLY.
- 9) Two categories for judging:
 - **“Popular Vote”** – One corn bread will be selected by the public (one person, one vote) and recognized as the “Popular Vote”. Judging will be done in a blind taste test. The public will pay a small fee at the gate to taste all entries and vote.
 - **“Judges’ Choice”** – One corn bread will be selected by a panel of three judges and recognized as the “Judges’ Choice”. Judging will be done in a blind taste test. The “Judges’ Choice” bread selection will be based on **CHILI COMPATIBILITY**, as well as, flavor, texture, crumb, mouth feel, etc.
- 10) Winners will be posted and announced between 2:00 – 3:00 PM at the Visitor Center Front Desk.
- 11) The overall “Judges’ Choice” and the “Popular Vote” winners’ names will be placed on the commemorative plaque, which is proudly displayed in the KVR Visitor Center.

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