

**Supervisor Paul O’Grady’s
5th Annual
Souper Bowl Challenge
Saturday, February 10, 2024 • 2 p.m.-5 p.m.**

Souper Bowl Challenge

Supervisor Paul O’Grady is excited bring back the Annual Souper Bowl Challenge at Orland Township! This fun community event showcases local culinary talent and gives to those in need. In addition to the soup made for the event, an extra batch of each soup will be donated to the Crisis Center for South Suburbia and Daybreak Center. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Orland Township Scholarship Foundation.

Attendees will enjoy sampling a variety of soups and voting for their favorites so encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to attend. Celebrity judges, raffles, games, music, and more are on the schedule – it will be a family-friendly, fun-filled day!

Participation

Cooks will be organized into “4 quarters” for the competition:

- **Rookies**
 - Foodies, between 12 and 54 years of age
- **Public Service Pro Bowlers**
 - First Responders, Military, Education, Government Workers, Healthcare Providers, etc.
- **Senior Hall of Famers**
 - Senior Citizens, ages 55 and older
- **Culinary MVPs**
 - Must have culinary degree or certificate, be employed by or represent a restaurant

Voting & Awards

Prizes will be awarded in each quarter. The winners will be chosen solely on vote numbers. The votes will come from a panel of judges, the Souper Bowl Committee, and the attending audience. Soup Chefs are NOT allowed to vote. Colored slips will be put into the proper voting box for their favorite soup. A grand total will be tallied and calculated to decide the champion. All decisions are final.

- **The Golden Ladle:** determined by votes from the Soup Committee and guest celebrity judges
- **People’s Choice:** determined by votes from attendees
- **Best Decorated Station:** determined by votes from the Soup Committee and guest celebrity judges

Registration

Contestants must submit the following with their application:

- Official Souper Bowl Registration Application, COMPLETED and turned into Orland Township Office (14807 S. Ravinia Ave., Orland Park, IL 60462) by Wednesday, February 1, 2023.
- Cooking Registration is FREE, but all registration forms must be completed!

Waitlist

Please understand that the Souper Bowl Challenge limits the number of participants due to space. Participants will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis based on when registration form and entry fee are received by the Township. Once a space is filled, a wait list will start, and individuals will be notified as soon as possible if space opens up.

Tickets

- Tickets will be on sale at Orland Township's Administrative Office, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave., Orland Park, IL 60462. Tickets will ONLY be sold at that location.
- Ticket Prices:
 - \$10.00 General Admittance
 - \$7.00 Senior Citizens
 - \$5.00 Kids
 - *Kids underage of 5 attend free*
- Tickets may be bought the day of the event
- Wristbands will be given to all paying attendees. Attendees without wristbands will not be able to sample soup or vote.
- Soup cooks *do not* need to purchase a ticket; however, friends and family must purchase tickets.

Sponsorship

An individual, community, organization, or business may be a sponsor. There are 3 levels of sponsorship opportunities:

- **\$300 “Champion” Sponsor**
- **\$200 “Touchdown” Sponsor**
- **\$100 “Field Goal” Sponsor**

Sponsorships can be applied to a participating cook, which assists in alleviating event costs and adds their name to the sponsor board. Sponsors will be highly advertised and promoted on all event signage, with the highest-level sponsors receiving the most recognition. Regardless of sponsorships amount, all sponsors will be acknowledged during for the event and in post-event publicity, including the *Orland Township Focus* newspaper, which is received by all Township residents.

SOUP COOK GUIDELINES & FAQs

Please note that Supervisor Paul O'Grady's Souper Bowl Challenge is not sanctioned or sponsored by any national soup cooking organizations.

Soup Quantities

Cooks are asked to prepare 1 ½ gallons of soup for the Souper Bowl Challenge, and an additional batch which will be donated to the Crisis Center for South Suburbia and Daybreak Center following the event. Orland Township will be responsible for transporting all soups.

Cooking the Soup

- Soup must be cooked thoroughly prior to the start of the event. Cooks are not permitted to cook on site, although heating units (crockpots) should be used to reheat and maintain serving temperature for the duration of the event.
- Cooks are allowed to cook only 1 soup; chili will not be allowed.
- Soup must reach proper food temperatures: meats, sauces, milk, and other readily perishable foods require refrigeration to 41°F or below, soups must be served hot at 135°F, to prevent the growth of pathogenic bacteria or the production of toxins—VERY IMPORTANT!
- **Soups will all be made in certified kitchens on the day of the event.**
- **Cooks will be assigned to a certified kitchen prior to the event.**
- **All soups will be transported by Orland Township Transportation and delivered to Orland Township. Participants are responsible for reheating soups for sampling during the event.**

Soup Cooking/Heating Equipment

- Cooks are responsible for bringing their own proper soup heating and storing equipment such as crock pots, roaster ovens, etc.
- No open flame operated equipment will be permitted.
- Other required items may include a working food thermometer, ladles, hot pads, small hand towels, and a dish for spoons and any other kitchen equipment needed.
- Keep soup covered as much as possible during the event in order to keep proper temperatures.

Sanitation

- Each cook is expected to utilize safe and clean equipment to heat their soup and maintain cleanliness of their booth.
- Frequent hand sanitizing is encouraged for all food workers and servers. Hand sanitizer, hair nets, and gloves will be provided to each cook.
- Soup serving area must be maintained in a manner consistent with a safe and clean working environment.

Booth

- Booths/tables will be arranged and assigned by the “4 quarters”
- A 5-ft x 18 in. table, up to 2 chairs and a tablecloth will be provided for each cook.
- **Theme/decoration of table area is strongly encouraged. Prizes will be awarded for best decorated area!**
- All decorations must be able to fit on the table along with soup, no additional tables or large props will be permitted due to limited space availability.
- The Souper Bowl Challenge is a family event. Table decorations, themes, handouts, materials, attire must be in good taste.

Clean Up

Each cook is responsible for their own cleanup. This includes trash removal from the booth to the trash cans provided by Orland Township. The only items remaining at your table at the end of the event should be the table, chairs, and other items provided by the Township for the event.

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Soup Cooks may not sell additional food or beverages at the event. All soup sampling must be given after proof of wristband.
2. Orland Township will provide each cook with tasting cups and spoons for attendees.
3. Please note that the Village of Orland Park and/or Cook County Health Department has the right, per state regulation, to inspect all areas for proper food handling and preparation to ensure everything meets Health & Safety Codes. In order to comply, all cooks must follow all requirements listed in this packet.
4. Cooks must wear plastic gloves at all times, as well as keep their hair tied back while near soup serving area.
5. No alcohol will be permitted.
6. **Please keep in mind that the Souper Bowl Challenge is an amateur soup-cooking competition. Remember that this competition is more about PRIDE than a PRIZE.**

Souper Bowl Challenge Timeline

8:00 a.m.- Participating Soup Cooks are allowed to arrive at their assigned kitchen location to begin soup cooking.

****When planning your arrival time, remember to take into consideration preparation (chopping, measuring, etc.) along with total cooking time. Containers to transport soup will be provided by Orland Township. Soups will be transported by Orland Township when they are fully cooked.**

1:30 p.m.- All tables must be decorated and ready to serve for the event, ladles, sample cups and spoons will be distributed to each cook.

2:00 p.m.- Doors open to public

Soup tasting, games, entertainment will begin

4:30 p.m.- Announce raffle winners

4:45 p.m.- Announce Souper Bowl Challenge Champions!

5:00 p.m.- Event ends, cleanup begins

Please note that this will be a long and eventful day, be conscious of personal needs (i.e. medication schedules, dietary needs, etc.).

Thank you for your participation the 5th Annual Souper Bowl Challenge!

For any questions, please contact Alex, (708) 403-4222, AlexS@orlandtownship.org