

2025 Mount Holly, NJ, Fire and Ice Festival

Invited Chili Maestros

| Restaurant or Organization | Manager(s) or Chef(s) |
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| Lula's Empanadas | Yaslyn Lora |
| Shugar Shack Soulfood | Keenya Cain |
| Zaddy's | Dan Alves |
| Charitos Kitchen | Daniel Ortiz |
| Christopher's Deli & Catering | Mary Kneble & Samantha Rae |
| RCBC Culinary Program | Chef Desmond Keefe |
| Robin's Nest Restaurant | Robin Winzinger |
| RVRHS School District Cafeteria | Greissy Gomez |
| O'Connors | Patrick O'Connor |
| LaVita's Pizza | Stephanie |
| Gaetano's | Jeff Huminski |
| Vino61 | Kevin |
| Chef | Mico Maldonado |
| Elk's Lodge | Julius Burkus |
| B'Uno's | Steve |

Fire and Ice Best Chili Contest Judges for 2025

Desiree Bagnell – Desiree is a long-time resident of South Jersey, Owner and Chef at The Grateful Gourmet bistro on 25B Church Street in Mt. Holly, as well as a food truck and catering business and cheese and provisions. Desiree is a food enthusiast and shares the love of all things comfort food, including chili.

Eva Hogge- Eva is a Southern girl living in NJ with her carpenter husband. A foodie who isn't ashamed to say her favorite thing about life is the joy of a good meal, especially chili, Eva is also an employee at The Grateful Gourmet.

Neal Petti - Neal is a resident of Long Beach Island and a professional musician who teaches private music lessons and performs in a duo music act with his daughter Michaelina . Neal is a chili enthusiast, an avid cook, and a lover of all things food-related.

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