

2025 Mount Holly, NJ, Fire and Ice Festival

Invited Chili Maestros

Restaurant or Organization	Manager(s) or Chef(s)
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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