

Montana Trooper

1st Annual Chili Cook-Off

By Trooper Glen Barcus

The 1st Annual Chili Cook-Off was held at Yellowstone Harley Davidson in Belgrade on March 24th, 2012, by the Bridger Mountain H.O.G. chapter (<http://www.bridgermountainhog.org/index.html>).

With around 400 people in attendance, the event was a great success. The event boasted 15 local restaurants

competing to take home the top prize for the "Best Chili in the Gallatin Valley". The chef from Belgrade's Rio Sabinas Southwestern Grill (<http://www.riosabinas.com>) was awarded the plaque and distinguished title.

A grand total of \$7,956 was raised with an additional \$790 in merchandise sales for the Montana Hope Project. Many of the District 7 troopers appeared and starred in the show, illustrating just how dedicated and supportive they



From left to right: Troopers Josh Brown, Derek Brown, Dan Amundson and Glen Barcus are pictured with Skylehr Stiles and Johnathan Watkins and their family members. Both Skylehr and Johnathan are wish recipients. Johnathan's grandfather, Mark Watkins, was the driving force behind the fundraiser.

Chili Cook-Off
 Bridger Mountain H.O.G.
 in partnership with the
 Montana Hope Project

12 Local Restaurants
 competing for the title of
**Best Chili in the
 Gallatin Valley**

**Saturday, March 24
 11:00 to 3:00**
 at **Yellowstone Harley-Davidson**
 540 Alaska Frontage Road, Belgrade

\$5 for Chili and a Drink
 Proceeds donated to the
Montana Hope Project.
 Join our efforts to give critically ill children
 their dream come true while voting for your
 favorite, local chili.

Questions?
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sponsored by:

competitors:
 Club Tavern
 County Market
 Desert Rose
 Famous Dave's
 Fuddrussers
 Kountry Kemer Cafe
 Looie's Down Under
 Montana Ale Works
 Plink
 Rio Sabinas
 Santa Fe Reds
 Smiling Moose Deli
 ...and more to come!

all are of the Montana Hope Project's mission.

Many thanks to the help received on the day of the event from Richard, Marsha, Cal, Art, Butch, Rhonda, Joe, and December. Special thanks also go out to Mark Watkins of the Bridger Mountain H.O.G., who truly made the event happen.

Pictures of the event can be seen on the Bridger mountain H.O.G. website link: (<http://www.bridgermountainhog.org/about.html>). □