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Get Fired Up! Annual Chili & Wing Cookoff Returns to Silver Birches

Hawley, PA (January 9, 2023)– After a two-year hiatus, the hotly-anticipated Chili and Wing Cookoff returns to Silver Birches in Hawley on Sunday March 5, 2023. The event brings together over 20 of the best chefs from local restaurants, schools, and organizations as well as talented home cooks. Contestants vie for the title of Best Chili and Best Wings during a flavorful showdown that plays out at the Waterfront at Silver Birches.

The competition begins at noon with the awards presentation slated for between 3:30 and 4 p.m. A panel of guest judges will select the winners. In addition to bragging rights, first place winners receive a \$100 cash prize and a trophy. Second and third place winners also take home a trophy. Everyone who attends gets a ballot for the People's Choice Award and a chance to vote for their favorite dishes. The coveted title also brings a \$100 cash prize for the winners plus trophies for first, second and third place.

A ticket entitles guests to sample each of the wing and chili offerings. Tickets are \$30 per person and \$15 for children ages 5-10. Silver Birches not only hosts the tasty competition, but also supplies each participant with 80 pounds of wings and all the cups, plates, spoons, napkins, and wet naps necessary for service, at no charge. All proceeds from the Cookoff benefit local hospitality employees experiencing a crisis. "People were really craving the return of this event, and we're delighted to bring it back, especially to support a cause that's so personal," states Settlers Hospitality Owner/CEO Justin Genzlinger. Attendees may buy a chance for a 50/50 raffle, which will also aid the hospitality employee crisis fund.

The Cookoff is open to local businesses and individuals. Participants interested in competing in the cookoff may call 570-226-4388 or email TJSlain@Settlershospitality.com before February 11. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Contact TJ Slain, director of food and beverage, at 570-226-2124 for more information.

About Settlers Hospitality

Settlers Hospitality, boutique multi-concept hospitality in Hawley, PA, consists of The Settlers Inn, Ledges Hotel, Silver Birches Resort, Hotel Anthracite, Sayre Mansion, The Dock on Wallenpaupack, Glass- wine.bar.kitchen, Kōl Steakhouse, Cocoon Coffeehouse and Bakery, Lake Region Fitness, Art on the Edge and Gorgeous Floral. For more information, check out SettlersHospitality.com

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