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BOARDWALK CHILI COOK-OFF'S "TEAM DAMON" TO RAISE FUNDS FOR SGT. GUTZWILLER MEMORIAL PROJECT

Join both amateurs and professional chefs as they work their culinary magic to compete for best chili at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk this Saturday, and make sure to visit the team of fundraisers comprised of members of the Deputy Sheriff's Association and County Parks, staff who will be competing in the competition as "Team Damon."

Entrance to the event is free. Tasting kits are available for \$12 each and a portion of the proceeds will go towards the reimagining Willowbrook County Park in Honor of Sgt. Damon Gutzwiller memorial project.

A 14-year veteran of the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office, Sgt. Gutzwiller was killed in the line of duty on June 6, 2020. The reimagining Willowbrook County Park in Honor of Sgt. Damon Gutzwiller project will include playground upgrades, an upgrade to the entrance area from Baseline Drive, and a Memorial Seating Area which is slated to break ground for construction on that portion later this year.

"We are so excited to continue to collaborate with County Sheriff staff on fundraising efforts towards this project, especially in such a fun way with the Chili Cook-Off," County Parks Superintendent Rebecca Hurley said.

"The Deputy Sheriff's Association will be sponsoring all of the supplies for 'Team Damon' to participate in this event and celebrate the generosity of the Boardwalk in donating portions of the proceeds towards the memorial project in honor of Sgt. Gutzwiller," County Sheriff's Lt. Nick Baldrige said.

WHAT: Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk Annual Chili Cook-Off

WHEN: Oct. 22, 2022, 9 a.m. / Winners announced at 4 p.m.

For more information please visit: <https://beachboardwalk.com/chili-cook-off/>