First Annual Christmas Cook-Off

Due to logistics, the Honor Code is in effect. Each entry must be the sole work of the individual chef. Although you live together, you may not help each other.

Theme: Christmas

The judges will be looking for the entry's presentation, i.e., **dominant Christmas colors or shapes, or tastes**. Although you won't be plating your entry for judging on appearance, it will be judged on the overall look:

- 1) Is it inviting,
- 2) Does it look messy,
- 3) Is it neatly packaged, or
- 4) Does it beg you to taste it?

A carefully presented entry's appearance will be important when all entries are packaged identically; the little details will count and could make a difference in winning or not.

RULES:

- 1) You are to make an **APPETIZER** using **ALL** the required ingredients.
- 2) Your entry must be made from scratch; no store-bought substitutions or additions.
- 3) You may use as many additional ingredients to create your entry as you wish.
- 4) You must submit a list of all ingredients used to the judges before judging.

REQUIRED INGREDIENTS:

<u>Each entry must include all of the following ingredients</u>. You're encouraged to use any other ingredients you desire, but your entry <u>must</u> have these specific items included:

- 1. Choice of Beef, Pork, or Chicken
- 2. Pineapple
- <mark>3. Jalapeno</mark>
- 4. Garlic
- 5. Candy Cane (red/white)

Your appetizer, **either savory or sweet**, must fit in one 8x8" foil pan and can either be individual bite-sized or fill the pan. The pan must be covered with foil upon arrival. If it

requires warming, the oven will be pre-heated to 350 degrees for your use. You will also have access to the microwave or the air fryer, if you prefer. If you create a dip or entry requiring a cracker, bread, or vegetable to complement it, you will need to provide that as part of your entry.

Judging Scale: 25 Possible Points

1-5 points: Themecentric 1-5 points: Appearance

1-5 points: Use of Required Ingredients

1-5 points: Creativity 1-5 points: Taste

The first-place winner will receive a Gift Certificate and Trophy to hold until next year. The next winner will then inherit the trophy!

You have until December 23 at midnight to ask any questions or seek clarification of a rule, etc.

HAVE FUN ... GET CREATIVE ... LET THE COMPETITION BEGIN!!!