

## Instructions for the 2026 "Souper Bowl Cookoff"

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Wednesday, February 4, 2026

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Prizes: 1st Place: \$100      2nd Place: \$75      3rd Place: \$50

Location: Back Porch of the Leon County Courthouse

301 South Monroe Street

*Don't forget about our new category: "Favorite Football Watching Snacks"!*

### Soup Instructions

1. Each person providing a soup will be given a \$20 gift card to Publix to help offset the cost of the ingredients. If you are providing both a soup and a snack, you will get a \$30 gift card.
2. Prepare your healthy soup, chili, stew, or bisque in a crock pot. (Minimum of 4 quarts)
3. We encourage submissions of non-meat soups since we have a lot of vegetarians in the County.
4. Soups must be brought to the Souper Bowl Cook-off site between 11 and 11:15 a.m. on Wednesday, February 5, 2025. You can pull up by the stairs to the back porch of the Courthouse on Calhoun Street and call Mary Barley at 850-509-1953, and someone will go down and get it from your car. Or you are welcome to bring it up on the porch.
5. If you can't drop your soup off, then you can drop it off at the HR Department between 8:15 and 10:45 a.m., and we will take it over. The address is 315 S. Calhoun St., Suite 210. It is the building behind the courthouse. If you call us at 606-2400, we can meet you at P4, or in front of the building to get it, or park behind the building and come up the elevator to Suite 210.
6. You do not need to stay for the entire time, but we encourage you to be there to participate at some point.
7. Soup entries will be listed by the name of the soup and a number. The name of the person providing it will not be included.
8. The Live Well Leon Team will provide serving utensils, as well as cups and small spoons for tasting. We will also serve the soups.
9. Please pick your crockpot up at 1:30 p.m. If you can't make it by then, we will take your crock pot to the HR department, and you can pick it up there.
10. County employees attending the cook-off will be given small cups of the soup for tasting and will select their top five favorite soups. **There is no charge to employees to attend and taste/vote on the soups.**

11. Subsequently, a three-judge panel will determine the first, second, and third-place winners.
12. The Supervisor of Elections office has created an official ballot for voting and will have an official voting machine available to put the ballots in.
13. Employee tasting ends at 1:00 p.m.
14. Winners will be notified they won that afternoon, and an official announcement of the winners will be provided via All Employee email on Thursday, February 5, 2026.
15. Monday, February 2, at noon is the deadline for registering to bring a soup on the Live Well Leon website, as well as emailing your soup recipe to Mary Barley at [barleym@leoncountyfl.gov](mailto:barleym@leoncountyfl.gov).

***New Category: "Favorite Football Watching Snacks"***

**\$25 gift card for the winner for each of these categories (1 per category)**

**Snack Instructions**

There are two categories for snacks – sweet and savory. Please let us know which category they need to be listed under when you email what snack you are bringing. Here are a few examples of each category:

**Sweet**

Think brownies, cookies, candies, puddings, etc.

**Savory (salty and/or spicy)**

Think breads, crackers, dips/chips, finger foods, etc.

These will be judged by your co-workers only, with one winner for each category. We don't want to take away from our main category, which is the soups, but the winner of each of these two new categories will get a \$25 gift card.

The other rules regarding when to bring your food item, the deadline to register, etc., are included under Soup Instructions above.

Here is the link to register to bring both soups and snacks:

<https://cms.leoncountyfl.gov/Government/Departments/Human-Resources/Live-Well-Leon/Events>