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Boot for Literacy Cook-Off Happens Today! 12 Teams of Firefighters Competing.

The Lakeland Fire Department and Lakeland Flying Tigers present the 2017 Boots for Literacy Chili Cook-off, which happens today, July 13, 2017, at Publix Field at Joker Marchant Stadium during the Flying Tigers baseball game against the Florida Fire Frogs.

This will be the biggest cook-off event yet, with 12 teams of firefighters from fire departments across the region making delicious chili for a good cause. Teams representing the Lakeland Fire Department, Polk County Fire Rescue, Auburndale Fire Department, Winter Haven Fire Department, Plant City Fire Department and the Florida Fire Service will be competing for the Fan Choice Award and for Best Overall Chili.

Tickets are only \$12.00 and all of the proceeds from the event benefit Read Lakeland, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping adults learn how to read. To learn more about the charity benefiting from the event and to purchase tickets, visit <http://readlakeland.com/>.

The event runs from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM, rain or shine.

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