



33rd ANNUAL CHUCKWAGON COOKOFF

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We would like to invite you to enter the 33rd annual *Western Heritage Classic* Chuck Wagon Cookoff. This year's event will be held in Abilene, Texas, on Friday and Saturday, May 12 & 13, 2017.

The entry fee this year will be **\$100.00**, which will be returned to you at Awards on Saturday. This year's event will be limited to the first **30 wagons** entered. **The entry deadline is April 14, 2017.**

2017 Prize Money

Food:

Meat:	1 st - \$300.00	2 nd - \$200.00	3 rd - \$150.00	4 th - \$100.00	5 th - \$50.00
Bread:	1 st - \$300.00	2 nd - \$200.00	3 rd - \$150.00	4 th - \$100.00	5 th - \$50.00
Beans:	1 st - \$300.00	2 nd - \$200.00	3 rd - \$150.00	4 th - \$100.00	5 th - \$50.00
Dessert:	1 st - \$300.00	2 nd - \$200.00	3 rd - \$150.00	4 th - \$100.00	5 th - \$50.00
Potatoes:	1 st - \$300.00	2 nd - \$200.00	3 rd - \$150.00	4 th - \$100.00	5 th - \$50.00

Wagon & Camp Site:

1 st - \$425.00	2 nd - \$250.00	3 rd - \$175.00	4 th - \$100.00	5 th - \$50.00
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Best Overall Winners: Awards from **Tony Lama Boots and YETI Cooler.**

Second Place Overall Winners: **Straw Hats from American Hat Company.**

40% Wagon & 60% Food

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY: \$5,000.00

Ice, meat, vegetables, canned fruit and other basic ingredients needed for the preparations of the meal will be furnished. Any special spices or flavorings must be furnished by the wagon.

Food Judging

Cooking points will be awarded in each category. A maximum of 30 points for each food category will be awarded (Total 150 points). (Saturday lunch)

Wagon Judging (Friday 1:00 PM)

Wagon Authenticity and Camp Site judging will be done utilizing the American Chuckwagon Associations Wagon Score Card.

COOKOFF RULES

1. All wagons to be in place by **FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2017 at 1:00 PM**
2. A meeting of participants and the event chairman will take place at **6:30 PM on Friday, May 12th**, at the site. Rules, procedures, food judging and times will be discussed. All teams must have a representative present at this meeting to be eligible for judging. **A supper for all wagons will follow meeting.**
3. Cooks must furnish cooking wood.
4. WHC will furnish meat, potatoes, onions, pinto beans, canned peaches, flour, butter, sugar, eggs, milk and oil as needed for the preparation of the meals.
5. MENU:
 - Meat: All teams will prepare Chicken Fried Steak.
 - Biscuits and Pastry: Can be sourdough or plain.
 - Potatoes: Cooks choice with the exception of potato salad.
 - Beans: Cooks choice.
 - Dessert: Cooks choice: Prepared with the provided canned fruit.
6. All cooking must be done on site over wood fires – no gas and no ovens.
7. Commercially prepared and packaged items such as sauces, pie crust, biscuit mix and cake mixes are prohibited.
8. WHC classic volunteers will come to each wagon at 11:45 to pick up judges containers. The volunteers will bring the containers with them and will have you provide the judging sample directly from the cooking vessel.
9. Each wagon must feed **45** ticket holders so please portion your food accordingly. The food that is served must be prepared in the same manner as food prepared for judging. **Meals will be served from 12:00 noon until 1:15 p.m.** WHC will provide all drinks, plates, eating utensils, cups and napkins for meal.
10. The chief cook is responsible for the cleanliness of the team's campsite, during and after the contest, as well as for the conduct of the team.
11. No dogs will be allowed in campgrounds and all motor vehicles must be parked in the designated area.

12. The judges will settle all disputes and violations of the contest rules. The decisions of the judges are final.

Wagon Judging Guidelines

The following guidelines are designed to help preserve the Chuck Wagon Heritage for visitors to the Western Heritage Classic.

THE WHC COOK OFF IS LIMITED TO TRAIL WAGONS ONLY. Wagons should be historically correct, authentically restored or authentic replicas, drivable, with wagon bed at least two sideboards high, painted or unpainted, with or without Dutch oven boot or possum belly. Iron wheeled or rubber tired wagons will not be eligible to compete nor are those with an iron tongue or pipe tongue, iron or pipe bows, or with farm wagon type double or single tree.

Authenticity Scoring

- **Overall Impression:** Includes overall camp layout, which must be neat and functional.
- Cooking utensils used are to be authentic, made of cast iron, copper, brass or graniteware.
- No plastic or stainless steel.
- Tents, cowboy teepees and bedrolls must be canvas.
- Period saddles and bedrolls should be used if you intend to display them.
- You must be able to load everything into your wagon.
- Period clothing is required by all team members, including hats.
No caps.
- **Sound and Drivable Condition:** Reflects the ability of the wagon to be pulled with a team. Judges will review wheels, wagon soundness and other characteristics that impact the wagon's ability to be pulled.
- **Brakes:** A complete, working brake system.
- **Wagon Seat:** The wagon should have a spring-mounted seat.
- **Bows and Sheet:** Must have 4 or 5 mounted wooden bows, no iron or pipe bows.
- **Commercial names and/or Logos are prohibited.**
- **Chuck Box:** Old-style chuck box, no plywood. Chuck box and tailgate must be functional. Chuck box should contain the appropriate utensils and food supplies.
- **Water Barrel:** Wood barrel (30 – 50 gallon) must have ability to hold water. Tie-down will be inspected and must be serviceable for crew use. Must have long handled dipper made of tin, graniteware or gourd.
- **Coffee Grinder:** Must be a functional hand-crank grinder mounted on wagon.
- **Tongue and Harness:** Must have a complete wooden tongue assembly with tongue cap, neck yoke or tongue chains, doubletrees and singletrees, wheel wrench and stay chains. Condition of tongue will be inspected and must be functional. Must have a team harness for two horse or mule hitch displayed on the wagon tongue.
- **Cooking Equipment:** Copper, brass, cast iron, and some old aluminum. Coffee pots and cups must be graniteware or tin. Forks, knives and spoons must be

German or nickel silver, steel, or steel with wood or bone handles, or granite enamelware. A meat saw, cleaver and clock. Large metal cans with tight lids for flour, cornmeal, sugar and beans. Metal or wooden boxes, sourdough kegs or crooks. Flour sacks for aprons and dish towels. Dish pans or small tubs. Dutch ovens, pothooks and pot racks to set over fire.

- **Tools of the Trade:** Heavy hammer, single or double bit axe, a two-man crosscut saw, a brace and bits and a drawing knife, stake pins, rawhide and rope hobbles, rope horse pens.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT
CONCERNING THE SERVING OF FOOD

- Stainless steel and aluminum will be acceptable because of a ruling from the Health Department. **NO GRANITEWARE MAY BE USED.**
- Each wagon team will be required to have four buckets. Two (2) buckets will be used strictly for washing hands and the additional two (2) buckets for washing utensils. A catch basin is required under water barrel on wagon.
- At least 5 gallons of potable water from an approved source in a sturdy, safe-material dispensing container to be used for hand washing, dish cleaning and sanitizing; if potable water replenishment is not readily available, additional containers of potable water may be required.
- Each wagon must have a hand washing container with an on/off spigot containing hot water for hand washing. Must be able to be turned on and left on without holding spigot with your hand.

**RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED
AND PRIZE MONEY AWARDED**

3:00 P.M., SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017



Chuck Wagon Cook-Off
May 12-13, 2017

Entry Form

Name of sponsoring ranch or firm: _____

Brand: _____

Name of Cook: _____

Names of Helpers: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Phone: (Work) _____ (Home) _____

Please make your entry check in the amount of \$100.00 payable to:

Western Heritage Classic Chuckwagon Cook Off

1700 Hwy. 36

Abilene, Texas 79602

Attention: Camille Hallum

Check will be returned to you at the awards ceremony on Saturday at 3:00.

ENTRY DEADLINE: April 14, 2017



Dear Chuck Wagon Contestants:

Enclosed you will find the entry form and information for the 2017 *Western Heritage Classic* Chuck Wagon Cook-off. We look forward to seeing you again this year. Once again we will be sponsored by *HEB, Tony Lama Boots and American Hats*. Johnny & Leonna Adkins (JL Cattle Co.) will be serving again as our wagon hosts for this year's event.

Please read the enclosed packet closely and pay special attention to the highlighted areas as those represent changes

Remember you can move in on Thursday evening.

CONTESTANTS MUST PAY FOR RV SPACES ON THE GROUNDS

I am enclosing a RV application. If you are interested. Please fill it out and return with your application.

No RV spaces will be available at the time of the contest without prior arrangements.

We are excited to be hosting our 33rd Western Heritage Classic! The *Western Heritage Classic* is designed to bring a piece of the authentic "Old West" to the public and nowhere is that more evident than in the Chuck Wagon cook-off. Your participation adds a great deal to the success of this event and we look forward to seeing you in May for another great *Western Heritage Classic*.

Sincerely,

Jay Evans

2017 Chuck Wagon Cook-off Chairman
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