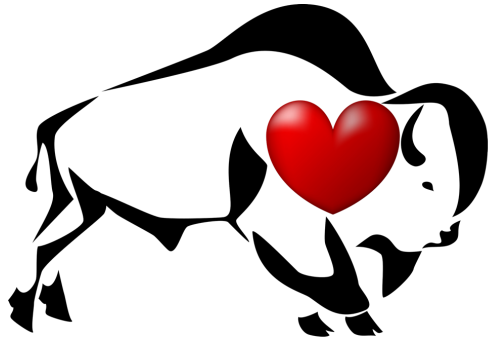




BRAZOS VALLEY
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CHUCK WAGON COOK-OFF
BOONVILLE
DAYS! HERITAGE FAIR
BUFFALO STAMPEDE

Friday & Saturday,
October 13-14, 2017

HOWDY TO ALL CHUCK WAGON CREWS!

The **Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History** in Bryan, Texas, invites **YOU** to compete in our **Chuck Wagon Cook-Off** on Friday and Saturday, October 13-14, 2017. Come join us for another **fantastic** year!

Be sure to check out our cook's rules and info on pages 2-3 of this document.

ENTRY FORM

Name of wagon _____

Names of wagon crew members (maximum of 4) _____

Mailing address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

E-mail address _____

The entry fee is \$150.00 (to be refunded when you arrive). Make entries payable to Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History. Send to: **Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History**, 3232 Briarcrest Drive, Bryan, TX 77802, attn: **Chuck Wagon Cook-Off**. The event is limited to 12 wagons.

Deadline for entries is September 14, 2017.

Entrants will be sent information on lodging and directions to the event.

*So get your cookware ready, load up your wagons,
and roll into Bryan for a **CHUCK WAGON COOK-OFF** you don't want to miss!*

Event Schedule

Friday 3:30 P.M. wagons are to be in place
3:30 P.M. wagon judging begins (*may begin earlier if everyone is ready*)
5:30 P.M. cooks' meeting
6:30 P.M. Sponsors and Friends Potluck Dinner

Saturday 11:45 A.M. samples ready for pick-up
12:00 P.M. serve the public
3:30 P.M. Awards ceremony

COOK-OFF RULES

Food

There will be a total of 15 food judges, 3 per category. Blind judging per ACWA guidelines will be used.

Provisions

Each wagon will prepare for 40 ticket holders, so portion your food accordingly. Each wagon will be furnished 20 lb. meat for chicken-fried steak, 6 lb. beans, 15-20 lb. flour, 4 lb sugar, 2 gallons milk, 15 lb. potatoes, a dozen eggs, 2 lb. butter, 4 onions, 1 gallon of cooking oil, fruit (canned, dried or fresh), ice and drinking water. *Please do not use peanut oil or any products containing peanuts because some people are highly allergic to peanut products.*

- To keep the cook-off fair and as authentic as possible, please do not use boxed or prepared mixes, commercial sauces, frozen foods, mayonnaise, cheese, or mushrooms.
- Wagons will furnish their own cooking wood (conversation wood will be provided).
- Pan liners will be allowed.
- Please bring a food thermometer, bleach, and 3 tubs for wash station.
- Review the attached Standard Wash Station Rules for Brazos County
- All cooking must be done on-site, outdoors, over wood fires. Propane burners, stoves, or metal fire boxes will not be allowed during the Saturday competition.
- A designated head cook and three others shall comprise the official crew for your wagon. These persons *only* may be in camp and involved in the preparation and cooking until after food samples are turned in. Please ask your visitors to come to your wagon on Friday or after the food samples are turned in on Saturday.
- *No* animals will be allowed in camp for health reasons.

Wagon Judging

Wagons will be judged per ACWA guidelines using trail wagon criteria. Wagon authenticity will be judged on the following:

- sound and drivable condition
- brake system
- spring seat
- 4-5 wooden bows
- wagon sheet
- chuck box (no plywood or drywall screws)
- 30 gallon water barrel
- mounted coffee grinder
- wooden tongue
- double tree and single trees
- wheel wrench
- stay chains
- harness
- old working kerosene lanterns
- shovel and ax
- appearance of camp including dress of cooks and hospitality

CATEGORIES AND PRIZES

<u>Category</u>	<u>1st Place</u>	<u>2nd Place</u>	<u>3rd Place</u>
Best Meat	\$300	\$200	\$100
Best Bread	\$300	\$200	\$100
Best Cobbler	\$300	\$200	\$100
Best Potatoes	\$300	\$200	\$100
Best Beans	\$300	\$200	\$100
Best Wagon	\$300	\$200	\$100

Special Award

Overall Food and Wagon \$400

****All wagons will receive \$100 travel money upon arrival.**

TOTAL PAYOUT \$5000

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Maria Sifuentes at (979) 255-3176 or mmsif13@gmail.com or Lexi Portney at (979) 776-2195 or Events@brazosvalleymuseum.org.