



**Wild, Wild West Fest Chuck Wagon Cook Off
Andrews, TX
April 20 & 21, 2018**



Howdy to all Chuck Wagon Crews and a big welcome from the Andrews Chamber of Commerce!

We are gearing up for our first EVER chuck wagon cook off and are more than excited that you are interested in joining us! This event will be held the third weekend of April in conjunction with our Wild, Wild West Fest which features BBQ and steak cook-offs, a carnival, live music, living history, a ranch rodeo, and much, much more. The festival will take place on April 20 & 21 in Andrews, TX and all activities will take place at ACE Arena located east of town on Highway 176.

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 Andrews Chamber of Commerce. Send to Andrews Chamber of Commerce, 700 W. Broadway, Andrews, TX 79714. The event is limited to 15 wagons. Deadline for entries is April 12, 2017. Any paid entry received before March 17 will be comped two (2) free hotel room on Friday, April 20 and Saturday 21st (**must request when submitting entry**).

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

We hope you can attend this chuck wagon cook off and help make it a success. Can't wait to see you in Andrews!



Wild, Wild West Fest Chuck Wagon Cook-Off Schedule



- Friday 3:30 wagons are to be in place ready for judging
 4:00 wagon judging begins
 5:30 cooks' meeting & distribution of groceries
- Saturday 4:30 pm pick up samples
 5:00 pm serve the public
 Awards ceremony 6:30 PM inside Ace Arena

Wagons are encouraged to stay until Sunday morning. Security will be provided. Wagons may choose their cooking spot on a first-come, first-served basis.

Cook off Rules

Food

There will be a total of 15 food judges, 3 per category. Blind judging 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, 1½ gallons milk, 15 lb. potatoes, a dozen eggs, 2 lb. butter, 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 or mushrooms.
- Wood will be available, but wagons may furnish their own cooking wood.
- Pan liners will be allowed.
- Please bring your food thermometer and bleach and use them.
- All cooking must be done on site outdoors over wood fires on Saturday during the event. Propane burners, stoves or metal fire boxes will not be allowed during the Saturday competition unless there is a burn ban.
- 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 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 dry wall 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.

Each food (meat, beans, bread, potatoes and dessert) and the wagon will receive for

1st – \$300

2nd – \$200

3rd – \$100

4th – \$50 (in the event that fewer than 11 wagons participate, only three places will be awarded)

Overall: \$500 plus a buckle

Overall will be figured at 40% wagon and 60% food.

Wagons with paid entry received before March 17 will be given two (2) free hotel room on Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21 (**must request when submitting entry**). Credit Card information can be taken over the phone by calling the Chamber at 432-523-2695.

If you have questions or need additional information, contact Jesse Salcido at 432-664-0138 / jasalcido4@gmail.com or Nohemi Sanchez at 432-523-2695 / achamber@andrewstx.com.