



**Wild, Wild West Fest Chuck Wagon Cook Off**  
**Andrews, TX**  
**April 21 & 22, 2017**



Public Meal served promptly at high noon on April 22.

Cost: \$15.00 ea. for meal tickets.

Buy early as tickets sell out every year!

Tickets will be on sale starting March 1, 2017

only at the Andrews Chamber of Commerce

For your convenience, call to charge your tickets & pick up at the Cook-Off! 432-523-2695

**Friday, April 21**

**Morning** – Wagons arrive and begin set up

**3:30 PM** – Wagons must be set up and ready for judging

**4:00 PM** – Wagon Authenticity Judging (can begin earlier if wagon is ready)

**5:30 PM** – Head Cook Meeting and distribution of groceries

**7:00 PM** – Live music

**Saturday, April 22** – The competing teams begin preparing some of the tastiest chuck wagon fare imaginable!

**All Day** – Wild West Weekend / Vendors / Entertainment

**ALL DAY** – Live music

**9:00 AM** – Fly-in at Andrews County Airport

**10:00 AM** – Parade on Hwy 176

**11:45 AM** – Food is sent to the judges

**Noon** – Public meal is served

**3:00 PM** – Announcement of results

Download the [Entry Form](#) here.

### Entry

- Entries are limited to the first **Fifteen (15)** officially entered wagons.
- \$150.00 entry fee is required along with a completed entry form for an official entry.
- Make checks payable to Andrews Chamber of Commerce and remit to: Andrews Chamber of Commerce, 700 W. Broadway, Andrews, TX 79714.
- Any paid entry received before March 17, 2017 will be comped one (1) free hotel room on Friday, April 21 (must request when submitting entry).
- Credit cards numbers can be used to secure deposit – call 432-523-2695 (credit card will not be debited unless you fail to show up to cook).
- Categories are: Meat, Beans, Potatoes, Bread, Dessert, Wagon and Campsite Authenticity.
- Questions can be directed to Jesse 432-664-0138 or Julia Wallace 432-523-2695.
- There are NO rain dates.
- **Entry deadline is April 12, 2017.**

### Arrival

- Cook-off is held at ACE Arena on the east side of the grounds.
- Wagons may arrive and check in with the Wagon Boss Friday morning.
- Campsites may be chosen in order of your arrival starting at 9:00 AM Friday.
- Wagons will be allowed to set up when the site is ready.
- All camps will be fully setup for judging by noon 3:30 PM.
- Wagon transport trailers and vehicles will not be allowed in the cook-off area after 3:00 PM Friday. Parking for wagon transport trailers will be designated.
- **PRE-RESERVATIONS WILL NOT BE MADE.**

### Accommodations

- A list of accommodations can be found in the Business Directory on the Chamber's website at [www.andrewstx.com](http://www.andrewstx.com).
- Discounted rooms are available at LaQuinta Inn & Suites by calling 432-223-3140 – must mention Wild, Wild West Fest
- ACE Arena RV spaces are limited and available on a first come basis. For reservations, call 432-524-5730.
- Wagon crews are welcome to camp at their wagon. Only tents and cowboy teepees are allowed.
- Campers, RVs, or camping trailers of any make are not allowed to set up in the cook-off area.

### Cook's Meeting

- Friday at 5:30 PM unless otherwise announced.

### What We Provide

- Conversation and cooking wood will be available; however, you may furnish your own.
- Food products to feed 40 persons. 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). *Please do not use peanut oil or any products containing peanuts because some people are highly allergic to peanut products.*
- Water access, ice, and two cases bottled water for serving the public.
- Paper goods and utensils for the public meal, and food judging containers.
- Two Volunteers for Saturday meal serving. Only until serving is completed.

### Cooking Rules

- A designated head cook and up to three others shall comprise the official cooking crew of the wagon. These persons only, may be in camp and be involved in the preparation and cooking until after the food samples have been turned in for judging. Please ask your visitors to come to your wagon on Friday or after the food samples are turned in on Saturday

- Each team will be expected to practice food safety handling and sanitation procedures including having a food thermometer available and using clean water and bleach in dishwashing station.
- A current in date fire extinguisher must be visible. It will not be considered in judging.
- Food will be prepared with the ingredients provided by the Andrews Chamber of Commerce Wild, Wild West Fest committee. Preparation and cooking of all foods will be on-site using wood fires.
- Pan liners may be used.
- Each wagon will prepare, chicken fried steak, potatoes, pinto beans, bread (no cornbread) and dessert (from fruit provided) for 40 persons.
- Gravy mix will be provided for serving to the public, but not turned in for judging.
- The following ingredients will **NOT** be permitted: Boxed or prepared pre-mixes, bell peppers, mushrooms, mayonnaise, commercial sauces, powdered sugar, chili mixes, sour cream and frozen foods. Teams observed preparing foods with said ingredients will be disqualified.

### **Judging:**

#### **Wagons and Campsites**

- All camps will be fully set up by 3:30 PM.
- Wagons and campsite judging will start at 4:00 PM Friday or earlier if a wagon is ready.
- Wagon judges will be currently certified ACWA judges.
- This is a trail wagon competition.
- Fireboxes will be allowed, but wood stoves will not.
- Teams may dig fire holes, but they must be filled prior to departure.
- Cooking crew will wear period clothing during the cook-off.
- Wagon transport trailers and vehicles will not be allowed in the cook-off site after 3:00 PM Friday. Parking for wagon transport trailers will be designated.

#### **Food**

- Judging samples are to be taken from the same foods prepared for the public meal.
- Pre-numbered Styrofoam containers will be used for food samples for judging.
- Food samples will be ready by 11:45 AM Saturday and delivered in the pre-numbered sample boxes provided to the designated collection tables by your team member.
- Event personnel will receive all food samples and transport to the judging area.
- Food judging will be conducted in an isolated area, away from the wagons.

#### **Public Meal on Saturday**

- Each wagon will serve 40-50 pre-sold ticket holders.
- Please do not let the public serve themselves.
- Styrofoam containers will be provided to serve food.
- Service time has been advertised for 12:00 noon.
- Hold food no longer than one hour.

#### **Prizes**

- Prize money will be awarded to four places in each category: \$300 for First Place, \$200 for Second Place, \$100 for Third Place, and \$50 for Fourth Place. (\*\*In the event that fewer than 11 wagons participate; only three places will be awarded.)
- Buckle plus \$500 will be awarded for the Overall.
- Overall will be figured at 40% wagon and 60% food.
- All prizes are based on a four-person crew.

#### **Departure**

- Wagons may break down anytime after the public meal has been served on Saturday.
- Wagons may not leave the grounds until after the announcement of the results.

- All wagons are welcome to stay Saturday night, but must be out by 3 PM on Sunday.
- All chuck wagon teams are invited to Cross Bar Cowboy Church for Sunday morning worship at 10:30 AM located at 185 SE 1000.
- Wagon crews are expected to leave their camp as clean as they found it and all fires extinguished. If you dig a fire pit, replace the sod.

**Additional**

- The Andrews Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to reject any entry or to remove any contestant or team found to be in violation of the rules or whose conduct is found to be unfavorable to the event or its guests. The head cook will be responsible for the conduct of his/her team and guests. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages will be grounds for disqualification and removal.
- Wagon transport trailers, campers, RVs, and vehicles will not be allowed in the cook-off area except during designated times for set up, take down, and restocking.
- Advertising on wagons will not be permitted.
- With an exception for those with designated handicap parking, all motorized vehicles are not allowed in the park area.
- Service dogs are allowed.
- **NO ANIMALS**, are allowed in the campsites and cooking areas **due to health reasons**. ACE Arena enforces a leash law on arena grounds.
- Night watch/security will be on the grounds Friday and Saturday evenings from dusk until dawn.
- The executive committee of the Andrews Chamber of Commerce Wild, Wild West Fest reserves the right to interpret and make adjustments to these rules should the need arise and will resolve all disputes arising because of them. Their judgment is final.
- The Andrews Chamber of Commerce Wild, Wild West Fest Committee and its sponsors, Andrews Chamber of Commerce, Andrews County, ACE Arena and City of Andrews will not be liable for theft, damage, or accidents.
- By signing the entry form, you and your team acknowledge you have read and understand the rules, and will follow them during the cook-off, and that failure to abide by the rules at anytime will subject your wagon and crew to be disqualified from this event.