

CHANDLER CHUCK WAGON COOK-OFF

November 11-12, 2016



CALLING ALL COW CAMP COOKS!

The Partners of Tumbleweed Ranch, Biscuitflats Chuck Wagon and the Chandler Museum invite you to enter the Seventh Annual Chandler Chuck Wagon Cook-Off!

TUMBLEWEED RANCH, CHANDLER, ARIZONA
2250 S. McQUEEN RD, IN TUMBLEWEED PARK
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2016

<http://www.chandleraz.gov/chuckwagon>

Arrive Thursday, November 10, and the fun starts Friday with a cooks' meeting, and a morning Junior Chuck Wagon Cook Off competition. Friday also includes the "trail wagon" competition, where wagons will be judged based upon the American Chuck Wagon Association's criteria for trail wagons. The day wraps up with a family-oriented campfire, entertainment and s'mores.

The real show begins on Saturday, when competing wagons will prepare a lunch meal for the public, and each of your courses will be critiqued by a panel of local judges. The event includes live music, activities, demonstrations, and unique vendors. End your day with a tasty cooks' dinner hosted by Biscuitflats Chuck Wagon.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2016

You must fill out and return a W-9 form. This will ensure that the City of Chandler will be able to write you a check for your show-up money and any award money you may earn.

Deposit: \$85. The deposit covers your Maricopa County Environmental Services Department Health/Food Permit

Show-up/travel money provided upon arrival: \$200 (plus your \$85 returned deposit.)

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PRIZES

Saturday Prizes:

Meat	1 st : \$250	2 nd : \$150	3 rd : \$100
Beans	1 st : \$250	2 nd : \$150	3 rd : \$100
Bread	1 st : \$250	2 nd : \$150	3 rd : \$100
Potatoes	1 st : \$250	2 nd : \$150	3 rd : \$100
Dessert	1 st : \$250	2 nd : \$150	3 rd : \$100
Best overall meal	1 st : \$300	2 nd : \$200	3 rd : \$100
Most authentic Trail Wagon	1 st : \$250	2 nd : \$150	3 rd : \$100

Charlie Goodnight Award (Unique Award)

EVENT GUIDELINES

AN ACWA SANCTIONED EVENT

The Chandler Chuck Wagon Cook-off is sanctioned by the American Chuck Wagon Association. A sanctioned cook off is an event where the ACWA's rules and score sheets are used. The "overall" winner will qualify to compete in the ACWA Championship Cook Off to be held in the spring of 2017. If the "overall" winning wagon has already qualified for the championship, then the second place "overall" wagon will qualify. The "overall" winner will be determined by using 60% of the score for food and 40% of the score for the wagon. To compete in the 2017 championship event, the head cook or wagon owner must be an ACWA member in good standing prior to qualifying.

ACWA Membership is not required to cook in the Chandler Chuck Wagon competition or to receive the event's awards. It is only a requirement should you place in the top three and wish to participate in the ACWA Championship Cook-off -- you must be signed up and paid before the sanctioned competition begins.

ACWA Rules for Food Preparation and Judging were created to interpret and preserve the heritage of life on the trail and the skills used to prepare food over an open fire. Preparation of meals should be done in a manner consistent with the trail drive frame using cast iron, pots and utensils that pay homage to the trail drive cook. All food must be prepared over an open ground pit fire.

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SATURDAY: For the main lunch competition, each wagon will be judged on five courses: meat, beans, bread, potatoes, and dessert. Each wagon will prepare meals for 50 ticket holders, so portion your food accordingly.

You will be provided with: beans, cooking oil, flour, fruit, potatoes, onions, butter, beef, and ice.

Wagons will be judged using the ACWA trail wagon criteria. Everything that is in camp on wagon judging day must fit in the wagon. Extra cooking pots, items required to meet health department regulations, etc should be stored at the rear of the camp site and covered in order to present a historical correct camp site. Those things can be brought out as needed after the wagon judging.

COOK-OFF RULES

Food:

- Double blind judging will be used for the food judging.
- All food judged must be prepared and cooked only at the wagon on the day of the cook-off by the designated team and using the ingredients provided.
- The preparation must employ only cooking methods used on the trail 1865-1900. All food must be prepared from “scratch,” meaning the food item contains ingredients provided by the event, and at the cook’s discretion, the use of any leavening and spices available during the time period.
- Commercially prepared and packaged items of sauces, pie crust, biscuit mix and cake mixes are prohibited.
- All judged food items must be taken from the pot used to serve the public in the presence of the food runner.
- Food samples must be ready by the designated time. Any food item not ready to be picked up by that time will not be judged.
- The fruit provided by the Chandler Cook-off must be used for the dessert. No other fruit may be substituted or added.
- Breads may be quick breads (such as biscuits), yeast, sourdough, or cornbread.
- All cooking must be done on site over wood fires. Fire boxes, stoves, and propane burners/appliances will not be allowed for food preparation by competing wagons.
- Liners, aluminum foil, and parchment paper are not allowed.

SANITATION:

- Each wagon must have hand washing facilities. Your hand wash station must consist of a minimum 5 gallon insulated container with a free flowing spigot with a waste container 15% larger, soap and paper towels. Proper hand washing must be conducted during the event.
- Bare hand contact with ready to eat food is prohibited.

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- Each wagon must have and utilize a three part washing system for utensils and dishes: soapy wash, sanitizing rinse and final rinse.
- Wagon teams **must** furnish their own instant read metal probe meat thermometer and bleach.
- The Cook-Off will provide each wagon with floor mats, which **must** be placed under your food preparation area, to comply with Maricopa County Health Department regulations. Once the cutting and preparation of the food is complete, the mats may be rolled up and removed.
- **No animals** will be allowed in camp while the event is open to the public.
- Each wagon team **must** furnish their own cooking wood.

Other rules may be discussed and voted on by cooks during cooks meeting on Friday, November 11.

Are you ready to be this year's Chandler Chuck Wagon Cook-off Champion?

Fill out the registration on the next pages!

Entrants will receive a confirmation upon receipt of registration.

Include your check for \$85 deposit (refunded upon arrival). Make checks payable to: **City of Chandler**

Send (1) registration, (2) your W9 form, (3) \$85 check, and (4) camp layout to:

Jean Reynolds
Cultural Affairs
Mail Stop 601
P.O. Box 4008
Chandler, AZ 85244

Fax: 480-782-2823
Phone: 480-782-2751
jean.reynolds@chandleraz.gov

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REGISTRATION- DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2016

Outfit's Name: _____ Name of Main Contact _____

Names of Wagon crew members: _____

Anticipated arrival date & time to the Ranch: _____

Anticipated departure date & time from the Ranch: _____

I am willing to host _____ youth cook-off contestant(s) at my wagon for the Friday Jr. Cook-Off

Main Contact: Street (mailing address) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

CITY OF CHANDLER OVERNIGHT CAMPING REQUEST



The City of Chandler allows overnight camping in Tumbleweed Ranch as part of this event. If you plan to camp on-site overnight (under the stars, in a tent, or in an RV) you **must** fill out this section.

Name of Individual Making Request: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____

Date(s) of Overnight Stay(s): _____

Information for individuals in your team who are camping overnight at Ranch:

Name(s) _____ Vehicle description _____ Lic. # _____

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City Staff Approval _____ Date _____

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YOUR CAMP LAYOUT SKETCH- include with application

The Chandler Fire Department has requested that all of our fire pits be dug by November 10 so that they can complete fire inspections. If you would like, City of Chandler workers will pre-dig your fire pit for you. **Please help us plan camp layouts by sketching out where you would like your fire pit dug.**

Would you like City workers to dig your fire pit for you? ____ Yes ____ No

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