

THE RED STEAGALL COWBOY GATHERING

August 23, 2021

Friends of the Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering:

This is your official invitation to sponsor your child or a special child in your life to be a participant in the 2021 *Youth Chuck Wagon Cook-Off*. This year marks our 16th year as a featured event at the *Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering*. From the beginning Shirley Richardson has been the coordinator of this popular part of the weekend. We are saddened to have lost Shirley earlier this year and already miss her greatly. One of her last wishes was for her children to carry on her work with this event, guiding all of the eager young ones as they learn their way around a chuck wagon camp. We're pleased to let you know that Shirley's daughter, Christa Loftis, has agreed to assume her mother's role as coordinator this year.

The youth cooking contest is always held on Sunday, the last day of the weekend schedule, on the lawn of the Livestock Exchange Building in the Fort Worth Stockyards. We continue to showcase young cooks who have shown an interest in learning the dying art of Dutch oven cooking. It is a great tie-in to the long established Youth Poetry Contest and Youth Fiddle Contest and awards a \$1,000 college scholarship to the 1st place winner of each of the two food groups, plus monetary awards of

1st place \$75 + a Commemorative Medallion2nd place \$50**3rd place \$30**

If you know of a young person age 8 through 17 who would like a chance to compete in the Youth Cook-Off to be held Sunday, October 24, beginning at 9:30 am, please help us by making the enclosed/attached entry form available to him or her. Competition is **not** open to the public. In order for the entrant to be accepted we require the recommendation of a chuck wagon cook-off team member, ranch team member, *RS Cowboy Gathering* Committee member or event sponsor. Please note that the deadline to enter is September 27, limited to the first 24 entrants, so please help us round up some adventurous young cooks before that time.

Thank you for your interest in supporting this challenge to youngsters who enjoy the outdoor, family spirit of the *Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering*.

Sincerely,



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2021 Youth Chuck Wagon Cook-off Entry Form

Cook Off Rules:

This event offers a chance for young cooks to try their skills at Dutch oven cooking. Each young cook will be assigned to an experienced chuck wagon crew. Youth Cook Off judging will be held at approximately noon Sunday, October 24, 2021.

1. Entrant must be at least 8 years old as of Oct. 24, 2021, and cannot have reached his/her 18th birthday.
2. This event is NOT open to public entries. Entrant must be recommended by one of the following:
 - a. A member of an authorized chuck wagon team or ranch team entered in the 2021 **Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering**
 - b. A member of the 2021 **Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering Committee**
 - c. A sponsor of the 2021 **Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering**
3. Entrants must complete this form and mail/email it to the address on the bottom of form before September 1, 2021. Earliest postmark date will be the determining factor of your acceptance. You will receive an email notice before October 1, 2021 informing you of your acceptance.
4. All participants will make a meat loaf type dish and a peach dessert. He/she may use their own recipe or ask for help from their wagon host who will also serve as swamper/assistant. Courtesy and respect to the chuck wagon host is to be observed at all times, as it is a privilege to be invited to cook at one of the wagons. They are there to assist in this learning process. They will help tend the fire and answer questions. **Entrants will be responsible for help with clean up after the meal.**
5. Each wagon will furnish utensils, spices, flour and sugar in moderate amounts. Meat and canned fruit will be furnished by the event. **Entrants should bring their own 10/12 inch Dutch oven if they own one.** If he/she does not have access to an oven, the host will provide it.
6. **Appropriate western attire is mandatory.** Boots, long sleeved shirt, jeans & western hat are required. Any entrant dressed inappropriately will not be allowed to participate.
7. **Arrive by 9:30 am on the lawn of the Livestock Exchange Building to meet event coordinators Christa Loftis and Jerry Lawson and receive your assignment. Dishes will be judged at approximately noon.** Lunch will be served to participants, their families and wagon crews, about 1 pm or as soon as judging is complete. Each wagon team will prepare a side dish to accompany the meat and dessert dishes for the purpose of rounding out the menu only and will not be a part of the judging. ***Due to city health code, the public is not invited to purchase or partake of this meal.***
8. **This signed application for your child to participate in this event will serve as your agreement to abide by these rules and it releases Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering from all liability.**

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For lodging information regarding discounted rates see our website: www.redsteagallcowboygathering.com

Name of Youth Cook _____ Age _____

Signature of Parent _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email address _____ Phone # _____

Recommended/sponsored by (committee member, ranch etc.) _____ \ _____

Mail completed form to Gail Steagall P.O. 136639 Fort Worth, TX 76136

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