

Chandler Chuck Wagon Cook-off
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**Tumbleweed Ranch, Chandler, Arizona
2250 S. McQueen Rd, in Tumbleweed Park
Friday, November 11 & Saturday, November 12, 2022**

Registration Deadlines:

Early Registration- September 15, 2022- no deposit fee if you meet this deadline!

Final Deadline- September 30, 2022 - \$85 deposit fee is required

The deposit covers your Maricopa County Environmental Services Department Health/Food Permit. This is refunded to you after you arrive at the event.

Event Overview

The 2022 Chandler Chuck Wagon Cook-off is a two-day event. The schedule on Friday, November 11 is full with a youth cooking challenge, wagon authenticity judging, and a catered dinner with opportunities for wagons to compete in appetizer and dessert competitions. The fun continues on Saturday, November 12 with the five-course meal for the public served at noon and the awards ceremony will conclude the event on Saturday afternoon. Like last year, tickets for the main lunch will go on sale online through Eventbrite on Saturday, October 1 at 10am. Menus will be posted with those tickets so please submit your menu plans on the registration form. We will also reserve some tickets to be sold the day of the event.

What is new or changed this year:

1. **Cooks' Dinner**

The Cooks' Dinner for all wagon team members will move to Thursday evening.

2. **Judges Scoring Digitization Project**

The Martinez and Shanken CPA office will do the food judging tabulation at the event. They have created spreadsheets to calculate all food scores. The spreadsheet will tabulate each course and overall winners as well as include a sheet for each wagon that shows all their food scores in one place.

3. **Kids Campfire Challenge Returns**

The youth cook-off will return this year, with Friday being a school holiday. We have set a limit of fifteen kids, ages 10 to 15 who will prepare cobblers with wagon teams. Please note on the registration form if you are willing to host and mentor one or two youth cooks.

4. **Pardners Sunset Dinner Friday Evening**

The Pardners of Tumbleweed Ranch are hosting a fund-raising catered Sunset Dinner this year on Friday evening. Advanced tickets will be sold through Eventbrite.

5. **Appetizer/Dessert Competition**

Several wagons have agreed to compete for cash prizes in the appetizer/dessert competition on Friday evening. Appetizers and desserts will be served to ticket holders for the Sunset Dinner. If you would like to participate in either or both, please indicate on the registration form. Each wagon participating will be responsible for providing their own ingredients. Cash prize amounts are listed below.

6. **Main Lunch Competition**

For the main lunch competition on Saturday, each wagon will cook five courses: meat, beans, bread, potatoes, and dessert. Each wagon will prepare meals for 50 ticket holders, so portion your food accordingly. You are generally provided with: beef, beans, cooking oil, flour, fruit, potatoes, onions, ice, and paper products for serving the public. The fruit for this year's dessert will be dried **peaches**. Food will be served in three-compartment hinged lid clamshells.

Wagon Team Tentative Schedule:

Thursday, November 10

All day Arrival for wagon teams
5:30 pm Cow Camp Dinner for wagon teams and invited guests at host wagon

Friday, November 11

AM Late arrival for wagon teams
9:00 -10:30 am Youth Campfire Cooking Challenge
10am Fire Inspection
10:30-11:30 am Judging Youth Cooking Challenge
11:00 am Wagon judging begins
11:30 am Youth Campfire Cooking Challenge Awards
4:00 pm Cooks Meeting
4:30 pm Food distribution to wagons
6:00 pm Appetizer Challenge with Judging and Cash Awards
6:30 pm Partners of Tumbleweed Ranch Sunset Catered Dinner
7:30 pm Dessert Challenge with Judging and Cash Awards

Saturday, November 12

11:45 am Judges' samples picked up
12:00 pm Lunches Served
3:00 pm Wagon awards ceremony

Show-up/travel money (increased this year)

Travel up to 100 miles- \$250

Travel 100- 300 miles- \$400

Travel over 300 miles \$600

*All mileage based on one-way travel distance using Google map calculations

Prizes

Overall Lunch 1st: \$300 2nd: \$200 3rd: \$100

Meat 1st: \$250 2nd: \$150 3rd: \$100

Beans 1st: \$250 2nd: \$150 3rd: \$100

Bread 1st: \$250 2nd: \$150 3rd: \$100

Potatoes 1st: \$250 2nd: \$150 3rd: \$100

Dessert 1st: \$250 2nd: \$150 3rd: \$100

Most Authentic Trail Wagon 1st: \$250 2nd: \$150 3rd: \$100

Chandler Chuck Wagon Cook-off Champion (Combined meal course and wagon judging scores)

Charlie Goodnight Award

Friday Sunset Dinner appetizers and desserts will be judged separately for the wagons that have agreed to participate. The following cash prizes will be awarded in each category:

1st \$150 2nd \$100 3rd \$75 4th \$50

All award money checks will be presented by the Partners of Tumbleweed Ranch at the Awards Ceremony Saturday afternoon.

Lodging

Overnight Camping at Tumbleweed Ranch is allowed for competing team members only. Please complete the form at the end of this packet to request onsite camping.

There are number of hotels in the area. Let us know if you need a recommendation.

Cook-off Rules

Food:

- All wagon teams must prepare their meals with 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.
- All food must be prepared **over an open ground pit fire**, no fire box or stoves allowed. A fire box is defined as a metal box with four sides, open on the bottom and top.
- Wood is the only type of fuel allowed for cooking the meals. The cook-off will provide Mesquite wood for cooking. Lump charcoal, charcoal briquettes or propane are not allowed for the competition meal.
- Commercially prepared and packaged items of sauces, pie crust, biscuit mix and cake mixes are prohibited.
- The fruit provided by the Chandler Cook-off must be used for the dessert. No other fruit may be substituted or added. **This year’s fruit is dried peaches.**
- Breads may be quick breads (such as biscuits), yeast, sourdough, or cornbread.

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.
- Each wagon must have and utilize a three part washing system for utensils and dishes: soapy wash, sanitizing rinse and final rinse.
- Bare hand contact with ready to eat food is prohibited.
- 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.
- **Per county health regulations only fresh vegetables provided by our licensed commissary may be used in competition meal preparation.**

Other rules may be discussed and voted on by cooks during Cooks’ Meeting on Friday, November 11th.

Are you ready to join us for a great time under the Arizona sun?

Fill out the registration on the following pages!

Send:

- 1. Registration Form,**
- 2. Camp Layout Sketch,**
- 3. W-9 Form** (this will ensure the Partners of Tumbleweed Ranch can pay you),
- 4. Overnight Camping Permit** (if needed),
- 5. \$85 deposit** (if submitting your registration after September 15. Refunded upon arrival. Make checks payable to: Partners of Tumbleweed Ranch).

Mail to:

Partners of Tumbleweed Ranch
P.O. Box 812
Chandler, AZ 85244

Email:

partnersoftumbleweedranch@gmail.com

Registrations due by Friday, September 30, 2022.

Have questions? Call Dave McDowell at 480-313-3988.

Chandler Chuck Wagon Cook-off Registration Form

Early Deadline: September 15, 2022

Final Deadline: September 30, 2022

Chuck Wagon Team Name: _____

Name of Main Contact: _____

Main Contact: Street (mailing address): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Names of Wagon crew members: _____

Anticipated arrival date & time to Tumbleweed Ranch: _____

Anticipated departure date & time from Tumbleweed Ranch: _____

Do you plan to attend the **Thursday night Cooks' Dinner** served by Biscuitflats?

No ___ Yes___

If so, how many individual dinner tickets are needed for your team? _____

Would you like to host a **youth cook**? No ___ Yes___

If so, how many youth cooks could you host? 1 ___ 2 ___

Would you like to participate in Friday's **appetizer and/or dessert competitions**?

Appetizer ___ Dessert___

Menus will be posted with online ticket sales. Please list your menu items here:

Meat: _____ Bread: _____

Beans: _____ Dessert: _____

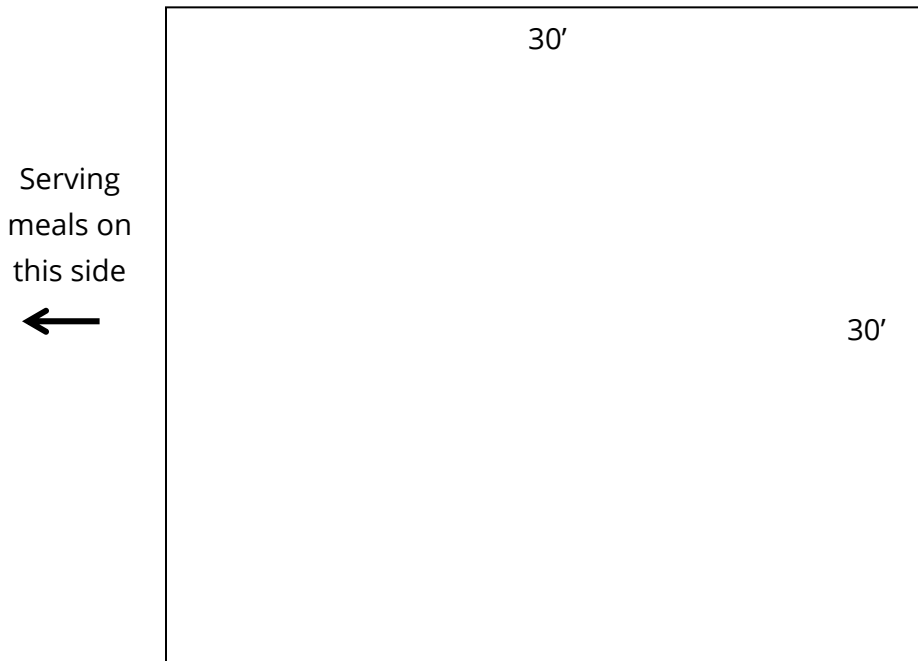
Potatoes: _____

CAMP LAYOUT SKETCH

The Chandler Fire Department has requested that all of our fire pits be dug by November 11 at 10am. If possible, have your pit dug by Thursday at 5pm. The remainder will be dug Friday morning. We will assist in coordination on-site.

Would you like City staff to dig your fire pit for you? ___Yes ___ No

Please help us plan camp layouts by sketching out where you would like your fire pit dug.





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 and return this Overnight Camping Request.

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

Anticipated arrival (date and time): _____

Anticipated departure (date and time): _____

Approved by Director of Community Services: _____

Date _____