

SEALY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY CAST IRON COOK-OFF & JAMBOREE

COMPETITION RULES & REGISTRATION FORM

1. Team Membership

- a. Each team is limited to a maximum of six members.
- b. All team members must initial and sign the Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement on pages 7 and 8 of this document.
- c. A minimum of two team members must be age 18 or older, unless a team consists of only one member.
- d. Only team members that are registered and have signed the liability release form may participate in the preparation/cooking processes and work the fire.
- e. Team members under the age of 18:
 - 1) must be accompanied by a team member age 18 or older while in the competition area, and
 - 2) must have a parent/legal guardian initial and sign the Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement.

2. Competition Area

- a. Competition will be at the Santa Fe Museum Park, at the intersection of Main Street and Silliman Street in Sealy, TX (right across the rail road tracks from Historic Downtown Sealy).
- b. Each team will be assigned to a 30'X30' area.
- c. All preparation and cooking must be done within the team's assigned area.
- d. All of a team's equipment, tentage, wagons, displays, etc., must fit and remain inside the team's assigned area. This includes tent lines, ice chests, wood piles, etc. This does not prohibit the storing off additional supplies and equipment in vehicles in the parking area.
- e. The Sealy Area Historical Society may limit the number of teams allowed to compete so as not to exceed the available capacity of the Santa Fe Museum Park.
- f. Teams may begin moving into assigned areas at 9:00 am on Thursday, November 12, 2015
- g. Teams must be clear of park no later than 7:00 pm on Sunday, November 14, 2015.
- h. Each team is responsible for keeping its assigned area clean and ensuring it is clean before leaving.
- i. Vehicles and trailers may not be in the competition area during periods that the park is open to the public, except that a small trailer loaded with firewood may in the competition area if the trailer is completely hidden from view (for example, in a tent or under a canvas). Vehicles may be brought into the park for re-supply purposes during times the park is closed to the public but must be removed from the park as quickly as possible.

3. General Safety

- a. Each team must have a fire extinguisher in its team area OR bucket(s) with a minimum of five gallons of water total.
- b. A minimum of one team member must be at the team's area at all times there is an open flame or hot ("red") coals. (This requirement does not apply to enclosed flames, such as lanterns.)
- c. Use safe fire practices.
- d. Guns, knives, and swords may be worn/carried as part of a historical costume as long as it is done so in compliance with all applicable state laws. No gun may be loaded (to include blanks or caps) at any time except for demonstrations organized by the Sealy Area Historical Society.

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4. Historical Accuracy/Appearance

- a. In addition to awards for cooking, there will be an award for the team presenting the best historically-accurate appearance.
- b. The theme is pre-1900. Examples are the settling of Texas, cattle drives, westward movement, Civil War, and post-Civil War.
- c. Chuck wagons are not required, but are encouraged.
- d. Modern items, such as ice chests, should be hidden any time the grounds are open to the public to maintain a historically-accurate appearance. For example, they may be placed in a tent, covered with a canvas, or placed in a wooden box.
- e. If there is a medical necessity for a modern item (for example, a generator for a CPAP device), the team should inform the Sealy Area Historical Society so that the team is not penalized for this item.
- f. Team members should use historically-accurate chairs and benches, but it is understood that spectators might be carrying modern lawn chairs and use those chairs while visiting with the teams.

5. General Competition Rules

- a. Winners will be announced during the Saturday evening dance.
- b. All entries, except beverage entries, must be prepared in/on cast iron over flames from natural wood or coals made from natural wood. There may not be any direct contact between the flames and food -- all heat must be transmitted through the cast iron.
- c. Each team must provide its own wood/coals.
- d. Gas flames are permitted ONLY for heating water for cleaning purposes.
- e. The Sealy Area Historical Society will have a fresh water supply available at all times. No washing/cleaning is permitted in the water supply area.
- f. Each team is responsible for delivering its entries to the judging area.
- g. Food safety
 - 1) Use safe food handling procedures.
 - 2) Tasting utensils must be washed immediately after use.
 - 3) Wash cutting boards between meats and vegetables to avoid cross-contamination. In the interest of health safety, teams will not be penalized for using synthetic cutting boards.
 - 4) Keep all cooked and uncooked foods at proper temperatures.
 - 5) Use separate containers for hand washing, preparation of ingredients, and washing utensils.
 - 6) Avoid finger-licking. If fingers are inadvertently licked, hands must be thoroughly washed before handling foods.
 - 7) Keep preparation area and all utensils clean and sanitary. Tasting utensils must be washed immediately after every use.
- h. To preserve park grounds, fires may not be built directly on the ground and no fire pits may be dug. Teams may either build fires on top of a layer of dirt/sand on the ground (minimum thickness of four inches) or use a metal stand to elevate the fire off the ground. The Sealy Area Historical Society will provide dirt/sand.
- i. Preparation and cooking of food for entries may begin no earlier than 10:00 am on Friday, November 13, 2015, except as specified under "Competition Categories and Category-specific Rules".
- i. Each team must provide its own cast iron, utensils, ingredients, and all other supplies/equipment.

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- j. All ingredients must be combined, chopped, sliced, diced, and cooked in the team's competition area, except as specified under "Competition Categories and Category-specific Rules".
- k. Each team must provide quantities as described under "Competition Categories and Category-specific Rules".
- l. Battery-operated or electrical devices, such as mixers or blenders, are prohibited in the preparation of food.
- m. All entries must be presented to the judges on time. Late entries may be penalized by the judges.
- n. Entries will be judged on appearance, taste, aroma, quality, and overall appeal.
- o. Garnishing, if used, must be characteristic of the pre-1900 period and must be edible.
- p. In addition to foods prepared for competition entries, teams that desire to do so may prepare other foods for team consumption (for example, Saturday breakfast) or for demonstration to visitors.
- q. Teams are not required to provide samples to the public, but are not prohibited from doing so. The Sealy Area Historical Society will provide samples from a central location.
- r. No team may sell food to visitors unless that team registers as a vendor and sells in the designated vendor area.
- s. Alcohol brought in by a team must remain in the team's competition area during all times that the park is open to the public, except that quantity which is submitted as an entry in the Beverage category shall be taken to the judging area.
- t. Enthusiastic interaction with the public is highly encouraged. One of the Sealy Area Historical Society's goals is to teach and excite the public about this time-honored tradition and skill. The Society wants the every team and the public to enjoy this competition and remember this aspect of our heritage. Every team member is encouraged to share cooking information, the passion, and knowledge.

6. Competition Categories and Category-specific Rules

- a. Each team may enter one item in every category, but is not required to compete in every category. Keep in mind that the scores from every category will be used to determine the overall Grand Champion.
- b. The term "protein" refers to any type of meat, fowl, fish, and other animal protein.
- c. Soup/Stew
 - 1) Entries may be protein-based or vegetarian. Proteins may be ground prior to arrival at the park.
 - 2) Entries must be submitted in dutch ovens.
 - 3) Turn-in time is 3:00 pm on Friday, November 13, 2015.
 - 4) Minimum turn-in quantity is two gallons. That quantity not consumed by the judges will be made available to the public in the sampling area.
- d. Bread/Biscuits
 - 1) Entries may be any type of bread, biscuit, or hardtack.
 - 2) The Sealy Area Historical Society will provide the container for turn-in.
 - 3) Turn-in time is 3:30 pm on Friday, November 13, 2015.
 - 4) Minimum turn-in quantity is six servings (for example, six biscuits or six pieces of cornbread).
- e. Beverage
 - 1) This is a "fun category" and does not need to be historically accurate; however, historically-accurate beverages are encouraged. Entries may be hot or cold and may be alcoholic or non-alcoholic. With the understanding that some entries might need aging, entries may be prepared prior to arrival at the park. Any team submitting a

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- “homebrew” entry is responsible for ensuring it is brewed/fermented/distilled in compliance with current Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission regulations. If a team chooses to enter an alcoholic beverage, only team members age 21 and older may participate in the preparation and submission of the entry.
- 2) The Sealy Area Historical Society will provide the container for turn-in.
 - 3) Turn-in time is 4:00 pm on Friday, November 13, 2015.
 - 4) Minimum turn-in quantity is 16 fluid ounces.
- f. Main Course
- 1) Entry must be protein-based. A Thanksgiving theme is encouraged in order to demonstrate how our ancestors might have celebrated the upcoming holiday in the pre-1900 period.
 - 2) The Sealy Area Historical Society will provide the container for turn-in.
 - 3) Turn-in time is 2:00 pm on Saturday, November 14, 2015.
 - 4) Minimum turn-in quantity is six servings.
- g. Side Dish
- 1) This entry may be any type of side dish prepared in a style characteristic of the pre-1900 period.
 - 2) The Sealy Area Historical Society will provide the container for turn-in.
 - 3) Turn-in time is 2:30 pm on Saturday, November 14, 2015.
 - 4) Minimum turn-in quantity is six servings.
- h. Mystery dish
- 1) The purpose of this entry is to test each team’s creativity. The Sealy Area Historical Society will provide every team with the same type and quantity of ingredients. Teams must use all ingredients provided by the Sealy Area Historical Society. Teams may add additional ingredients.
 - 2) Entries must be submitted in dutch ovens.
 - 3) Turn-in time is 3:00 pm on Saturday, November 14, 2015.
 - 4) Minimum turn-in quantity is the entire quantity minus six servings for consumption by your team members.
- i. Dessert
- 1) This entry may be any type of dessert prepared in a style characteristic of the pre-1900 period.
 - 2) The Sealy Area Historical Society will provide the container for turn-in.
 - 3) Turn-in time is 3:30 pm on Saturday, November 14, 2015.
 - 4) Minimum turn-in quantity is six servings.
- j. Best Theme/Appearance
- 1) Teams will be judged based on their theme, historical accuracy, appearance, camp cleanliness, sportsmanlike conduct, and friendliness.
 - 2) Judges have the options of using “mystery shoppers” to visit each team.
 - 3) Judging period will be from 10:00 am on Friday, November 13, 2015, until the winners are announced at the evening dance on Saturday, November 14, 2015.
- k. Grand Champion
- 1) This award will be based on the combined total of each team’s scores from the categories listed in 6.c. through 6.j.
 - 2) If a team chooses to not enter a category, that team’s score for that category will be calculated as “zero”.

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7. Entry Fee and Prizes

- a. Entry fee
 - 1) Entry fee is \$50 per team.
 - 2) Entry fee includes entry into all categories.
 - 3) Entry fee includes six wristbands for team members. (Additional wristbands for guests may be purchased at the gate regular admission prices.)
- b. Prizes
 - 1) Entry fees will be redistributed as cash prizes. Therefore, the more teams that enter, the larger the prizes will be.
 - 2) The Sealy Area Historical Society is seeking sponsorships for “added money”, but does not guarantee that there will be “added money”.
 - 3) The number of places paid will be dependent on the number of teams entered. Therefore, the more teams that enter, the more places that will be paid.
 - 4) Categories and prizes are:
 - a) Soup/Stew -- 12.5% of entry fees; plaque for first place
 - b) Bread/Biscuits -- 10% of entry fees; plaque for first place
 - c) Beverage -- 10% of entry fees; plaque for first place
 - d) Main Course -- 12.5% of entry fees; plaque for first place
 - e) Side Dish -- 10% of entry fees; plaque for first place
 - f) Mystery dish -- 10% of entry fees; plaque for first place
 - g) Dessert -- 10% of entry fees; plaque for first place
 - h) Best Theme/Appearance -- 10% of entry fees; plaque for first place
 - i) Grand Champion -- 15% of entry fees and trophy (only one place awarded)

8. Camping & Lodging

- a. Only registered team members may camp in the competition area.
- b. Any team that chooses to camp in the competition area must camp within its assigned area.
- c. Motor home and travel trailer camping is permitted in the parking area.
- d. No hook-ups are available.
- e. No dumping of any type of waste is allowed.
- f. A list of hotels will be available on the Facebook event page “Cast Iron Cook-off & Jamboree” at <https://www.facebook.com/events/468137016680732/>

9. Registration

- a. Registration will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis.
- b. The standard registration period closes on Sunday, November 8, 2015. This registration period may close early if all reaches the capacity of the Santa Fe Museum Park. Registration forms and entry fees received after such close of registration will be returned.
- c. Late registrations will be accepted ONLY if space is available and a late fee is paid as follows:
 - 1) Entries received Monday through Thursday, November 9-12, 2015, will be assessed a \$5 late fee in addition to the \$50 entry fee.
 - 2) Entries received Friday, November 11, 2015, will be assessed a \$10 late fee in addition to the \$50 entry fee.
- d. Registration fee is refundable only if the event is cancelled or re-scheduled. The event will be cancelled or re-schedule only in the event of extreme weather.
- e. Mail the completed Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement (pages 7 and 8 of this document) to:

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Sealy Area Historical Society
(Attn: Cast Iron Cook-off & Jamboree)
P. O. Box 585
Sealy, TX 77474

- f. As an alternate, a scanned copy of the completed Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement (pages 7 and 8 of this document) may be E-mailed to nnaron@gmail.com and payment made via PayPal. Instructions for payment via PayPal will be listed on the Sealy Area Historical Society website at www.sealyhistoricalsociety.org. The original completed Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement must be presented upon arrival.
- g. If it becomes necessary to replace a team member after registration, the new team member must complete and submit a Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement, which will be attached to the original Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement. There will be no fee associated with this additional Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement.

10. Additional Information

- a. Sealy Area Historical Society website: www.sealyhistoricalsociety.org
- b. Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/468137016680732/>
- c. Society President: Nancy Naron, 832-492-4244, nnaron@gmail.com
- d. Cook-off Coordinator: Mark Stolarski, 979-877-5254, Mark.Stolarski@gmail.com
- e. Mailing address: Sealy Area Historical Society, P. O. Box 585, Sealy, TX 77474

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*Print or type all information except signatures and initials.
This is a 2-page form.*

Team Name:		
Chief Cookie:		Date:
Phone:	E-mail:	
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:

Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement

1. In consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, for being allowed entry into and participation in any and all activities (the "Activities") associated with the Cast Iron Cook-off & Jamboree hosted by the Sealy Area Historical Society (the "SAHS"). and to the fullest extent permitted by law, the undersigned, individually and on behalf of his/her family, heirs, administrators, executors and assigns, hereby enters into this Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement (this "Agreement"). This Agreement shall remain in effect for as long as the undersigned participates in the Activities.

2. **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS:** The undersigned recognizes and understands that there are risks associated with his/her participation in the Activities including, but not limited to, bodily injury or death to persons and theft, damage, or destruction to property.

3. **RELEASE FROM LIABILITY:** The undersigned hereby releases, acquits, and forever discharges and shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless SAHS, its subsidiaries and affiliates, and its present and former directors, officers, employees, agents, and representatives and the respective heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns (collectively, the "SAHS Parties" or individually, an "SAHS Party") from any and all claims, causes of action, suits and/or demands for personal injury, death, or property damage, accrued or to accrue in the future, known or unknown, (collectively, "Claims") relating to or arising out of any negligent, grossly negligent and/or intentional or unintentional acts on the part of the undersigned in connection with his/her entry into and participation in the Activities. Without limiting the foregoing, the undersigned agrees that the SAHS Parties shall not be liable to him/her, his/her family, heirs, administrators, executors or assigns for Claims arising from or related to the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities.

4. **AGREEMENT TO DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS:** The undersigned agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the SAHS Parties against the consequences of the SAHS Parties' own negligence, regardless of whether such negligence was the sole, proximate, or producing cause of the claims; provided, however, that the duty of the undersigned to defend,

Every team member and adult guardians of minor team members must initial below under the member number assigned to that member on the next page.						
Team Member #:	1	2	3	4	5	6
Initials:						
Adult Guardian's Initials:						

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indemnify and hold harmless the SAHS Parties shall extend only to Claims arising directly or indirectly from the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities. As used herein, "indemnify" means to agree to assume the SAHS Parties' liability in a situation, thereby relieving them of responsibility and/or reimbursing the SAHS Parties for Claims asserted against them.

5. PHOTOGRAPH/INTERVIEW RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT: The undersigned grants permission to be photographed and/or interviewed in connection with the Activities. The undersigned understands that any such photograph or interview may be used by SAHS for television, film, video, visual, graphic or printed media. The undersigned agrees to release and indemnify SAHS with respect to any Claims related to the usage of such photographs or interviews by the SAHS Parties or any media.

6. As further inducement to SAHS to permit the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities, the undersigned represents that he/she thoroughly and completely understands that this is a complete and final release and indemnity agreement, that he/she is freely and voluntarily entering into this Agreement, and that no representations, promises or statements made by the SAHS Parties, or any agent, attorney or other representative of an SAHS Party has influenced the undersigned in causing him/her to sign this Agreement. The undersigned understands that this Agreement shall be binding on his/her heirs, executors, successors and assigns, that the Agreement will be governed by the laws of Texas, and that jurisdiction and venue for resolution of any dispute regarding this Agreement shall lie in a Texas State Court in Austin County, Texas. If any part of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, it does not affect the validity of the remainder of this Agreement. The undersigned agrees to the terms and conditions above, and acknowledges receipt of this Agreement.

Receipt of Competition Rules

The undersigned (and the undersigned adult guardians of minors), acknowledge receipt of Competition Rules contained on pages 1 through 6 of this document, have read the rules, and agree to abide by all the rules of the Cast Iron Cook-off & Jamboree.

Team Member #	Printed Name	Signature
1		
2		
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Signatures of Adult Guardians for Minors		
<i>for member # __</i>		
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