



*The 48<sup>th</sup> Annual World Champion  
Hopkins County Stew Contest  
Saturday, October 28th!!!*

It's that time of year... drag out your cast iron pot, find your favorite recipe, and get ready to make some Hopkins County Stew! We are looking forward to another fabulous Stew Contest, and we want you to participate in it! It's going to be AWESOME!

If you have never been a "Stew Cook" before, here is how it works: First of all, create a cooking team—up to 2 cooks and 2 helpers. Second, ask someone to sponsor your stew pot. They will pay \$175 to sponsor you—we will give you \$125 back to purchase ingredients, and the Chamber uses the other \$50 to run the contest. Then, turn in your entry form with your sponsor's check, pick your stew site, and you are ready to get cooking! Contestants are also encouraged to participate in the Campsite and Costume contest — just mark it on your entry form.

If you have been a "Stew Cook" in the past, we look forward to seeing you again and tasting your delicious stew!

Each returning stew cook will have the option of keeping their 2016 site. These sites will be reserved until Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, and then on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, all "unclaimed" stew sites will be open to "new cooks" or to returning cooks who would like a new site location. After September 18<sup>th</sup>, all sites will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE THIS YEAR:\*\*** As always, we will be hosting a reception for the cooks on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Southwest Dairy Museum. We will not have an actual meeting this year, but instead a come-and-go reception where you will receive your "contestant bag" (which will contain your \$125 ingredient check), 2 complimentary stew bowls, and the contest rules and information. This will also be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have regarding the actual stew contest. If you are a returning cook, you may pick up your bag and check between 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. We will have a short meeting **at 6 p.m.** for cooks **that have not previously participated before**. This will be a small group format so that new cooks can ask questions and receive their rule packet.

*Please make sure to have at least one participant or representative from your cooking team at this reception. Checks will only be distributed at this meeting.*

This will be the greatest stew contest EVER, and we certainly hope that you will choose to participate in it!

Sincerely,

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President/CEO  
Hopkins County Chamber of Commerce

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Stew Committee Chairman

Enclosure