



## *The 52nd Annual World Champion Hopkins County Stew Contest* Saturday, October 23, 2021

The anticipation has been growing and now it is time for the actual preparation. We are looking forward to a terrific and large Stew Contest, and we want you to participate in it! We feel this will be one of the biggest and best of all time, with the theme being Stewstock, a take off on Woodstock.

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 \$225 to sponsor you—\$100 goes to the Chamber to run the contest and \$125 is for you to buy ingredients. 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. If you have won the contest in the past, you are eligible to enter the Super Stew competition.

Each **returning** stew team will have the option of keeping their 2019 OR 2020 site. These sites will be reserved until Friday, September 10, and then on Monday, September 13 the “unclaimed” stew sites will be open to “new cooks” and to returning cooks who would like a new site location. After September 13, all sites will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. As in 2020, we will have sites open on the south side of Connally Street, where we will have a ticket booth, serving tent and market vendors, as well as the north side.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\*** Cooks may pick up their bags on Tuesday, October 12 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce located at 110 Main Street in Sulphur Springs. It will be a come-and-go opportunity throughout the day where you will receive your contestant bag, 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 between 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. We will have a short meeting **at 6 p.m.** for cooks **who have not previously participated before**. This will be a small group format so that new cooks can ask questions and receive their rules packet.

*Please make sure to have at least one participant or representative from your cooking team collect your bags on October 12.*

We are so excited about this year’s huge celebration, and we certainly hope that you will choose to participate in it!

Sincerely,

Butch Burney  
President/CEO  
Hopkins County Chamber of Commerce

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