

YOU'RE INVITED

to participate in the 33rd Annual East Texas Oilmen's Association Chili Cook-Off



New sponsorship
opportunities available!
See page 3!

Wednesday,
October 21, 2026
(private party)
&
Thursday,
October 22, 2026
(open to public)

World's Richest Acre Kilgore, Texas

The 33rd Annual East Texas Oilmen's Chili Cook-Off will be hosted Thursday, October 22, 2026 at the world's Richest Acre on Commerce Street in Downtown Kilgore. This competitive event features oil & gas related companies who will cook **at least 30 pounds** of meat. Prizes are awarded for the top five judged chilis, as well as the top 3 People's Choice (taste of chili voted by tabs on the wristbands), Showmanship (skit/performance) and Best of Show (decorations).

- The Wednesday event has become the "hottest ticket in town" as it is a private event open to Cook Teams and their invited guests (ages 21 and up) ONLY. Wristbands are required; they are good for both days. Four are provided with registration. Additional wristbands may be purchased for \$20/each. Details to follow.

- *Have some fun and raise money for the East Texas Treatment Center! This year's theme is "Give Me Liberty, or Give Me Chili!" Plan to decorate, dress up and/or have a skit prepared celebrating America's 250th anniversary! Feel free to get creative & theme specific with your foods for the private party Wednesday night.*

- The public is invited to attend the cook-off, with tasting beginning at 10:30 a.m. Thursday. Thursday only wristbands will be available for \$10 cash at the gates. The wristband allows attendees to sample chili and vote for the People's Choice winners.

Thank you for your support and participation! For questions, please contact:
Angela Sampson @ 903-984-5571 (ETTC) or 903-353-4080 (cell) or Chris Stansberry @ 903-619-3895

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Why support East Texas Treatment Center?

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Funds raised will perpetuate East Texas Treatment Center's mission of giving of quality, compassionate rehabilitative care in our community. ETTC celebrated 75 years last year, which is in part made possible by the support of East Texas Oilmen's Association Chili Cook-Off, the participating oil & gas companies and the public's support. **Thank you!*** The East Texas Oilmen's Chili Cook-Off is the paramount fundraiser for the East Texas Treatment Center. Our ultimate goal is to raise money for a worthy cause, and have an enjoyable time in doing so. We know the 33rd annual event will carry on that tradition.

What other ways can you support ETTC at the chili cook-off?

*We would also like to encourage all teams to do individual fundraising for ETTC by holding a raffle/game at your cook site. This is a great way to attract attention to your booth and your chili. **Please let us know if you will be hosting a raffle or donation collection when you pickup your team packet the week before the event.** To avoid confusion about the mission of this event and avoid divided efforts, raffles/games may only be held to benefit ETTC. Additionally, please do not plan to sell merchandise. We will have t-shirts, aprons and a new item for sale this year. Check out our ball caps on the next page! To find out more about East Texas Treatment Center, visit www.easttexas-treatmentcenter.org or find them on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn YouTube and TikTok.*



Julian Lopez

Julian, pictured on the right, was in a car accident in 2025 and left unable to walk, to work or to care for himself. Our physical therapy team worked with him for months. We marveled at his achievements and celebrated alongside his parents as he has completed his care plan and walked out of the center ready to take on his next chapter...just before Christmas! He had a great attitude during his months here and eagerly agreed to let us tell his story because he wanted to help those who helped him. As a sponsorship patient, Julian is grateful for the support of those who support ETTC by choosing us for therapy, attending a fundraiser event or volunteering in some way.

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* The East Texas Treatment Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The chili cook-off may also support other non-profits in our community based on need, participation, success of the event, etc. as determined by the East Texas Oilmen's Association Chili Committee.

Cook-Off updates will be posted on Facebook during the event.

Please like the East Texas Oilmen's Chili Cook-Off page in order to receive the most updated information.



2026 CHILI COOK-OFF WRISTBAND POLICY

- **Wristbands for Wednesday will be \$20 each.** Each Cook Team will receive four wristbands with their registration and may purchase additional wristbands at the time of registration. More wristbands may be purchased until sold out during packet pick up on October 16th and 17th at the East Texas Treatment Center.
- **PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL WRISTBANDS AFTER 10/16/2026 WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF ETTC & CHILI COMMITTEE STAFF. WEDNESDAY WRISTBANDS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ONCE THE EVENT BEGINS.** These wristbands are good for both days. Wristbands are required to be worn on your wrist at all times. If you do not wear a wristband, you will be escorted off the premises.
- Wristbands for Thursday's cook-off will be a different color, \$10, and can be purchased at the gate with cash.



SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS

33rd Annual East Texas Oilmen's Chili Cook-Off

Thursday, October 22, 2026
World's Richest Acre in Downtown Kilgore

POWERED BY PREMIER SPONSOR



Thank you for your support and participation! For questions, please contact: Angela Sampson at marketing@ettctx.org or 903-984-5571.

Premier Sponsor \$10,000: LIMIT: 1 This sponsorship includes:

- Booth space in the trophy presentation area (the parking lot adjacent to the KISD Administration Building) to pass out free swag and talk to clients & event attendees. The chili cook-off committee will provide a 10x20 tent, 3 tables and 24 chairs.
- Premier Sponsor may cook and/or provide beverages for guests on Wednesday* but may NOT participate in the cook-off on Thursday unless they are also a paid participating O&G team. *Must provide their own food, beverages, cooker and power.
- Your logo on signage/banner(s) displayed in your booth space.
- Your booth space and signage serves as the backdrop to the trophy presentation on Thursday. Teardown may not begin before 2PM Thursday.
- Your logo included on all promo materials.
- You may add swag to the packets distributed to the participating teams.
- Your logo printed on the back (larger & in the center) of the official chili cook-off shirt & a social media shout out.
- 30 wristbands for entry to the private party on Wednesday; same wristbands also grant entry to the public cook-off Thursday.
- You may purchase up to 20 additional Wednesday/Thursday wristbands and unlimited Thursday ONLY wristbands.

Security Sponsor \$7,500: LIMIT: 1 This sponsorship includes:

- Your logo on signage on the exterior event fencing.
- Your logo printed on the back of the official chili cook-off shirt & a social media shout out.
- 25 wristbands for entry to the private party on Wednesday; same wristbands also grant entry to the public cook-off Thursday.
- You may purchase up to 25 additional Wednesday/Thursday wristbands and unlimited Thursday ONLY wristbands.

Wristband Sponsor \$3,000: LIMIT: 1 This sponsorship includes:

- Your logo on thousands of wristbands. (All attendees must be wearing a wristband for the event.)
- Your logo printed on the back of the official chili cook-off shirt & a social media shout out.
- 20 wristbands for entry to the private party on Wednesday; same wristbands also grant entry to the public cook-off Thursday.
- You may purchase up to 30 additional Wednesday/Thursday wristbands and unlimited Thursday ONLY wristbands.

Ice Sponsor \$2,000: LIMIT: 1 This sponsorship includes:

- Your logo on signage/banner(s) on the ice trailer and the golf carts used to deliver ice inside the event.
- Your logo printed on the back of the official chili cook-off shirt & a social media shout out.
- 4 wristbands for entry to the private party on Wednesday; same wristbands also grant entry to the public cook-off Thursday.
- You may purchase additional Thursday ONLY wristbands.

Trophy Sponsor \$1,200: LIMIT: 1 This sponsorship includes:

- Your logo on a metal plate adhered to the back of all 14 trophies.
- Your logo displayed on a banner at the trophy presentation on Thursday.
- Your logo printed on the back of the official chili cook-off shirt & a social media shout out.
- 4 wristbands for entry to the private party on Wednesday; same wristbands also grant entry to the public cook-off Thursday.
- You may purchase additional Thursday ONLY wristbands.

Gate Sponsor \$750: LIMIT: 5 This sponsorship includes:

- Your logo displayed on banners inside AND outside the event fencing at one entry gate both Wednesday & Thursday.
- Your logo printed on the back of the official chili cook-off shirt & a social media shout out.
- 4 wristbands for entry to the private party on Wednesday; same wristbands also grant entry to the public cook-off Thursday.
- You may purchase additional Thursday ONLY wristbands.

T-Shirt Sponsor \$300: MAX: 40 This sponsorship includes:

- Your logo printed on the back of the official chili cook-off shirt.
- 10 wristbands for entry to the public cook-off on Thursday ONLY.
- You may purchase additional Thursday ONLY wristbands.



Sleeve Sponsor \$500: MAX: 4



Note: Other than T Shirt Sponsors, sponsorships will be offered to the prior year's sponsors first. Only if they choose not to renew will these options be made available to others. Sponsors do not need to be oil & gas companies; however, the Premier Sponsor is the only non-O&G sponsor that will be provided space inside the event to setup. No sponsors may participate in the cook-off unless they are an oil & gas company, which is also registered as a team. All signage/banners/plates/trophies/wristbands mentioned above will be designed, purchased, installed & distributed by the chili cook-off committee. No sales of physical products onsite. The East Texas Oilmen's Association Chili Cook-Off Committee has the right to refuse sponsors & teams to stay true to the roots of the event and/or in keeping with its ideals.



TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

33rd Annual East Texas Oilmen's Chili Cook-Off

*Note: All entries MUST be in the oil & gas industry and MUST cook chili. No exceptions!
"No shows" from previous years will be placed on a waiting list depending on availability.

Company Name: _____

Company Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Company Phone: _____ Company E-Mail: _____

Company Contact: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Alternate Contact: _____ Cell Phone: _____



Ball cap is NOT theme specific for the year.

Cook Team entries include 1 apron and 4 event wristbands.

Quantity of Shirts Ordered by Size: Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL _____

Total Shirts: _____ x \$25 each = \$ _____

(one included in registration) Additional Aprons: _____ x \$25 each = \$ _____

(black chili cook-off logo {pepper on derrick} embroidered on gray snapback) Ball Caps: _____ x \$25 each = \$ _____

(four included in registration) Additional Wristbands: _____ x \$20 each = \$ _____

Mark the space you wish to reserve: * Consider gross length of trailer including hitch, tongue, trailer, open ramp/gate, clearance to fire box, etc. For example: If you have a 16' trailer with a 4' tongue & 6' ramp, that is 26' gross length. Select the 36' spot.

Select only 1!

- ☐ 12' x 24' \$200 = \$ _____
☐ 12' x 36' \$400 = \$ _____
☐ 12' x 48' \$700 = \$ _____
☐ 12' x 60' \$1,100 = \$ _____

Mark if you would like to be a sponsor:**

- Premier Sponsor: _____ x \$10,000 each = \$ _____
Security Sponsor: _____ x \$7,500 each = \$ _____
Wristband Sponsor: _____ x \$3,000 each = \$ _____
Ice Sponsor: _____ x \$2,000 each = \$ _____
Trophy Sponsor: _____ x \$1,200 each = \$ _____
Gate Sponsor: _____ x \$750 each = \$ _____
T-Shirt Sponsor: _____ x \$300 each = \$ _____
Sleeve Sponsor: _____ x \$500 each = \$ _____

Grand Total Due = \$ _____

*There is **limited space** downtown. Particularly, 12' x 60' spots are at a premium. Please start the process now if your check needs to be issued from a corporate office! Space assignments take into account years participated in the past, date registration received, space availability and cooker/trailer requirements. **Please turn in your packet ASAP!**

** See previous page for full descriptions of sponsorships and availability. Please e-mail a black and white pdf, png or jpg file of your company logo to marketing@ettctx.org. Logos must be received no later than August 28, 2026.

☐ Visa ☐ Discover ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express Name on Card: _____

Card number: _____ Expiration: _____ Security code: _____ Zip code: _____

Cardholder Signature: _____

All entries MUST be e-mailed to marketing@ettctx.org, delivered in person or postmarked no later than September 9, 2026.

Payments can be made by credit card or check! Credit cards accepted; **4% processing fee will apply.**

Please make checks payable to the East Texas Treatment Center and mail/drop off with completed form to:
East Texas Treatment Center • 1200 Dudley Road • Kilgore, TX 75662

For Office Use Only: Date Rec'd: _____ ☐ E-Mail ☐ In Person ☐ USPS Postmarked _____ Check # _____ ☐ SS ☐ QB
CC Fee: \$ _____ or N/A New Total Due: \$ _____ Date ☐ CC Ran OR ☐ Deposit Made _____
☐ Logo Rec'd _____ OR ☐ Requested _____ & ☐ Rec'd _____ ☐ GT _____ ☐ BCK _____ ☐ SLV _____ ☐ CTR _____
☐ Same OR Note: _____ ☐ New Committee ☐ App'd OR ☐ Denied Date: _____

Tent & Space/Trailer Information

In order to expedite setup, we are requesting more information concerning your cooking space. We map booth locations for the 2 most common rental companies. Additionally, your location may be determined by the size of your tent.

Tent Size: _____ Tent Company: _____ Tent Company Phone: _____

Spaces are 12' wide (measured from the curb). Tents cannot extend into the street more than 15' from the curb. Safety of all participants is our top priority. Therefore, any tent protruding into the street more than 3' beyond your space **WILL** be moved to the end of the street or asked to be dismantled. Keeping the street clear is important in case an emergency vehicle is needed. **Please double check the amount of space you will need (including hitch, trailer tongue, open ramp/gate, clearance for fire box, etc.) prior to reserving your spot and/or renting/buying a tent.**

HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT EAST TEXAS OILMEN'S CHILI COOK-OFF

To the fullest extent permitted by law, _____ agrees to defend, including attorneys' fees, pay on behalf of, indemnify, and hold harmless the East Texas Treatment Center, its Board of Directors, employees and volunteers and others working on behalf of the East Texas Treatment Center, including but not limited to the members of the East Texas Oilmen's Chili Committee against any and all claims, demands, suits or loss, including all costs connected therewith, and for any damages which may be asserted, claimed or recovered against or from the East Texas Treatment Center, its Board of Directors, employees, volunteers or others working on behalf of the East Texas Treatment Center including but not limited to the members of the East Texas Oilmen's Chili Committee by reason of personal injury, including bodily injury or death and/or property damage, including loss of use thereof and/or theft, which arises out of or is in any way connected or associated with the event of the East Texas Oilmen's Chili Cook-Off, in which knowingly and voluntarily participates.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY & AGREEMENT

_____, agrees to observe all state and federal laws, including those pertaining to the consumption of alcohol during the East Texas Oilmen's Chili Cook-Off, lasting from October 20 to October 22, 2026, and agrees to prohibit persons under 21 years of age from participating in the Chili Cook-Off on Wednesday, October 21, 2026. This agreement releases the East Texas Treatment Center, including the Board of Directors, any employees or volunteers, and the East Texas Oilmen's Chili Cook-Off Association, from all liability relating to injuries or loss of property that may occur during the East Texas Oilmen's Chili Cook-Off.

_____, acknowledges that there is a risk involved in the consumption of alcohol at the East Texas Oilmen's Chili Cook-Off.

RULES OF INFRACTION DISQUALIFICATION AGREEMENT

Any infractions of the rules will result in disqualification and booth closure for the remainder of event. Equipment and trailer/cooker will not be allowed to leave until the end of the cook-off at 2 p.m., Thursday, October 22, 2026.

Company

Date

Signature of Agent or Authorized Representative

Date

East Texas Treatment Center Executive Director

Date

UNDERAGE DRINKING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED! EXCESSIVE DRINKING IS STRONGLY DISCOURAGED!

Please pay attention to the distribution of alcohol to your invited guests and employees on Wednesday night.

NO ONE UNDER THE AGE OF 21 WILL BE ADMITTED AT WEDNESDAY'S EVENT!

No alcohol on Thursday!

Your signature below indicates that you have read, understand and agree.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

33rd Annual East Texas Oilmen's Chili Cook-Off General Information

Mandatory Cook Team Meetings & Schedule of Events

Week Before (10/15/26 & 10/16/26): Packets with space assignments, wristbands, shirts, aprons, etc. will be available for pickup at East Texas Treatment Center. More details will be e-mailed to registered teams.

Tuesday (10/20/26): Cookers/trailers will be set in place. You'll be assigned a time to report to the First Baptist Church parking lot, located at the corner of East North and North Martin streets. Teams **MUST** come during their scheduled set-up time. No early birds! All late arrivals will forfeit their allocated space and will be re-allocated to a remaining available space. **The health and safety of all competitors is paramount. Once the cookers are in place, the congestion makes it unfeasible to maneuver cookers into already allocated space.**

Wednesday (10/21/26): All teams will bring in their food, drinks, alcohol, decorations, etc. No vehicles will be permitted inside the gates after 10 a.m. No coolers/alcohol will be allowed through the gates after 5 p.m. on Wednesday. Plan on making one load in and remove all vehicles after unloading. No one under 21 will be admitted. Wristbands must be worn on your wrist at all times after 3 p.m. The event ends at 10 p.m. The Wednesday night event is a private, invitation-only function for you, the companies who have made this fundraiser a huge success year after year. Cook Teams are not required to cook or provide beverages for anyone during the Wednesday night event. If you choose to cook and provide beverages, you are not required to serve more than an average portion to anyone. We will not permit attendees to bring in to-go containers. We ask that our participating companies use their discretion in maintaining the private nature of the event when distributing wristbands to their employees and guests. In addition, the Committee is asking each Cook Team to be extremely cautious with the public consumption of alcohol. We would like you to monitor your invited guests and team members throughout Wednesday evening. We understand that you are not responsible for the behavior of others, but please do your part by being a concerned participant and business partner. We don't want anyone causing trouble and, even more importantly, getting injured.

Thursday (10/22/26): A mandatory meeting will be held for all head cooks at 8:30 a.m. Thursday at the Judging Tent located at the World's Richest Acre. The head cook will be given a judging cup, booth number and voting can. *The number in the judging cup should be removed and retained by the head cook; we recommend you take a picture of the coupon number. **The winners will be announced by this number.** If you lose your number, you lose your chance to win. Do not tamper with the number on the cup!*

8:30 AM: MANDATORY: Instructions and Rules; Pick-up judging cups, voting can & sample cups.

9:30 AM: Skits/Booth Judging

"Showmanship" awards are OPTIONAL and based on a skit/performance related to this year's theme performed for the judges as they make their rounds.

"Best of Show" awards are OPTIONAL and based on the judges rating of your booth's decorations as it relates to this year's theme.

10:30 AM: All chili cups must be turned in for judging!

12:30 PM: People's Choice cans and Raffle Envelopes MUST be delivered to Judging Tent.

"People's Choice" awards are based on quantity of votes by "wristband tabs" in your can with your booth number.

No alcohol on Thursday!

RIG UP/RIG DOWN

Cook Teams will be notified (prior to the cook-off) of their scheduled time to set-up. All teams must report to the First Baptist Church parking lot located at the corner of East North & North Martin streets. Teams **MUST** come during their scheduled set-up time. No early birds! All late arrivals will forfeit their allocated space and will be re-allocated to a remaining available space. **Teams will not be allowed to bring any alcohol through the gates after 5 p.m. on Wednesday.** Plan on making one load in at set-up time and remove all vehicles after unloading.

Be respectful to all gate volunteers during the event. They are supposed to ask to see your wristband every time you exit and re-enter the event. A police officer can ask you to leave the premises if you do not follow this rule.

Once a Cook Team has been set up, they cannot be dismantled or removed from that area until after the completion of the cook-off on Thursday following the awards. The cook-off will be over by 2 p.m. Thursday. Please plan to vacate your area as soon as possible after that time. No campers, motor homes or travel trailers will be allowed. Cook trailers/enclosed trailers **ONLY!!!** No motorized vehicles of any type.

33rd Annual East Texas Oilmen's Chili Cook-Off Rules

CHILI RULES (Note: This is NOT a certified chili cook-off.)

1. All cooking must be done on site, from scratch, with raw meat.
2. All Cook Teams must start with a minimum of 30 pounds of meat.
3. No beans allowed in chili!!! Beans may be served as a side.
4. If you use commercial chili mixes, your chili will not be judged.
5. No cooking of chili Wednesday night.
6. Judging cups (20 oz.), public tasting cups (4 oz.) and trash service will be supplied. **Cook Teams will be responsible for all spoons, crackers, napkins, etc.**
7. All entries **MUST** cook chili. **No exceptions!**
8. You can begin cooking at 4 a.m. Thursday morning.
9. No refunds.
10. The chili will be judged on five criteria: aroma, red color, consistency, taste and aftertaste. Judges blind taste test the chilis and rate them between 1 and 10 (best). Scores are totaled. Approximately, the top 20 teams advance to a final tasting. (This number depends on how many teams are entered and if there are teams tied in the 20th spot. More or less may advance.) The same rating system is used. The scores are totaled and the top 5 teams are awarded Judges' Pick (1st thru 5th place). If there is a tie in the top 5, there is a runoff tasting of the tied chilis. The coupon numbers of the top 5 chilis are used to announce the winners onsite. A full listing (by coupon #) is posted as soon as possible later that day. The judging cups each team turns in are randomly numbered as they are received. The judges know the entry only as that number. There is no master list of the coupon numbers on the bottom of the cup. Therefore, it is double blind judging. You must keep up with your coupon # to identify yourself as the winner. We suggest you take a picture when you get your empty cup and pull out your "keep" side of the coupon.

PARKING

On Wednesday and Thursday mornings, please do not park in front of any business that is open. Please do not park or drive under any of the derricks or park on the concrete foundations. Warning: Your vehicle will be towed at your expense! Additional parking is located on North Kilgore Street at the Kilgore Plaza and at the First Baptist Church parking lot located at East North and North Martin streets. **Please park your vehicles at either location! DO NOT PARK ON THE GRASS AT THE DEAN KEENER CRIM HOUSE LOCATED AT THE END OF NORTH COMMERCE STREET.** This is a project of the Kilgore Historical Preservation Foundation, and we do not want to damage the property's grass.

FIRE PITS AND OPEN FIRES

ALL Cook Teams that will have an open fire must have an **APPROVED** fire pit located on an **APPROVED** surface for burning!

COOKING AREA

1. Use Coleman type stoves, propane cookers, etc. for your heat. No open fires for cooking.
2. ***Teams must have a fire extinguisher.***
3. All cooking **MUST** be done outside at the cook-off.
4. Be prepared for any and all weather conditions.
5. All cooking utensils, tables, chairs, cooking trailers and tents are the responsibility of each individual Cook Team. There are no electrical outlets so please plan accordingly.
6. The East Texas Oilmen's Chili Cook-Off Committee will supply trash services. Each Cook Team is responsible for keeping their site clean and free of trash and clutter at all times.
7. ***No dumping of grease or leftover chili in grass or streets.***
8. The Kilgore Health Department requires each Cook Team to have hand washing facilities, such as portable hand washing station or water (in a jug with a spigot), soap, paper towels and pan to catch water. Proper heating and cooling of food should be maintained. An inspector will be at the event on both days to observe and speak to Cook Teams.

*** No live bands. ***

No live animals.

****NO DISPLAYS OR ADVERTISING OF OUTSIDE VENDORS OR EVENTS. NO ONE MAY SELL ONSITE ANY PHYSICAL PRODUCTS NOR SERVICE PERFORMED OF ANY KIND!****