

# YOU'RE INVITED

to participate in the  
31st Annual East Texas Oilmen's Association  
Chili Cook-Off



Wednesday,  
October 23, 2024  
(private party)

&

Thursday,  
October 24, 2024  
(open to public)

World's Richest  
Acre  
Kilgore, Texas

The 31st Annual East Texas Oilmen's Chili Cook-Off will be hosted Thursday, October 24, 2024 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 "Tailgate Chili". Plan to decorate, dress up and/or have a skit prepared like you are tailgating for your favorite team (local, college or pro)! Prepare your best tailgating 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?

Physical Therapy • Occupational Therapy • Speech Therapy • Hand Therapy

Accepting: Most Major Medical Insurance, Cash, Sponsorship Program

Funds raised will perpetuate East Texas Treatment Center's mission of giving of quality, compassionate rehabilitative care in our community. Below are just a few of their success stories, which are 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 31st annual event will carry on that tradition.

### Success Stories

#### Pre-School Speech Patient:

ETTC's Speech Pathologist worked with a non-verbal young boy before entering Kindergarten. Not only did he catch up and exceed the usual standards of a Kindergarten student (per his teacher), but his mom heard him say "I love you" for the first time!

#### Junior High Shop Student:

After suffering a severe cut on his hand in shop class, an East Texas junior high student was in need of Occupational Therapy. His mother was having a hard time finding someone to provide this care due to insurance issues. He qualified for ETTC's sponsorship program and received the treatment he needed at a reduced rate. What could have been a life-changing event ending sports and other activities for this young man, ended up being a success story he will tell for years to come!

#### Patient Using a Walker:

ETTC's Physical Therapy team treated a patient after a fall and broken bone. She was required to be immobilized for 6 weeks post-surgery and came to her first appointment with her weak leg tied to her walker using her bath robe belt. When she was discharged, she no longer needed a walker and was able to return to her pre-injury lifestyle. Her smile had returned!

### 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. To find out more about East Texas Treatment Center, visit [www.easttexas treatmentcenter.org](http://www.easttexas treatmentcenter.org) or find them on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and TikTok.*

\* 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 and the application process/form.

**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.



### **2024 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 17th and 18th at the East Texas Treatment Center.
- **PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL WRISTBANDS AFTER 10/18/2024 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.



# REGISTRATION FORM

## 31<sup>st</sup> Annual East Texas Oilmen's Chili Cook-Off

\*Note: All entries 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: \_\_\_\_\_



\*Cook Team entries include one apron and four 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 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(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.

12' x 24': \_\_\_\_\_ x \$200 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

12' x 36': \_\_\_\_\_ x \$400 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

12' x 48': \_\_\_\_\_ x \$700 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

12' x 60': \_\_\_\_\_ x \$1100 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mark if you would like to be a sponsor:

T-Shirt Sponsor:\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ x \$200 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Gate Sponsor:\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ x \$750 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!**

\*\* **T-shirt sponsors** are limited to the first 50 received AND paid. This sponsorship includes your logo printed on the back of the official shirt. Please e-mail a black and white pdf, png or jpg file of your company logo to [marketing@ettctx.org](mailto:marketing@ettctx.org). **Logos must be received no later than August 29, 2024.**

\*\*\* **Gate sponsors** are limited to the first 5 received AND paid. This sponsorship includes your logo displayed at one of the entry gates to the event both Wednesday & Thursday. Gate signs will be purchased and installed by the chili cook-off committee. Please e-mail a color pdf, png or jpg file of your company logo to [marketing@ettctx.org](mailto:marketing@ettctx.org). **Logos must be received no later than August 29, 2024.**

☐ 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](mailto:marketing@ettctx.org), delivered in person or postmarked no later than September 9, 2024.**

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

<b>For Office Use Only:</b> Date Rec'd: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail	<input type="checkbox"/> In Person	<input type="checkbox"/> USPS Postmarked _____	<input type="checkbox"/> SS	<input type="checkbox"/> QB
CC Fee: \$ _____ or N/A	New Total Due: \$ _____		Date <input type="checkbox"/> CC Ran OR <input type="checkbox"/> Deposit Made _____			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Same OR Note: _____			<input type="checkbox"/> New Committee <input type="checkbox"/> App'd OR <input type="checkbox"/> 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 22 to October 24, 2024, and agrees to prohibit persons under 21 years of age from participating in the Chili Cook-Off on Wednesday, October 23, 2024. 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 24, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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: \_\_\_\_\_

# 31st Annual East Texas Oilmen's Chili Cook-Off General Information

## Mandatory Cook Team Meetings & Schedule of Events

**Week Before (10/17/24 & 10/18/24):** 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 (10/22/24):** 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 (10/23/24):** 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 (10/24/24):** 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.



# 31st 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 DISPLAYS OR ADVERTISING OF OUTSIDE VENDORS OR EVENTS. NO ONE MAY SELL ONSITE ANY PHYSICAL PRODUCTS NOR SERVICE PERFORMED OF ANY KIND!\*\***