

CHUCK WAGON COOKING SCHOOL

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Each spring and fall we host our popular Chuck Wagon Cooking School and Dutch Oven Cooking School. This is an interactive course that teaches folks the fundamentals of Dutch oven cooking.

Students will arrive to a scene from an old cow camp at a remote ranch setting. Locations vary depending on scheduling but include southwest Oklahoma and northern Texas. All food is cooked at the wagon with Dutch ovens and hardwood. We also offer grilling techniques on our *celebrity* wood stove, Bertha!

We will cover the basics of Dutch oven cooking to include: breads, cakes, pies, casseroles, meat dishes, etc. We teach temperature control, coal placement and other fundamental Dutch oven techniques for hardwood cooking.

Students from all walks of life attend this cooking camp from outdoor enthusiasts to board members looking for a getaway. Some folks have gone on to start their own catering businesses or just want to learn techniques for cooking for family and friends in the backyard.

While the bulk of the class is cooking related, it is so much more than just cooking. The chuck wagon experience is an opportunity for folks to disconnect and get back to the simplicities of life. We offer a laid back schedule with time for visiting or a stroll around camp. We don't get in a hurry around here because it's a chance to enjoy good food and each other.



What to Expect

You mean other than a good time? We cover a lot of baking including a variety of breads and desserts because they are the most difficult to master in Dutch ovens. We will also cover cooking additional dishes, cast iron care and more. This is a unique experience where students will learn how to manage heat using wood coals.

Factors such as wind and humidity effect Dutch oven cooking and students will learn how to manage the elements to turn out great food!

Since we are in Mother Nature's kitchen, students should keep in mind the unpredictable weather that may be encountered... but we know y'all are tough!



Length

Schools typically run from a Thursday afternoon to Sunday morning.



Accommodations

Range Teepees – or *Cowboy Condominiums* as we like to call them! We provide thick canvas, rubber floored, cowboy teepees for students. Each teepee is arranged with 1 or 2 cots, padding, sleeping bag, blanket, pillow and towels.

Please note, cell phone reception may not be available and no electricity or facilities are in camp.



What to Bring

Aside from your personal belongs we provide everything you need during school. However some folks, especially those who drive, like to bring some of their own items such as a pillow, bedding, camp chair, etc. You are welcome to bring anything that will make school more comfortable, but it is not necessary.

Some recommended items to pack:

Flashlight
Notepad/paper
Camera
Hat
Sunscreen/bug spray
Light jacket/heavy jacket
Warmer pajamas
Work/leather gloves
Battery alarm clock
Clothes/shoes you don't mind getting dusty/smoky

Cost

\$1,000/single or \$1,850/double (double shares a teepee).

Classes typically host 8 to 10 students

