



**San Antonio  
Lodge**

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Dya Campos  
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Dear Ms. Campos,

The San Antonio Elks Lodge is organizing an authentic Chuck Wagon Cookoff on April 7<sup>th</sup> 2012 to raise money for the Texas Elks Camp for Special Needs Children and we are inviting HEB to take a leadership role in sponsoring the event. As a major sponsor HEB would receive prominent positioning of your banners and signage at the event. HEB would also receive up to 5 seats on the final judging tables.

The event will feature 7 teams of Chuck Wagons, each cooking a meal and recreating a cowboy trail camp from the 1880's. On Thursday of the event, a team will set up their Chuck Wagon, a cook's canopy, a small tent, dig a fire pit, and display all the authentic accessories used in a trail camp in the 1880s. On Friday, the wagons and camps will be judged for their quality and their authenticity by judges certified by the American Chuck Wagon Association. We will also invite students from the local elementary schools to come out and see how the cowboys were fed while they worked on the range and be treated to some biscuits, beans, jerky and milk.

At sunrise on Saturday, the 'cookies', as cooks were called back then, will light their fires and cook a five item lunch meal for 40 people. The meals are given to the public in return donations. The meal will consist of chicken fried steak with gravy, baking powder biscuits, cowboy beans, grilled potatoes, and peach cobbler. All meals will be prepared in dutch ovens over an open fire and coals made from firewood not charcoal, using only utensils and cookware available in the 1880s. It is a lot of hard work for the teams and the teams are competing for prize money and bragging rights. They are also preserving a piece of our Texas Heritage and History.

We are asking HEB to provide the following support:

- Donate \$1,500 in cash or gift cards to cover the cost of food used by the contestants and a portion of the prizes for the contestants.
- Provide HEB banners and signs to display at the event and along Hwy 16

Regards,

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