

**Mormon Battalion Commemoration Dutch Oven Cook-Off**  
**January 28, 2016**

**Dutch Oven Cook-off General Rules & Information:**

All contestants must be pre-registered.

Registration is completed by contacting either Jay or Marla Farnes @ [brotherfarnes@gmail.com](mailto:brotherfarnes@gmail.com) or [mfarnes58@gmail.com](mailto:mfarnes58@gmail.com), 858-484-9390

If you have not done so, please let us know what you are planning to prepare and in which of the three categories it falls; e.g., main dish, bread, dessert.

1. Please use charcoal briquettes. Do not use lighter fluid to light the briquettes. For safety purposes, keep a bucket of water on hand at all times.
2. Your Dutch Oven must be at least 12" off the ground.
3. All foods submitted for judging should be displayed in the pot or on the lid.
4. Bring your own little table for food preparation.
5. You need to provide your own cutting boards and utensils.
6. If you have anything that needs to be refrigerated, be sure it is in ice chests with LOTS of ice.
7. Bring extra utensils. You cannot put a utensil in the food, set it down, and then reuse it.
8. Limited hot water is provided; however, there is a couple of water 'spikets' with hoses near by the Dutch Oven cooking area.
9. You must dispose of all your garbage, including 'gray' water, off-site. Bring a container to hold 'gray' water. Bring your own garbage bags.
10. You are responsible for removing ALL of your waste once you are finished.
11. You must also dispose of your own used briquettes. There are no charcoal bins available.
12. Ingredients should not be precooked and should be combined, chopped, sliced, or diced during the competition on site, including garnishes. Avoid marinating of meat prior to the start of the competition.
13. All cooking must be done in a Dutch oven and items cooked MUST be presented to the judges with the exception of excess gravies and sauces. Side items such as butter, jam or sauces should not be presented to the judges' table unless specifically listed in the recipe and prepared on site.
14. This competition is about encouraging the skill of using the Dutch oven without the use of additional pans such as bread pans, pie tins, tinfoil, or foil pan inserts.
15. Since this is a commemoration of the arrival of the Mormon Battalion, we ask that you dress in period attire.
  - a. DO NOT WEAR: Blue jeans, tennis shoes, or cowboy hats.
  - b. What to wear:
    - i. Women: long skirts, apron, straw hats or bonnets.
    - ii. Men: dark or khaki pants, vests, straw or felt hats.
16. You will be serving your delicacies to the judges. Be prepared to talk about what you have made and how you made it.

17. People will be watching you and talking to you. You should bring your own table, stools, chairs, etc., and sunshade if desired. Feel free to decorate appropriately to the 1846-1850 historical time period.
18. As this is a once-a-year event and we are not licensed by the County Health Department to serve food, we will not be able to give samples of peoples cooking to the general public. Only the judges will get to sample everyone's delicacy.
19. The cooking area is roped off and the general public will need to stand behind the ropes. Please do not allow friends, family members, etc., to be in your cooking area.

### **Additional Information – Times, Directions and Parking**

1. The Commemorative event is open to the public from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.
2. The times of which you need to be aware are:
  - a. Setup: 8:30 am to 10:00 am
  - b. Parade: 10:00 – 10:30 (ish) am
  - c. Dutch Oven Judging: 11:00 – 1:00: judging begins at 11:00 am and goes in ten-minute increments for each contestant.
  - d. Ends: 3:00 pm
  - e. Clean-up: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
3. Meet at Old Town Historic Park at 8:30 – 9:00 am, Saturday, January, 30<sup>th</sup>.
4. All event participants will be allowed to drive to the respective event sites in order to drop off equipment and materials.
5. Access areas will be open for this purpose only from about 8:30 – 10:00 am.
6. We recommend that you be at the designated 'drive' area around 8:30 – 8:45 am.
7. Some of the parking has been changed, but the following is listed as a general guide to areas for parking and our event:
  - a. There is a 'T' intersection starting at Twiggs St. and San Diego Avenue. San Diego Avenue is the main street in Old Town where many of the shops and historic museums are located.
  - b. The 'T' intersection connecting the dirt and paved access to the park runs between some of the historic stores. The Cousins Candy Store is on the south (left) side. From the front of Cousins Candy Store and across the walkway is the Casa de Estudilla Museum. Right next to the museum (south side) is a little area where contestants will setup for the Dutch Oven cooking. You will notice the huge cactus and a couple of heavy picnic tables in this area.
  - c. So basically, we are just north of the walkway, between Cousins Candy store and the Estudilla museum.
  - d. You will be allowed enough time to drop off your equipment and supplies. After drop-off, you will need to immediately park your car and return to the setup area.
  - e. There should be a couple of entrances open for driving access to this area:

- i. Congress Avenue, which is the next street south of Twiggs.  
There is a parking lot there with a gate to the park area.
    - ii. Parking area near Juan and Twiggs.
    - iii. Parking area near Juan and Mason.
  - f. All of these streets directly surround the event area.
8. In addition to the items and equipment that you are responsible for bringing, you might want to make a simple sign to be displayed on your car dash saying something like 'Mormon Battalion Commemorative Event Participant'. This could be useful for parking as well as for dropping off equipment.
9. At the end of the event (3:00 pm) you will be allowed, if you wish, to drive your car to the 'T' intersection in order to pick up your equipment, trash, etc. You may NOT leave your car unattended. Someone will need to stand with the vehicle while you gather your already dismantled equipment and supplies.
10. And finally, HAVE FUN!!!

We hope all of you will have an enjoyable time with the event as we remember the great and important contributions given to us by our Pioneer Heritage.

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