

Make Your Own

Make-Your-Own projects are educational and fun for kids of all ages! You can purchase tokens at the Make-Your-Own tent, Pony Rides and Admissions. Staff at each project area in the tent will only be accepting tokens, no cash. Parents must accompany their children at the Make-Your-Own booths. **Open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

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| Make-Your-Own Tent (open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) | 6 |
| Soap Ball | Any age 1 Token |
| Leather Key Fob | Age 6 and up2 Tokens |
| Leather Bookmark | Age 6 and up2 Tokens |
| Leather Dog Collar | Age 6 and up3 Tokens |
| Woven Basket | Any age3 Tokens |
| Pottery Pinch Pot | Any age2 Tokens |
| Pottery Coil Pot | Any age2 Tokens |
| Pottery on the Wheel* | Age 10 and up . . . 16 Tokens |
| Paint Your Own Bowl or Mug* | Any age . . . 12 Tokens |
| Dipped Beeswax Taper Candle | Any age 1 Token |
| Dipped Beeswax Bug (1) | Any age2 Tokens |
| Dipped Beeswax Bug (2) | Any age3 Tokens |
| Hand-Sewn Keepsake Bag | Age 6 and up2 Tokens |
| Hand-Sewn Tissue Holder | Age 6 and up2 Tokens |
| Stitch a Wall Hanging | Ages 5 and up 1 Token |
| Embroidery Sampler. | Any age3 Tokens |
| Cross-Stitch Bookmark | Age 6 and up2 Tokens |
| Finger-Knit Hair Scrunchie | Age 6 and up 1 Token |
| Finger-Knit Keychain | Age 6 and up 1 Token |
| Woven Coaster | Age 6 and up2 Tokens |
| Felted Soap | Any age2 Tokens |
| Colorful Felted Ball | Any age 1 Token |

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| Blacksmithing | 28 |
| Brass Spoon | Any age2 Tokens |
| Brass Fishing Lure (small) | Any age3 Tokens |
| Brass Fishing Lure (large) | Any age4 Tokens |

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| Homestead Gristmill | 26 |
| Popcorn Shelling | Any age 1 Token |
| Rolled Oats | Any age 1 Token |

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| Jump Rope Area | 8 |
| Jump Rope | Any age4 Tokens |
| Dog Leash. | Any age4 Tokens |

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| Woodworking | 5 |
| Toy Truck | Age 6 and up4 Tokens |
| Tool Paddle Boat | Age 6 and up5 Tokens |
| Toy Sailboat. | Age 6 and up6 Tokens |
| Turned Wooden Pen | Age 15 and up . . . 12 Tokens |
| Windsor Stool | Age 16 and up . . . 14 Tokens |

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| Pony Rides | 24 |
| Caramel Apples. | Any Age 1 Token |

*Price includes firing and shipping anywhere in the lower 48 states.

General Info

First Aid Kits
Please ask the staff in any booth where the nearest first aid kit is, and they will assist you. A readily accessible AED (automatic defibrillator) is located at the front of the craft pavilion. 5

Food Allergies
Ask your food server for more info if you have a specific allergy.

Mothers’ Room 5
There is a mothers’ room with changing tables and a quiet place to sit behind the Craft Pavilion.

Lost Children
If you happen to lose track of one of your children and need help locating them, please call (254) 733-5408. If you find a lost child, please call this number, and one of our staff members will guide you on where to take them.

Lost and Found Items 1
We will keep any lost items that have been found at the information booth located at the entrance to the Blue Parking Lot.

Shuttle Service
We have shuttles running full time to and from the parking lots. The shuttles are available to transport you from the shuttle stop in your parking lot to the admissions booth and can also pick you up at the admissions booth and return you to the shuttle stop in your specific parking lot when you are ready to leave if you wish. Please wait at the admission booth you entered through to be picked up for your return trip to the parking lot: 1 or 27.
Please ask any fairgrounds staff if there is anything else you may need. We hope you have a wonderful time at the Homestead Fair!

Homestead Craft Village
Open year-round, Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the Homestead Craft Village at Brazos de Dios showcases a community of craftsmen who have returned, not to the past, but to the enduring values exemplified in handcraftsmanship. You can visit all the shops of our craft village, watch our craftsmen work, even attend classes to learn craft skills and, in all this, experience with our craftsmen the joy and fulfillment of returning to craft, the art of work. For more information please visit HomesteadCraftVillage.com.

Thank You!

Thank you for joining us for this time of celebration! We deeply appreciate your support. We hope we have been an inspiration to you and that you have enjoyed your time visiting with us. Please come and visit us again soon. We’re open all year, so you don’t have to wait until next year’s Fair!



Welcome to the Fair!

At Homestead Fair there’s something for everyone to enjoy, from young to old.

Craft Demonstrations
Each day in the craft demonstration tent. 11

Agricultural Exhibits
At Heritage Garden, our working homestead, watch agricultural demonstrations, including draft horse farming, cow and goat milking, sheep herding with a sheepdog, as well as exhibits on beekeeping, poultry raising, farm animals and more.

Shopping
While you’re here, plan to do some Christmas shopping. We have hundreds of handcrafted gifts and specialty items from which to choose.

Children’s Activities
Homestead Fair offers fun and educational activities for children of all ages, including: Petting Zoo • Hay Bale Maze • Duck Race • Pony Rides • Horse-Drawn Hayrides • Barnyard Games • Make-Your-Own Craft Activities • Mini Barn Raising

Farm Experiences
Have you ever wanted to explore the working horse farm below the overlook at Homestead Heritage? Join us for a small group tour of the farm in the Brazos River valley, where we will discuss the various community farming efforts. All tours start at the hayride ticket area. 9 Please be there at least 5 minutes before your tour starts for pickup. \$25

Hayrides, Trail Rides 9 **and Pony Rides** 24
Take a ride on a hay wagon drawn by one of our draft horse teams. Allow 30 minutes for these rides, which take you through the upper pastures to our scenic Brazos River valley overlook and back.

Hayride: Adults \$8 • Kids \$4 • Family \$28

Trail Rides: \$45 (Age 13 and up)

Pony Rides: \$8 (Age 12 and under)

And Much More!
You’ll also find artwork, children’s writings, children’s books, Homestead Farms specialty foods, solid wood furniture, a baked goods sale, audiovisual presentations and more!

Seminars

Nov. 24, 25 and Dec. 2 (see the app and website for an up-to-date schedule)

| Time | Event | Location |
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| 10:00 | A Culture of Healing <i>Bringing Meaning to Disability and Suffering</i> <i>Presenter: Amanda Lancaster</i> A lifetime member of Homestead Heritage and home-schooling mother of an autistic child shares her experiences and explores how an integrated community life can bring wholeness, meaning and healing to special-needs children—and to us all. | 32 |
| | Changing Our Minds <i>The Impact of Digital Technology</i> <i>Presenter: Dr. Kay Toombs</i> Each year there is an exponential increase in the availability of digital technology. We will share research on how these technologies are affecting our children, changing the way people think, and radically altering our relationship with nature, with reality and with each other. In considering the effects of these unprecedented changes, we will share some of the ways our community has re-envisioned our relationship with technology and the benefits we have gained from this approach. | 33 |
| | Sustainable Gardening and Soil Restoration <i>Presenter: Hannah Wiley</i> An introduction to producing your own healthy food in your own back yard or on your own farm, naturally and sustainably. | 15 |
| 11:00 | Faith over Faction. <i>Seeking Peace amidst Political Wars</i> <i>Presenter: Asahel Adams</i> Recent public surveys expose that approximately half of both Republicans and Democrats view their political opponents as “a threat to America.” A shocking 41 percent of the left feels violence against the right is justifiable, and 38 percent of the right shares the same sentiment about the left. This seminar delves deep into the faith community’s role amidst this intense political divide. How accountable are families and churches for our current societal discord, and what steps could initiate healing and hope for a culture | 32 |

Schedule of Events

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| 7:00 | Hand Milking— <i>Farm Experience</i> | 9 |
| 9:00 | Harnessing Draft Horses | 9 |
| 9:30 | Farm Tour— <i>Farm Experience</i> | 9 |
| 9:45 | Cotton Preparation and Spinning | 23 |
| 10:00 | A Culture of Healing— <i>Seminar</i> | 32 |
| | Changing Our Minds— <i>Seminar</i> | 33 |
| | Carbon Steel Pan | 11 |
| | Spinning Cotton on a Tahkli | 23 |
| | Sustainable Gardening and Soil Restoration— <i>Seminar</i> | 15 |
| 10:30 | Cotton Preparation and Spinning off the Point | 23 |
| 10:40 | Sheepdog—Herding Sheep | 16 |
| 10:45 | Cotton Spinning on a Spinning Wheel. | 23 |
| 11:00 | Faith over Faction— <i>Seminar</i> | 32 |
| | Barn Raising. | 25 |
| | Farm Tour— <i>Farm Experience</i> | 9 |
| | Goat Care | 17 |
| | Spinning Wool on a Drop Spindle | 23 |
| | Sourdough Bread Making— <i>Seminar</i> | 15 |
| | Spinning Cotton on a Charkha | 23 |
| | Broom Making | 5 |
| 11:15 | Combing, Carding and Spinning: Two Methods | 23 |
| 11:30 | Mini Barn Raising for Kids | 25 |
| | Goat Milking | 17 |

teetering toward collapse? These times demand that the church offer a nonpartisan vision to the social and spiritual challenges tearing our nation asunder.

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| | Sourdough Bread Making | 15 |
| | <i>Presenter: Cynthia Vidaurreta</i> Come learn the particular steps in baking sourdough bread from your own kitchen with your own utensils and ingredients. | |
| 12:00 | “I Feel Like You’re Judging Me!” <i>The Quest for Unity of the Faith in a Relativistic Age</i> <i>Presenter: Dan Lancaster</i> What is the difference between unity and uniformity? Between tolerance and endorsement? How can believers stand for their convictions without judging others or sparking “doctrine wars”? How do we distinguish consecration from separatism or elitism? In a day when believers desperately need to stop infighting and stand together, we must rediscover the scriptural framework for mutual respect, for collaboration without compromise. | 33 |
| | Two Kingdoms, Two Cultures <i>Presenter: Kevin Durkin</i> A review of the roots and conflicts of culture and how we can return to a comprehensive, realistic alternative culture conducive to faith. | 32 |
| | A Day in the Life of a Home-Schooling Family <i>Presenter: Amanda Lancaster</i> Explore how to make family life a classroom with Amanda Lancaster, home-schooling mother of eight. Take a look at the “nuts and bolts” of home schooling using the unique, Bible-based curriculum published by the Homestead community. Discover how home schooling and “learning to learn” are an integral part of our community life. | 19 |
| | Seed Saving and a Sustainable Food Waste Solution <i>Presenters: Randy and Terri Brim</i> Discover the inspiration and the simplicity of saving your own garden seed and how to rely on a self-sufficient community for the essentials of life. Learn about GMOs and the need to propagate heirloom seeds in your own garden. Finally, find a real, alternative solution to the problem of food waste as a means of support for your farm. | 15 |

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| | Cheese Making— <i>Seminar</i> | 13 |
| | Pie Contest—Tasting for People’s | |
| | Choice Award (<i>Only Nov. 24, 25</i>) | 2 |
| | Throwing and Firing Raku Pottery | 11 |
| 12:40 | Rope Making | 20 |
| 1:00 | Culture, Agriculture and the Land— <i>Seminar</i> | 32 |
| | Foundation Stones for Child Training and Building Christian Character— <i>Seminar</i> | 33 |
| | “What Do I Do?” A Conversation with Two Homesteaders— <i>Seminar</i> . | 15 |
| | Pie Contest—Winners Announced (<i>Only Nov. 24, 25</i>) | 2 |
| | Woodworking Elements | 11 |
| | Horse Farming | 18 |
| 1:30 | Barn Raising | 25 |
| 2:00 | Sheepdog—Herding Sheep | 16 |
| | Beekeeping— <i>Seminar</i> | 15 |
| | Basic Soap Making— <i>Seminar</i> | 13 |
| | Flax Preparation and Spinning | 11 |
| 2:20 | Sheep Shearing | 17 |
| 2:30 | Afternoon Concert. | 2 |
| 2:30 | Farm Tour— <i>Farm Experience</i> . | 9 |
| 3:00 | Metal Spinning a Large Copper Vessel. | 11 |

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| | Cheese Making | 13 |
| | <i>Presenters: Rebekah Nolen and Cary Jennings</i> Watch a gallon of milk become mozzarella in this one-hour session as you learn what it takes to make your own soft and hard cheeses at home, with either cow’s or goat’s milk. | |
| 1:00 | Culture, Agriculture and the Land | 32 |
| | <i>Presenter: Evan Birdsong</i> For two centuries, the shift from the land to the city has been the predominant movement of human culture. Yet today, many question that trend, some even seeking to go back to rural roots. This seminar will explore the deeper spiritual forces that drive and give meaning to these yearnings. | |
| | “What Do I Do?” A Conversation with Two Homesteaders | 15 |
| | <i>Presenters: Butch Tindell and Grady Phelan</i> Many folks looking at national and world events these days see unprecedented and unsettling changes. The tenuous threads of an unsustainable food supply and support system are fraying and, at times, have broken. Given the current socioeconomic instability in our country, you may be seriously considering how you can provide a more stable food supply and lifestyle for your family. However, you may not know what to do and where to begin. During this question-and-answer forum, two homesteaders share key insights from their many years of experience that may help you successfully begin a small family homestead. | |
| | Foundation Stones for Child Training and Building Christian Character. | 33 |
| | <i>Presenter: Amanda Lancaster</i> Why has my child’s behavior and character not developed along with their mental and physical capabilities? Take a look into the practices and assumptions that stunt the development of your child’s character. Look into the windows of opportunity to establish the foundation stones of good behavior and close-knit relationships. | |
| 2:00 | Basic Soap Making | 13 |
| | <i>Presenter: Liz Adams</i> Discover how to create creamy homemade soap in your own kitchen. We will introduce the basics of soap making with a few simple ingredients. | |

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| 4:00 | Questions and Answers on Christian Community | 33 |
| | Farm Tour— <i>Farm Experience</i> . | 9 |
| | Rope Making | 20 |
| | Log to Chair | 11 |
| | Goat Care | 17 |
| | Getting Started with Chickens— <i>Seminar</i> | 15 |
| 4:30 | Historic Buildings Tour | 19 |
| | Goat Milking | 17 |
| 5:00 | Collecting, Storing and Purifying Water for the Small Homstead— <i>Seminar</i> | 15 |
| | Cow Milking. | 17 |
| 5:20 | Sand Casting | 28 |
| 7:00 | Evening Concert | 2 |

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| | Beekeeping | 15 |
| | <i>Presenter: Randy Oakley</i> A seminar on the need for keeping bees as an essential part of a homestead, as a source for both honey and pollination. | |
| 3:00 | Bread Making | 15 |
| | <i>Presenter: Melissa Yantis</i> An inspiring seminar on the ease of baking bread from whole grains in your own kitchen, using utensils and ingredients you already have. | |
| 4:00 | Questions and Answers on Christian Community | 33 |
| | Join members of the Homestead Heritage community for an interactive Q&A session about their beliefs and way of life. It’s an open forum, so bring your questions! | |
| | Getting Started with Chickens | 15 |
| | <i>Presenter: Matthew Pressly</i> Chickens are easy, enjoyable and rewarding to raise and can provide farm fresh eggs for you and your family right from your own yard. I’ll go over the basics of what you’ll need to know in order to start raising and caring for your first flock. If you’ve never raised chickens before, this seminar is a good place place to start. The presentation will last about 25 minutes, followed with time for questions and answers about raising poultry. | |
| 5:00 | Collecting, Storing and Purifying Water for the Small Homestead | 15 |
| | <i>Presenter: Pat Chesney</i> A lively discussion about sustainable water essentials for the homestead and small farm, with an emphasis on how to safely collect bulk water, rainwater catchment, water storage and water delivery. We will include an emphasis on the important topic of water purification. Bring your questions. Topics will include calculating the water needs of the homestead and how to determine available rainwater according to specific locations as well as other sources of water and how to make it safe for human consumption. | |

Outdoor Food

Throughout each day we offer tasty food at our outdoor concession booths and kiosks.

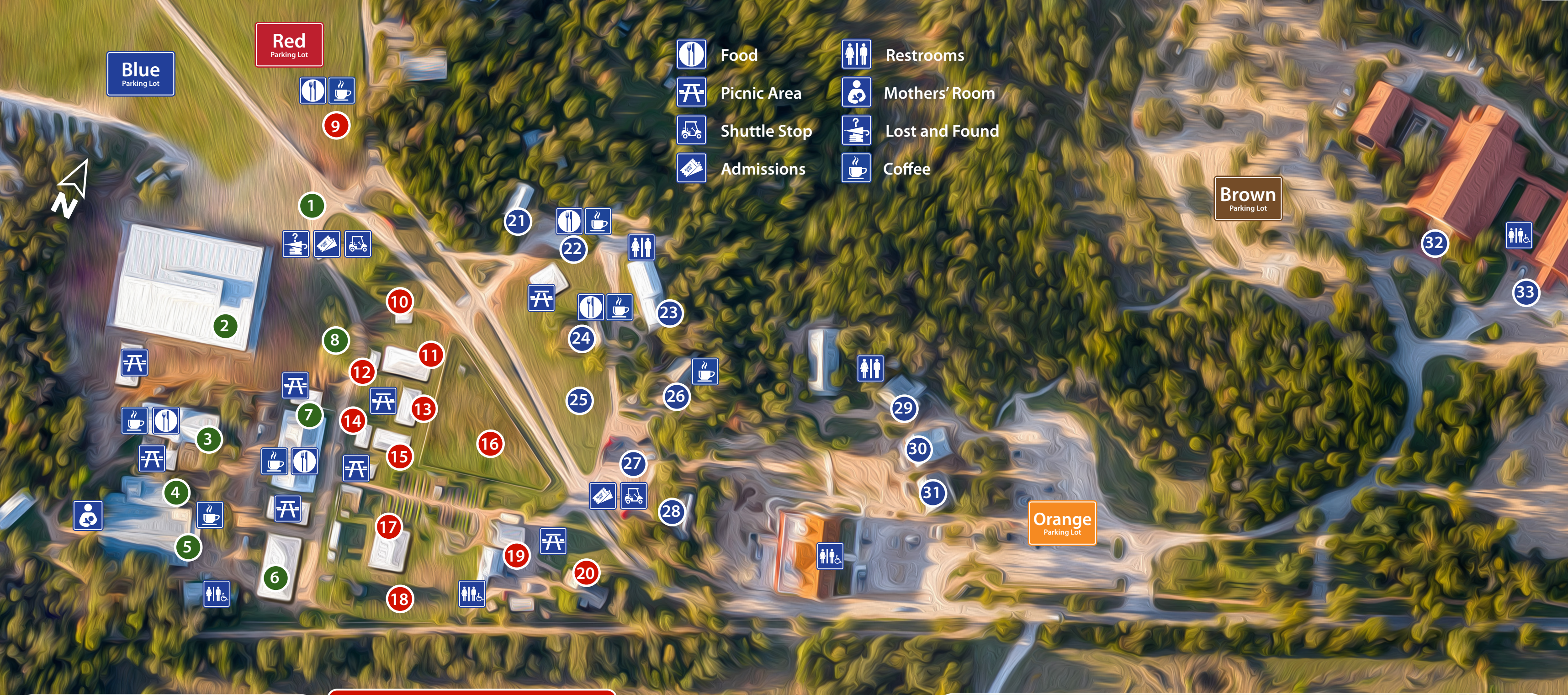
Food Court A 3
Homestead Burgers: Traditional and Specialty Burgers and Fries
Sabor de México: Gorditas, Tacos, Tamales and More
Heritage Coffee: Handcrafted Specialty Drinks
Red Wagon BBQ: Smoked Brisket, Sausage and Chicken

Food Court B 7
Southern Bites: Corn Dogs, Chicken Tenders, Apple Fritters and more
The Curry Pot: Indian and Ethiopian Curries and Sides
Funnel Cakes
Desserts & Ice Cream: Homemade Ice Cream and Sundaes, Pastries, Specialty Drinks and more.
Donuts: Apple Cider Donuts and Kettle Nuts
Tea & Crepes
Food Court C 22
Brick Oven Pizza
Waco Waffle Co.

Kettle Corn 12
Homestead Gristmill: Breakfast Treats and More 26
Drinks: Bottled Water and Tea, Natural Sodas, Topo Chico and Orange Juice (served at most food booths)



Scan for full menu and prices



- 1. Fair Admissions West
- 2. Heritage Center
Live Music Concerts Pie Contests
- 3. Food Court A
- 4. Bookstore
Books Music Videos
Art Gallery Communities Abroad
- 5. Craft Pavilion
Sewing and Quilting Baskets
Fiber Crafts Brooms
Leather Pottery
Soap Candles
Craft Peanut Butter Sheepskin Products
Laser Personalization Copperworks
Macramé Kai Tea and Coffee
Toy Chest Gift Buffet
Woodworking Heritage Garden CSA
- 6. Make-Your-Own Activity Tent
- 7. Food Court B
- 8. Jump Ropes and Dog Leashes

- 9. Hayride Area
Hayrides Trail Rides
Farm Experience Pickup
- 10. Beekeeping
- 11. Craft Demonstration Tent
- 12. Kettle Corn
- 13. Homesteading Supplies
- 14. Craft Chocolate
- 15. Homesteading Seminars
- 16. Sheep Herding
- 17. Animal Pens
Petting Zoo Sheep Shearing
Hay Bale Maze Duck Race
Dairy Goat Station Barnyard Games
- 18. Horse-Farming Demonstration
- 19. Grey Barn Area
Hearthstone Curriculum
Home-Schooling Seminars
Home-School Project Exhibits

- 20. Log Cabin Area
Homestead Baskets Rope Making
Brazos Valley Cheese
- 21. Homestead Farms Barn
- 22. Food Court C
- 23. Fiber Crafts Barn
- 24. Pony Rides
- 25. Barn Raising
- 26. Homestead Gristmill and Tea House
- 27. Fair Admissions East
- 28. Blacksmith Shop
- 29. The Potter's House
- 30. Heritage Glass and Heritage Leather
- 31. The Barn—Gift Shop
- 32. Seminar Hall A
- 33. Seminar Hall B

