

FAIR PROGRAM

A close-up photograph of three horses' heads in profile, facing right. They are wearing leather harnesses with metal buckles and rings. The lighting is warm, suggesting sunset or sunrise.

Homestead
FAIR 2025



An Abundant Life Is Possible



About the Fair & Homestead Heritage

Homestead Fair is held each year at Homestead Heritage, a Bible-believing church community in Waco, Texas, dedicated to strong family values, purposeful work, and simple living. Open six days a week year-round, our community offers a living window into a time before industrialization—when craftsmanship was a way of life, fields were cultivated by neighbors for neighbors, and faith, family, and friendship formed the heart of daily living.

Homestead Fair is our annual festival of thanksgiving, a celebration of a life where Christian faith is woven into every act of work and worship. Each year, in the days following Thanksgiving, we welcome thousands

of guests to share in that life—to hear music that lifts the soul and honors our Savior, to see faith expressed in skillful hands shaping wood, fiber, food, and clay, and to witness a community where the old paths still lead to joy.

For the artisans of Homestead Heritage, the Fair reinforces their calling and helps sustain family-focused livelihoods through craft. For neighbors and visitors, it offers an invitation to gratitude, community, and joy.

Above all, Homestead Fair celebrates that the most fulfilling life is one lived in gratitude to Christ—a life where faith guides work, and work becomes worship.

General Info

First Aid Kits

Please ask the staff in any booth where the nearest first aid kit is, and they will assist you. Readily accessible AEDs (automatic defibrillator) are located at the following locations: the Craft Market **7**, the Heritage Center **3**, the Grey Barn **15**, and Heritage Woodworking **23**.

Food Allergies

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

Lost Children

If you happen to lose track of one of your children and need help locating them, please call (254) 292-3772. 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**

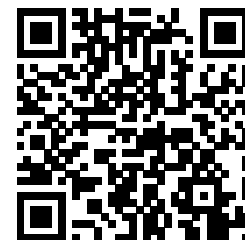
We will keep any lost items that have been found at the information booth located at the entrance to the Blue Parking Lot.

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 information booth and can also pick you up at the information 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 information booth if you want to be picked up for your return trip to the parking lot.



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Make-Your-Own Activities

Make-Your-Own projects are fun and educational for kids of all ages! Purchase tokens at the Make-Your-Own tent. Project stations accept tokens only—no cash. Parents must accompany their children. **Open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Make-Your-Own Tent		8
Soap Ball	1 Token	
Leather Key Chain	2 Tokens	
Leather Bookmark	2 Tokens	
Leather Dog Collar	4 Tokens	
Leather Belt	9 Tokens	
Classic Wooden Truck	5 Tokens	
Woven Basket	2 Tokens	
Woven Magnet	1 Token	
Pottery Pinch Pot	1 Token	
Pottery Ornament	3 Tokens	
Pottery Magnet	2 Tokens	
Glass Sun Catcher	6 Tokens	
Water Color Painting	2 Tokens	
Dipped Beeswax Taper Candle	1 Token	
Molded Candle	2 Tokens	
Hand-Sewn Keepsake Bag	2 Tokens	
Hand-Sewn Tissue Holder	1 Token	
Stitch a Wall Hanging	1 Token	
Embroidery Sampler	3 Tokens	
Tied Pillow	2 Tokens	
Finger-Knit Hair Scrunchie	3 Tokens	
Woven Coaster	4 Tokens	

Heritage Forge		19
Brass Spoon	2 Tokens	
Brass Fishing Lure (small)	3 Tokens	
Brass Fishing Lure (large)	4 Tokens	
Jump Rope Making		36
Jump Rope	4 Tokens	
Dog Leash	4 Tokens	
Woodworking		7
Toy Truck	4 Tokens	
Toy Paddle Boat	5 Tokens	
Toy Sailboat	6 Tokens	
Turned Wooden Pen	Ages 15 and up ... 12 Tokens	





Schedule of Events

7:00	Hand Milking— <i>Farm Experience</i>	38
9:00	Harnessing a Draft Horse	12
	Hand Milking Demonstration	12
9:30	Farm Tour— <i>Farm Experience</i>	38
9:45	Prepare Cotton to Spin.	28
10:00	Forged Fireplace Poker.	19
Friday	Building a Heritage— <i>Seminar</i>	15
Friday	Beginning the Homesteading Adventure (Part 1)— <i>Seminar</i>	31
Saturday	Free Indeed— <i>Seminar</i>	15
Saturday	Building Together— <i>Seminar</i>	31
	Horse Farming Demonstration	12
	Sourdough—The Art of Living Bread	7
	Spin Cotton on a Tahkli	28
10:15	Spin Cotton on a Charkha	28
10:30	Spin Cotton off the Point	28
10:40	Sheepdog—Herding Sheep	14
10:45	Spin Cotton on a Traditional Wheel	28
11:00	Barn Raising.	25
Friday	Apple Pie Contest.	7
Saturday	Pecan Pie Contest.	7
	What If Church Encompassed All of Life?—<i>Seminar</i>.	15
Friday	Beginning the Homesteading Adventure (Part 2)— <i>Seminar</i>	31
	Farm Tour— <i>Farm Experience</i>	38
Saturday	Against the Current: Three Stories of Choosing Home— <i>Seminar</i>	15
	Wool Preparation for Spinning: Combing and Carding	28

Time	Event	Location
	Glass Blowing.	21
	Broom Making	7
11:15	Spin Wool on a Drop Spindle	28
11:30	Mini Barn Raising for Kids	26
	Spin Cotton on a Traditional Wheel	28
12:00	Pottery—From Clay to Creation	7
Friday	The Quest for Harmony— <i>Seminar</i>	15
Friday	Home Schooling in Real Life— <i>Seminar</i>	31
Saturday	The Gospel according to Craft— <i>Seminar</i>	15
Saturday	Education and Enterprise— <i>Seminar</i>	31
	Horse Training and Tame Your Own Mustang Program.	14
12:40	Rope Making	29
1:00	Fiber Arts—The Thread of Civilization	7
Friday	A Word of Encouragement for Every Woman— <i>Seminar</i>	15
	A Day in the Life of a Farmer— <i>Seminar</i>	31
Saturday	Homemaking: The Sacred Work of Peace and Provision— <i>Seminar</i>	15
	Horse Farming	12
1:30	Barn Raising	25
2:00	Woodworking—Tree to Joint	7
Saturday	Grow Like a Texan— <i>Seminar</i>	31
2:20	Sheep Shearing	12
2:30	Afternoon Concert	3
	Farm Tour— <i>Farm Experience</i>	38
3:00	Cheese Making—From Milk to Cheese	7
4:00	Farm Tour— <i>Farm Experience</i>	38
	Orchard Tour— <i>Farm Experience</i>	38
	An Abundant Life Is Possible!— <i>Seminar</i>	15
Friday	Grow Like a Texan— <i>Seminar</i>	15
Saturday	Beginning the Homesteading Adventure (Part 1)— <i>Seminar</i>	31
	Soap Making—From Tallow to Clean	7
	Goat Care	12
	Rope Making	29
Friday	Texas Chili Contest.	7
4:15	Horse Training and Tame Your Own Mustang Program	14
4:30	Goat Milking	12
5:00	Beginning the Homesteading Adventure (Part 2)— <i>Seminar</i> . Saturday	31
7:00	Evening Concert	3



Seminars

10:00 **Building a Heritage** 15

Friday **50 Years of Marriage, Ministry, and Motherhood**

Presenter: Regina Adams

Join us for a special interview with Regina Adams, wife of the late Blair Adams, founder of Homestead Heritage. Amanda Lancaster will sit down with her mother to reflect on Regina's life alongside Blair—the joys and trials, the lessons learned through faith and perseverance, and her heart for the challenges facing today's Christian wives and mothers. Be encouraged and inspired by a life lived with devotion, grace, and enduring love.

Friday **Beginning the Homesteading Adventure (Part 1)** 31

Where to Start—Charting Your Course toward a Sustainable Life

Presenter: Butch Tindell

Many families today are seeking a simpler, more resilient way of living—but getting started can seem overwhelming. In this introductory session, veteran homesteader Butch Tindell shares practical insights for choosing the right land, avoiding common mistakes, and taking the first steps toward a stable, family-centered life on the land. Bring your questions!

Saturday **Free Indeed** 15

The Transformed Mind in Shared Kingdom Life

Presenter: Rita Jreijiri

Our thoughts shape our lives—often pulling us toward fear or anxiety. But God designed the mind to be renewed and transformed. Mental health professional Rita Jreijiri offers simple, faith-filled tools to retrain our thinking habits, form healthy pathways, and walk in true spiritual freedom. Drawing on over 25 years of experience as a wife, mother, and clinician, she shares practical steps and hopeful encouragement, showing how a life lived in Christ-centered community strengthens and sustains inner renewal.

Saturday **Building Together** 31

How Big Projects Build Relationship

Presenter: Tim Anz

A lively, story-filled look at how rolling up our sleeves together—from raising barns and rebuilding cafes to hosting events and harvest time—forges stronger families, deeper friendships, and a flourishing community.

Time Event Location

11:00 **Keynote Address: What If Church Encompassed All of Life?** . . . 15

Friday *Presenter: A. Z. Adams*

Saturday From the beginning, the Gospel was never meant to be merely a message—it was meant to form a people and a way of life, a living culture. This talk explores what happens when the church becomes the environment in which life unfolds—where education, economy, family, work, and worship are woven into one fabric of faith. Drawing from fifty years of lived experience in intentional Christian community, author and pastor A. Z. Adams shares how the Body of Christ can once again cultivate a life-giving culture—restoring wholeness to relationships, anchoring families in community, renewing generational hope, and revealing the kingdom of God as a daily way of life.

Friday **Beginning the Homesteading Adventure (Part 2)** 31

Designing a Vibrant Family Homestead

Presenter: Greg Godsey

Now that you know where to begin, learn how to design your homestead for essential functions and long-term success. Greg Godsey will walk you through land evaluation, water, power, food systems, infrastructure layout, and product recommendations—finishing with real-world design examples you can apply to your own property.

Saturday **Against the Current: Three Stories of Choosing Home** 15

Presenters: Camila Adams, Helen French, and Amy Haldenstein

This talk brings together three women from distinct backgrounds who each made the countercultural decision to center their lives on motherhood and homemaking. In a world that pulls women everywhere else, their stories challenge cultural expectations and celebrate the beauty of choosing a slower, richer, more rooted way of life.

12:00 **The Quest for Harmony.** 15

Friday **What Music Teaches Us about Marriage, Family, and Community**

Presenter: Dan Lancaster

Struggling with discord in your relationships? Searching for healthy rhythm in your family? Out of sync in your marriage? Join Dan Lancaster, a lifelong musician and father of eight, for an interactive discovery of the joy and beauty found in the intrinsic design and structures of music, family, and the created cosmos.

Friday **Home Schooling in Real Life.** 31

Presenters: Rebecca Feek, Amanda Lancaster, Amy Haldenstein, and Crysta Godsey

Join Rebecca Feek, founder of the Homemaker Conference, as she interviews three seasoned homeschooling moms—Amanda Lancaster, Amy Haldenstein, and Crysta Godsey. Between them, they've taught dozens of children and weathered every season of home-school life. They'll share the nuts and bolts, the highs and lows, and the humor and heart behind this life-changing journey. Whether you're just beginning or years in, come be encouraged!

Saturday **The Gospel according to Craft.** 15

How Our Work Communicates What We Believe

Presenter: Rory Groves

Artisans and craftsmen of previous eras never saw their work as mere commodities to be bought and sold, but as works of art, even expressions of the divine. In this talk, Rory Groves, author of *Durable Trades*, explores the idea of work as witness and how our craft can convey spiritual truths to those around us.

Time	Event	Location
Saturday	Education and Enterprise 31 Growing Up in a Family That Works Together <i>Presenters: Gabe French and Isaac French</i> Two brothers share how character, education, and entrepreneurship take root through real projects, real responsibility, and a creative family culture—where school, work, and life all grow together.	
1:00	A Word of Encouragement for Every Woman 15 Friday <i>Presenter: Becca Groves</i> In a visually perfect and curated world, it's inevitable that we often feel like we're not pulling it all off. This creates a rude voice inside of us that focuses on lack instead of blessings. But a powerful epiphany comes when we recognize how much our own words shape our world. How do we take every thought captive, tame our tongue, and write a better story? This talk by Becca Groves—Minnesota homesteader, homemaker, and mother of six—is for every woman who wants to rise above the noise and create a place of rest and grace for her family as we grow strong homes and strong community.	
Friday	A Day in the Life of a Farmer 31 Saturday <i>Presenter: Grady Phelan</i> Step into a day on the community farm at Homestead Heritage, where regenerative agriculture and rural life work hand-in-hand. Follow the rhythms of milking cows, moving chickens to fresh pasture, and tending fields that nourish both soil and people. Whether you're dreaming of dirt under your nails or already living the farm life, you'll hear practical tips, memorable stories, and leave inspired to grow—or support those who do.	
Saturday	Homemaking: The Sacred Work of Peace and Provision 15 <i>Presenter: Amanda Lancaster</i> For centuries, homemakers have shaped the world one day and one family at a time. Join Amanda Lancaster—homemaker, midwife, and home-schooling mother of eight—as she explores the sacred calling of making a home. From creating peace in our hearts and relationships to laying a welcoming table for our families, this session blends spiritual reflection with practical application for the everyday rhythms that make home truly home.	
2:00	Grow Like a Texan 31 Saturday When to Plant, What to Plant, and How to Turn It into Amazing Food <i>Presenter: Terri Brim</i> Discover Texas-native varieties that thrive in your soil and climate—and learn how to grow a garden that nourishes body and land. We'll explore lunar planting and creative ways to turn your harvest into beautiful, flavorful dishes.	
4:00	An Abundant Life Is Possible! 15 Friday <i>Presenter: Rory Feek</i> Saturday Join celebrity-turned-homesteader Rory Feek and other members of the Homestead Heritage community for an interactive panel discussion about their vision for a more meaningful way of life. Bring your questions!	

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4:00	Grow Like a Texan 15 Friday When to Plant, What to Plant, and How to Turn It into Amazing Food <i>Presenter: Terri Brim</i> Beginning the Homesteading Adventure (Part 1) 31 Saturday Where to Start—Charting Your Course toward a Sustainable Life <i>Presenter: Butch Tindell</i> Beginning the Homesteading Adventure (Part 2) 31 Saturday Designing a Vibrant Family Homestead <i>Presenter: Greg Godsey</i>	



Barn Raising & Benefit Auction

Our team of craftsmen have created a custom-built 1,200 square-foot structure, which has been generously donated for a benefit auction to support Homestead Fair. This exquisite frame is constructed from new, structural Douglas fir beams, meticulously antiqued and stained to achieve a stunning finish. Join us Friday and Saturday for a hands-on experience as we raise this beautiful frame by hand, the old-fashioned way! Don't miss the chance to bid on this magnificent timber frame and transform it into your dream home. Whether you envision it as a charming ranch getaway, a cozy backyard ADU, a spacious horse barn, an open-air pavilion, or a classic barn that exudes timeless vintage charm, this frame offers endless possibilities.

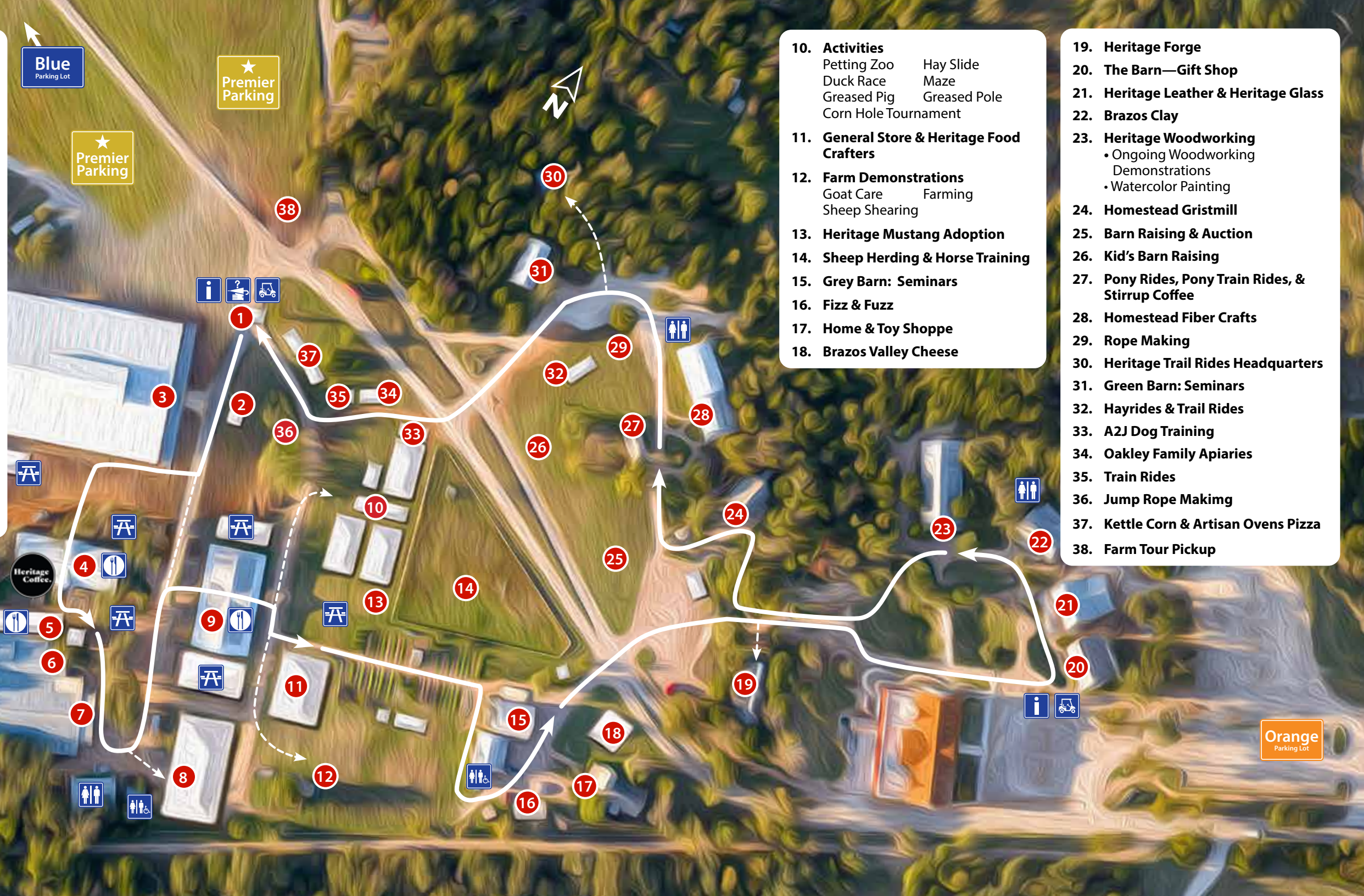
For information on this barn frame or to place a bid, call or text (254) 644-2382 or visit the timber frame exposition at location 25

- 1. Fair Information**
Lost & Found
- 2. Homestead Fair Raffle & Merch**
- 3. Heritage Center**
Live Music Concerts
- 4. Food Court B**
 - Heritage Coffee
 - Homestead Burgers
 - Tandoori Bowl
 - Red Wagon BBQ
 - Red Skillet
 - HabibiQ
- 5. Food Court C**
 - Gluten-Free Kitchen
 - Ranchero Martinez
 - Pinoy Halo-Halo
 - Benny's Picanha
 - Muchos Tacos
 - Bagels & Babka
 - Olive Grove
- 6. Heritage Education Center**
Homestead Heritage History Exhibit
Home-School Resources
Bookstore
- 7. Craft Market & Demonstrations**
- 8. Make-Your-Own Tent**
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 - The Squeeze Chute
 - Lulu's Fish & Chips
 - Boba + Leaf Co.
 - Desserts, Ice Cream, & Specialty Drinks
 - Rolling in the Dough
 - The Curry Pot
 - Kai Tea & Crepes
 - Gauchos Churros

- Recommended Route
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 - Picnic Area

- 10. Activities**
 - Petting Zoo
 - Duck Race
 - Greased Pig
 - Corn Hole Tournament
 - Hay Slide
 - Maze
 - Greased Pole
- 11. General Store & Heritage Food Crafters**
- 12. Farm Demonstrations**
 - Goat Care
 - Farming
 - Sheep Shearing
- 13. Heritage Mustang Adoption**
- 14. Sheep Herding & Horse Training**
- 15. Grey Barn: Seminars**
- 16. Fizz & Fuzz**
- 17. Home & Toy Shoppe**
- 18. Brazos Valley Cheese**

- 19. Heritage Forge**
- 20. The Barn—Gift Shop**
- 21. Heritage Leather & Heritage Glass**
- 22. Brazos Clay**
- 23. Heritage Woodworking**
 - Ongoing Woodworking Demonstrations
 - Watercolor Painting
- 24. Homestead Gristmill**
- 25. Barn Raising & Auction**
- 26. Kid's Barn Raising**
- 27. Pony Rides, Pony Train Rides, & Stirrup Coffee**
- 28. Homestead Fiber Crafts**
- 29. Rope Making**
- 30. Heritage Trail Rides Headquarters**
- 31. Green Barn: Seminars**
- 32. Hayrides & Trail Rides**
- 33. A2J Dog Training**
- 34. Oakley Family Apiaries**
- 35. Train Rides**
- 36. Jump Rope Making**
- 37. Kettle Corn & Artisan Ovens Pizza**
- 38. Farm Tour Pickup**





Farm Experiences

Purchase tickets for Farm Experiences online at **HomesteadFair.com**. All tours start at the Farm Tour Pickup area. **38** Please be there at least 5 minutes before your tour starts for pickup.

Hand Milking

\$20 adult/\$10 child

10-Person Limit

7:00 – 9:00 A.M.

Have you ever wanted to hand-milk a dairy cow? Join us early in the morning to learn “hands-on” how to milk and what it takes to care for a family milk cow.

Farm Tour \$25

35-Person Limit

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.

Tour A 9:30 – 11:00 A.M.

Tour B 11:00 – 12:30 P.M.

Tour C 2:30 – 4:00 P.M.

Tour D 4:00 – 5:30 P.M.

Note: Only tours B and C will run on Sunday

Orchard Tour \$25

20-Person Limit

4:00 – 5:30 P.M. **Friday & Saturday**

We’ll ride out to the orchard and explore the young food forest we’re growing on the land. We’ll take a slow tour through the rows of apples, peaches, pears, plums, pomegranates, pecans, persimmons, grapes, and figs—learning how we planted, pruned, and cared for more than 200 trees during these first years in the ground.



Great Food

Food Court A **9**

Ice Cream, Desserts, & Specialty Drinks: Homemade ice cream and sundaes, pastries, specialty drinks, and more

The Curry Pot: Indian and Ethiopian curries and sides

Rolling in the Dough: Fresh donuts and kettle nuts

Kai Tea & Crepes: Freshly made crepes and Kai Tea craft sodas

Gauchos Churros: Authentic Argentine street food

The Squeeze Chute: Funnel cakes, fried pies, pretzels, and lemonade

Lulu’s Fish & Chips: Deep-fried cod, served with fries

Boba + Leaf Co: Authentic boba milk tea with tapioca pearls

Food Court B **4**

Homestead Burgers: Traditional and specialty burgers and fries

Red Skillet: Tacos, corn dogs, and chicken tenders

HabibiQ: Shawarma wraps, kafta wraps, and fries

Heritage Coffee: Handcrafted, specialty espresso drinks

Red Wagon BBQ: Smoked brisket, sausage, and chicken

Tandoori Bowl: Chicken or beef tandoori bowl, samosas, mango lassi, and more

Food Court C **5**

Gluten-Free Kitchen: Freshly baked gluten-free sourdough pizza, breads, bagels, cookies, cakes, and brownies

Pinoy Halo-Halo: Authentic Filipino street food and desserts

Ranchero Martinez: Tamales

Benny’s Picanha: Grilled picanha served with a side of caramelized pineapple, roasted jalapeños, and fresh avocado

Olive Grove: Chicken fettuccine alfredo and classic marinara on handmade pasta, Caesar and antipasta salads, and breadsticks

Muchos Tacos: Authentic street tacos—carne asada, barbacoa, chicken fajita, and al pastor—breakfast tacos, cheesy sincronizadas, and street corn

Bagels & Babka: A traditional Jewish bakery serving freshly baked New York bagels, deli sandwiches, and pies

Other Food Vendors

Artisan Oven Pizza: Brick-oven pizza **37**

Kettle Corn: Freshly popped kettle corn **37**

Stirrup Coffee: Craft espresso drinks **27**

Homestead Gristmill: Breakfast treats and more **24**

A Special Thanks to Our Sponsors

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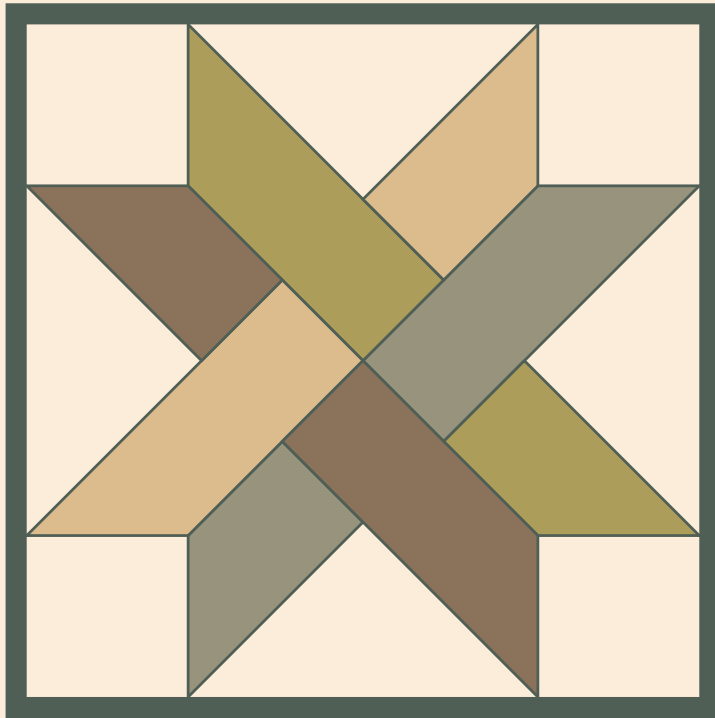
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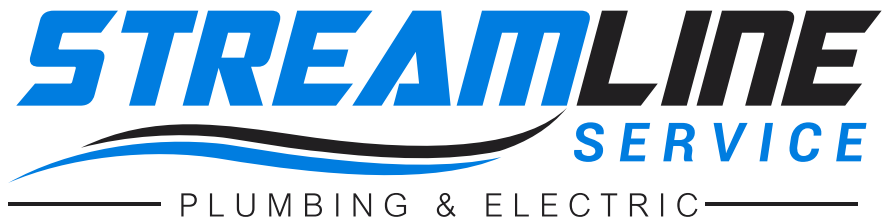
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Local Food, Crafts & Great Activities

Saturdays from March-October • HomesteadWeeklyMarket.com

HERITAGE Education Center

**Bookstore • History Exhibit
Home-School Resources**

- Take a walk-through tour of the 50-year history of Homestead Heritage.
- Browse a selection of informative books including our own new releases.
- Learn about home schooling in our community, including curriculum and resources.
- Get a glimpse of the 2025 Heritage High School Graduation.

www.hearthstonecurriculum.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!



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