

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.**

Make-Your-Own Tent (open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) 8

Soap Ball	1 Token
Leather Key Fob . . . . .	.2 Tokens
Leather Bookmark . . . . .	.2 Tokens
Leather Dog Collar . . . . .	.4 Tokens
Leather Belt . . . . .	.9 Tokens
Classic Wooden Truck . . . . .	.5 Tokens
Woven Basket . . . . .	.5 Tokens
Pottery Pinch Pot . . . . .	.2 Tokens
Pottery on the Wheel*	Ages 10 and up . . . 17 Tokens
Paint Your Own Bowl or Mug*	12 Tokens
Dipped Beeswax Taper Candle	1 Token
Hand-Sewn Keepsake Bag . . . . .	.2 Tokens
Hand-Sewn Tissue Holder . . . . .	.2 Tokens
Embroidery Sampler. . . . .	.3 Tokens
Woven Pot Holder . . . . .	.2 Tokens
Macrame Keychain	1 Token
Tied Pillow . . . . .	.3 Tokens

Homestead Fiber Crafts 29

Finger-Knit Hair Scrunchie . . . . .	.3 Tokens
Finger-Knit Keychain . . . . .	.3 Tokens
Woven Coaster . . . . .	.4 Tokens

Heritage Forge 25

Brass Spoon . . . . .	.2 Tokens
Brass Fishing Lure (small) . . . . .	.3 Tokens
Brass Fishing Lure (large) . . . . .	.4 Tokens

Jump Rope Making 11

Jump Rope . . . . .	.4 Tokens
Dog Leash. . . . .	.4 Tokens

Woodworking 6

Toy Truck . . . . .	.4 Tokens
Tool Paddle Boat . . . . .	.5 Tokens
Toy Sailboat. . . . .	.6 Tokens
Turned Wooden Pen	Ages 15 and up . . . 12 Tokens

*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. Readily accessible AEDs (automatic defibrillator) are located at the following locations: the craft pavilion 6, the Heritage Center 2, the Grey Barn 22 and Heritage Woodworking 36.

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) 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 37.

Homestead Craft Village

Open year-round, Monday through Saturday from 10:00 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!



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Homestead FAIR 2024 Program



Welcome to the Fair!

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

Homestead Heritage History Exhibit 5

Visit the new Homestead Heritage History Exhibit! This walk-through interpretive display presents the community's journey, from its surprising beginnings on the worst block of Manhattan in 1973 to today's thriving network of Christian communities worldwide.

Craft Demonstrations

Each day in the craft demonstration tent. 7

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 • Texas-Sized Maze • Duck Race • Pony Rides • Horse-Drawn Hayrides • 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 area. 12 Please be there at least five minutes before your tour starts for pickup. \$25

Hayrides 12 Trail Rides 31 Pony Rides 28

Take a ride on a hay wagon drawn by one of our draft horse teams. Allow thirty 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 (Ages 13 and up)

Pony Rides: \$8 (Ages 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!

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Seminars

Time	Event	Location
10:00 Friday	The Future of Education <i>Crisis and Solution</i>	22
	<i>Presenter: Kay Toombs</i>	
	In 2022, the U.S. Secretary of Education stated that the national test results of thousands of high-school students were “appalling and unacceptable.” Even more troubling, agenda-driven curriculum programs are increasing, and sixty-nine school shootings have occurred this year alone. In this seminar, associate professor emerita Dr. Kay Toombs will review the state of American education and propose that making an exodus from the system is a viable solution to the crisis. The Homestead Heritage community chose this path nearly fifty years ago. Kay will share steps the community has taken and the many ways in which this exodus has benefited its young people.	
Saturday	Can Families Be Sustainable without Community?	22
	<i>Presenter: Kevin Durkin</i>	
	Can families truly achieve sustainability on their own, or is a cooperative community essential? This seminar explores the vital role of community in reaching genuine sustainability—an aspiration that individuals and families alone cannot fully attain. We'll examine historical examples, from the westward pioneers to church-led migrations, where communities came together to forge enduring, sustainable cultures, revealing how collaboration has been, and continues to be, key to long-term resilience.	
	Cheese Making	7
	<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.	
	Bread Making	30
	<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.	

Schedule of Events

Time	Event	Location
7:00	Hand Milking— <i>Farm Experience</i>	12
9:00	Harnessing Draft Horses	12
9:30	Farm Tour— <i>Farm Experience</i>	12
9:45	Cotton Preparation and Spinning	29
10:00	Forged Fireplace Poker.	25
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	Spinning Cotton on a Tahkli	29
10:30	Spinning Cotton on a Charkha Friday	29
10:40	Sheepdog—Herding Sheep	18
10:45	Cotton Spinning on a Spinning Wheel.	29
11:00	Barn Raising.	27
Friday	Save the Family—Not Just the Nation— <i>Seminar</i>	22
Saturday	Christian Nationalism, or the Kingdom of God?— <i>Seminar</i>	22
	Farm Tour— <i>Farm Experience</i>	12
	Spinning Wool on a Drop Spindle	29
	Sourdough Bread Making— <i>Seminar</i>	30
	Glass Blowing.	34
	Metal Spinning Pewter Vessels	7
	Broom Making	6
11:15	Combing, Carding and Spinning: Two Methods	29

11:00 Friday	Save the Family—Not Just the Nation <i>In Search of Godly Fatherhood in the 21st Century</i>	22
	<i>Presenter: Dan Lancaster</i>	
	The modern American family is besieged by rampant divorce, rising narcissism, and a growing rejection of Biblical fatherhood. And the absence of fathers at home directly links to our nation's worst social dysfunctions. Join a father of eight to discuss how believers can keep their love from growing cold. Spoiler alert: It takes a village . . . to be a dad.	
Saturday	Christian Nationalism, or the Kingdom of God? <i>A Frank Discussion on Politics and Faith</i>	22
	<i>Presenter: Asahel Adams</i>	
	With the rise of Christian nationalism, many believers are asking tough questions about the relationship between their faith and politics. This seminar invites participants to a candid discussion of the tensions between political loyalty and the teachings of Jesus about the Kingdom of God. Do we want the church to take the reins of the nation? Can the American model of limited government survive without the church?	
	Sourdough Breadmaking	30
	<i>Presenter: Cynthia Vidaurreta</i>	
	Come learn the simple steps you can take to bake sourdough bread from your own kitchen with your own utensils and ingredients.	
12:00 Friday	Seeking a Homeland <i>The Hope of Christian Community</i>	22
	<i>Presenter: Evan Birdsong</i>	
	In a time of profound loneliness and isolation, this seminar delves into the deep-seated human yearning for connection and belonging. Discover intentional Christian community as a shared journey “home,” a place where these God-given longings can find fulfillment as men, women and families rediscover a true rootedness in God, one another and the land.	
Saturday	My Journey toward a Sustainable Life	22
	<i>Presenter: Rory Feek</i>	
	Rory Feek shares his journey, from growing up in the housing projects to the projects on his 100-acre homestead in Tennessee, and going from seeking stardom to seeking a sustainable life.	

11:30	Mini Barn Raising for Kids	27
Saturday	Spinning Cotton on a Charkha	29
12:00	Throwing and Firing Raku Pottery	7
Friday	Seeking a Homeland— <i>Seminar</i>	22
Saturday	My Journey toward a Sustainable Life— <i>Seminar</i>	22
	How to Start Your Own Microgreens and Benefits of Lunar Planting— <i>Seminar</i>	30
	Horse Training and Train Your Own Mustang Adoption Program	18
12:40	Rope Making	32
1:00	Beginning the Homesteading Adventure? A Conversation with Two Homesteaders— <i>Seminar</i> .	30
Friday	Biblical Womanhood in a Modern World— <i>Seminar</i>	22
Saturday	A Day in the Life of a Home-Schooling Mom— <i>Seminar</i>	22
	Woodworking Elements	7
	Horse Farming	21
1:30	Barn Raising	27
2:00	Sheepdog—Herding Sheep	18
	Beekkeeping— <i>Seminar</i>	30
	Basic Soap Making— <i>Seminar</i>	7
2:20	Sheep Shearing	18
2:30	Afternoon Concert	2
2:30	Farm Tour— <i>Farm Experience</i> .	12
4:00	Questions and Answers on Christian Community	22
	Farm Tour—Farm Experience	12
	Rope Making	32
	Woodturning	7

	How to Start Your Own Microgreens and Benefits of Lunar Planting	30
	<i>Presenter: Terri Brim</i>	
	In keeping with Isaac Newton's law of gravity, the earth is influenced by the gravitational pull of the moon. Tides are affected, as are more subtle bodies of water, including moisture in the soil and in seeds. Discover the advantages of planting according to the lunar cycle to optimize your gardening efforts. Also learn how to grow microgreens in your own home using minimal space and water to have a nutrient-rich alternative all year long.	
1:00 Friday	Biblical Womanhood in a Modern World	22
	<i>Presenter: Regina Adams</i>	
	Believing women have lost their Biblical sense of identity, but can we “de-transition” to rediscover what’s “given”? How can today's women face the challenges of modernity and simultaneously lay hold of the promises of Scripture? How do we step out of today's common frameworks and into paradigms of overcoming power?	
Saturday	A Day in the Life of a Hom-Schooling Mom <i>A Holistic Approach to Home-Schooling in an Agricultural Community</i>	22
	<i>Presenter: Amanda Lancaster</i>	
	Join a home schooling mother of eight for a unique perspective on educating within the rhythms of an agricultural community. Instead of merely adapting institutional schooling to the home, Amanda will share her family's holistic approach to learning, where life itself becomes the classroom. Explore the beauty of hands-on, experiential learning that fosters responsibility, curiosity, and deep connections to community and creation. Discover home schooling as a vibrant, life-encompassing journey for both parents and children.	
	Beginning the Homesteading Adventure? <i>A Conversation with Two Homesteaders</i>	30
	<i>Presenters: Butch Tindell and Grady Phelan</i>	
	Across America today, an exciting phenomenon is happening. Thousands of families are resolutely heading out on a new adventure—leaving an urban culture, moving back to the land and seeking the homesteading way of life. You also may be seriously considering how you can provide a 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.	

	Goat Care	20
	Raising Poultry Question and Answer Session— <i>Seminar</i>	30
4:30	Historic Buildings Tour	22
	Goat Milking	20
4:45	Sand Casting	25
5:00	Collecting, Storing and Purifying Water for the Small Homestead— <i>Seminar</i>	30
7:00	Evening Concert	2

2:00	Basic Soap Making	7
	<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.	
	Beekkeeping	30
	<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.	
4:00	Questions and Answers on Christian Community	22
	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!	
	Raising Poultry Question and Answer Session	30
	<i>Presenters: Cody Johnson and Matthew Pressly</i>	
	Ideal for beginners, this 45-minute discussion and open forum will provide an opportunity for you to ask questions about how to get started raising chickens, turkeys, and other poultry.	
5:00	Collecting, Storing and Purifying Water for the Small Homestead	30
	<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.	

Special Seminar on Dec. 14

11:00	The Gospel According to Craft <i>How Work Communicates What We Believe</i>	22
	<i>Presenter: Rory Groves</i>	

Outdoor Food

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

- Food Court A** **4**
- Homestead Burgers:** Traditional and Specialty Burgers and Fries
- Red Skillet:** Tacos, Corn Dogs
- Mediterranean:** Shawarma Wraps, Kafta Wraps and Fries
- Heritage Coffee:** Handcrafted Specialty Drinks
- Red Wagon BBQ:** Smoked Brisket, Sausage and Chicken
- Taste of Italy:** Sub Sandwiches, Pasta, Soup and Salad

- Food Court B** **10**
- The Curry Pot:** Indian and Ethiopian Curries and Sides
- Desserts & Ice Cream:** Homemade Ice Cream and Sundaes, Pastries, Specialty Drinks and more
- Donuts:** Apple Cider Donuts and Kettle Nuts
- Tea & Crepes:** Freshly made crepes and Kai Tea
- Frankly Delicious:** Hot Dogs and Lemonades
- Lulu's Fish & Chips**
- Boba Milk Tea**
- Street Food Vendors** **9**
- Homestead Gristmill:** Breakfast Treats and More **26**
- Drinks:** Bottled Water and Tea, Natural Sodas, Topo Chico and Orange Juice (served at most food booths)



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Blue
Parking Lot

Red
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Brown
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Orange
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- Food
- Picnic Area
- Shuttle Stop
- Admissions
- Restrooms
- Mothers' Room
- Lost and Found
- Coffee

- 1. **Fair Admissions West**
- 2. **Heritage Center**
Live Music Concerts
- 3. **Hay Slide**
- 4. **Food Court A**
Red Wagon BBQ
Red Skillet
Taste of Italy
Homestead Burgers
Heritage Coffee
Mediterranean
- 5. **Heritage Education Center**
Homestead Heritage History Exhibit
Bookstore
Home-School Resources
Writing Gallery
- 6. **Craft Pavilion**
- 7. **Craft Demonstrations**
- 8. **Make-Your-Own Tent**
- 9. **Street Food Vendors**
- 10. **Food Court B**
Desserts & Ice Cream
Frankly Delicious
Lulu's Fish & Chips
Boba Milk Tea
Donuts
Curry Pot
Tea & Crepes
- 11. **Jump Rope Making**

- 12. **Hayride Area**
Hayrides
Farm Experience Pickup
- 13. **Trackless Train Rides**
- 14. **Beekeeping**
- 15. **Heritage Food Crafters**
- 16. **Texas-Sized Maze**
- 17. **Homestead General Store**
- 18. **Sheep Herding & Horse Training**
- 19. **Petting Zoo Area**
Petting Zoo
Duck Race
Sheep Shearing
- 20. **Dairy Goats**
- 21. **Horse Farming Demonstration**
- 22. **Grey Barn: Seminars**
- 23. **Homestead Baskets**
- 24. **Brazos Valley Cheese**

- 25. **Heritage Forge**
- 26. **Homestead Gristmill**
- 27. **Barn Raising**
- 28. **Pony Rides**
- 29. **Homestead Fiber Crafts**
- 30. **Green Barn: Seminars**
- 31. **Trail Rides**
Train Your Own Mustang Program
- 32. **Rope Making**
- 33. **The Barn—Gift Shop**
- 34. **Heritage Leather & Heritage Glass**
- 35. **Homestead Pottery**
- 36. **Heritage Woodworking**
Ongoing Woodworking Demonstrations
Watercolor Painting
- 37. **Fair Admissions East**
- 38. **Heritage Food Crafters • Heritage Coffee**



- 39. **Brazos Valley Cheese**
- 40. **Homestead Market • Homestead General Store • Quilt Barn**