

AMERICAN CHUCK WAGON ASSOCIATION

Guidelines for Judging

Wagon Judging:

Wagons should be original or accurate reproduction using period materials (no plywood or composite materials). The wagon should be sound, roadworthy and driveable and have no dry rot or major cracks. Hardware should be original or hand forged reproductions, square nuts or rivets and **no** welds, stainless steel, chrome plated fasteners or phillips screws.

- Running gear: axles, axle-clips, bolsters, reach, fifth wheel, hounds and tie rods.
- Wheels: spokes, felloes, hubs, tires, hub nuts and wrench that fits.
- Brakes: brake handle, ratchet, brake rod, brake under wagon parts, brake blocks (no rubber)
- Wagon Box: two side boards, water barrel and table (if carried on the outside), tool box, wooden bows, canvas wagon sheet, properly mounted spring seat.
- Hitch: tongue, preferably "drop type" with pole cap, double tree with single trees, neck yoke, hitch pin and stay chains. Harness with collars, bridles and lines (serviceable, soft and no dry rot).

Wagon Camp:

Neat, functional and organized. Keeping of period style.

- Layout and appearance. All items should be carried in the wagon.
- Personnel in period clothing.
- Canvas fly, wood poles, tie down ropes and stakes. Canvas bedrolls, minimum of two.
- Cook fire, pot rack, S-hooks and tripod. Dutch ovens and pots of the period.
- Shaving station: wash basin, razor, razor strap, shaving mug and brush, mirror.
- Lanterns: functional, period style, minimum of two, lit.
- Tools: functional shovel, ax, two man saw, bow saw and other period tools that were needed.
- Ropes: block and tackle, pulling ropes, reatta rope.
- Saddle, bridle, saddle blanket and hobbles.

Chuck Box:

Original or accurate reproduction. Sound and functional.

- Chuck box and/or boot: constructed of wood and no plywood or particle board. Hardware to consist of only slot head screws, square nuts, hand forged and rivets. Neat and functional.
- Coffee grinder: mounted, period style in working order and with coffee beans.
- Supplies: in cotton or burlap bags, wooden boxes or tin containers. Some items to look for: lard, sugar, coffee, flour, salt, spices, baking powder, matches, molasses, etc.
- Utensils: period eating ware (three tine forks), tin, granite or enamel ware (no stainless or plastic). Cast iron dutch ovens, fry pan for cooking. Tin, granite or enamel plates, bowls, dish pans, wash pans, pots, coffee pot and cups. Period knives, meat saw and cleaver. Sour dough crock. Working alarm clock. Tobacco and whiskey.