



Fifth Annual Best of Chickasaw Country finalists announced, voting begins
Fans are encouraged to vote for their favorite finalist in 14 categories

OKLAHOMA CITY (Feb. 8, 2017)—The nominations are in for the 2017 Best of Chickasaw Country awards. With more than 5,500 nominations, officials with Chickasaw Country have announced the finalists in the fifth annual fan-based poll.

The competition now shifts to the second phase, where fans are encouraged to vote amongst 14 categories for their favorite businesses, attractions and restaurants in the 13 counties in south-central Oklahoma known as Chickasaw Country.

The five nominations with the most votes advanced to the voting and finalist phase. In alphabetical order, this year's finalists, by category, are:

Best Attraction

Air Donkey Zipline Adventures, Davis
Blue River, Tishomingo
Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur
Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Sulphur
Turner Falls Park, Davis

Best Barbecue Restaurant

Jack Attack BBQ and Catering, Kingston
Jake's Rib, Chickasha
Pigskin's BBQ, Ada
Roy's Bar-B-Q, Chickasha
Smokin' Joe's Rib Ranch, Davis

Best Boutique

Luxe at The Artesian, Sulphur
Reflections Fine Gifts, Pocasset
Rustic Sequins, Chickasha
Savvy Parke, Purcell
Third and Broadway, Sulphur

Best Casino

Chisholm Trail Casino, Duncan
Newcastle Casino, Newcastle
Riverwind Casino, Norman
SaltCreek Casino, Pocasset

Best Golf Course

Duncan Golf and Tennis Club, Duncan
Lake Murray State Park Golf Course, Ardmore
Lakeview Golf Course, Ardmore
Sulphur Hills Golf Course, Sulphur
WinStar Golf Academy, Thackerville

Best Lake

Lake Murray, Ardmore
Lake of the Arbuckles, Sulphur
Lake Texoma, Kingston
Purcell Lake, Purcell
Veterans Lake, Sulphur

Best Live Performance Venue

Heritage Hall, Ardmore
McSwain Theatre, Ada
Riverwind Casino Showplace Theatre, Norman
Simmons Center, Duncan
WinStar Global Event Center, Thackerville

Best Lodging

Riverwind Hotel, Casino
Chickasaw Retreat and Conference Center, Sulphur
The Artesian Hotel, Sulphur

WinStar World Casino, Thackerville

Best Family-Friendly Attraction

Chickasaw Cultural Center, Davis
Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Sulphur
Chisholm Trail Heritage Center, Duncan
Lazer Zone Family Fun Center, Ada
Turner Falls Park, Davis

Best Festival

AdaFest, Ada
Artesian Arts Festival, Sulphur
Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival,
Tishomingo
Festival of Lights in Chickasha, Chickasha
National Sand Bass Festival, Madill
Taste of Ardmore and Music, Ardmore

Best Wedding Venue

Arbuckle Wedding Chapel, Davis
Chickasaw Retreat and Conference Center,
Sulphur
Fossil Creek Ranch, Fitzhugh
Kendall's View - Wedding and Event Venue,
Marlow
The Grand Canadian Theater, Purcell
Waddell Vineyards, Ada

Treasure Valley Casino & Hotel, Davis
WinStar World Casino Hotel, Thackerville

Best Museum

Arbuckle Historical Society Museum, Davis
Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur
Chickasaw White House, Milburn
Chisholm Trail Heritage Center, Duncan
Gene Autry Museum, Gene Autry

Best Overall Dining

Aces Sports Grill at Chisholm Trail Casino, Duncan
Café Alley, Ardmore
Fork Café at Saltcreek Casino, Pocasset
Kitchen 44 at Newcastle Casino, Newcastle
Springs at The Artesian, Sulphur
Toby Keith's I Love This Bar and Grill at WinStar
Casino, Thackerville

Runs and Rides

A2A Arbuckles to Ardmore Race, Ardmore
Bison View 5K, Sulphur
Fireball Classic 5K and 10K, Ada
HOOT (Hills of Oklahoma) Bike Tour, Davis
Skunk Run, Ada

Voting began Feb. 7 and can be completed on Chickasaw Country's website, chickasawcountry.com. Voters are allowed to vote once per day, per category, per device through Feb. 24. Winners will be announced March 7.

For the latest news regarding the 2017 Best of Chickasaw Country poll, please visit Chickasaw Country's Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/ChickasawCountry> or <http://chickasawcountry.com/bocc2017finalists>.

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About Chickasaw Country

Nestled in south-central Oklahoma, Chickasaw Country is a regional tourism organization representing 13 of Oklahoma's 77 counties. As the official destination tourism organization, Chickasaw Country includes 7,648 square miles, 11 percent of Oklahoma's total 68,597 square miles. Chickasaw Country, a division of the Chickasaw Nation, is a tourism source for visitors and communities within the region and promotes destinations, attractions and festivals. Chickasaw Country is a diverse and culturally-vested destination, with new adventures and experiences around every corner.

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