



Best of Chickasaw Country announces new categories for annual poll
Fans are encouraged to nominate best local business, attractions in Chickasaw Country

OKLAHOMA CITY (Jan.6, 2016)—The annual fan-based poll, Best of Chickasaw Country, will have two new categories this year- best wedding venue and best run or ride. Today, polls open for nominations into the 14 categories for Best of Chickasaw Country awards. The fourth annual, fan-based voting competition allows fans to nominate their favorite business, attractions and restaurants in the 13 counties in south-central Oklahoma known as Chickasaw Country.

With the recent growth of the Best of Chickasaw Country fan-based poll, we saw the need for new categories and felt the new categories would continue to expand user driven recommendations, said Paige Williams, director of tourism for the Chickasaw Nation.

“Fans have the opportunity to show their support for tourism attractions in south-central Oklahoma by nominating destinations for Best of Chickasaw Country, and by adding the new categories, we are diversifying our nomination and voting audience,” said Williams.

Best of Chickasaw Country is broken into two phases. The first phase, nominations, starts today and ends on January 19. During the nominations phase, fans are encouraged to go online to chickasawcountry.com and nominate their favorite local businesses and attractions in the following categories:

Best Attraction	Best Golf Course
Best Barbecue Restaurant	Best Lake
Best Boutique	Best Live Performance Venue
Best Casino	Best Lodging
Best Family-Friendly Venue	Best Museum
Best Festival	Best Overall Dining
Best Wedding Venue	Best Run or Ride

Nominations can be submitted online once-per day, per computer.

The top five nominations in each category will progress to the next phase of the Best of Chickasaw Country poll. Phase two, finalists, will begin live voting on February 2 on chickasawcountry.com. Fans will then be encouraged to vote for their favorites from each category from February 2 through February 19. The winners of the voting phase will be announced on March 1.

“Our hope is that the Best of Chickasaw Country poll helps create awareness about the diverse attractions throughout Chickasaw Country and highlight how each business continues to assist local and state economies through tourism efforts,” said Williams.

The 2015 Best of Chickasaw Country poll had more than 50 businesses and attractions in Chickasaw Country that were represented in the poll. For the latest news on the 2016 Best of Chickasaw Country poll, please visit Chickasaw Country’s Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/ChickasawCountry>

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www.chickasawcountry.com/nominate-best-of-chickasaw.

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About Chickasaw Country

Chickasaw Country is a regional tourism organization representing 13 south-central Oklahoma counties. Lead by The Chickasaw Nation to blend tourism efforts in the region, Chickasaw Country represents festivals, events and attractions. A very diverse and cultural destination, Chickasaw Country has new adventures around every corner.

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