

### **HOLIDAY HOURS**

Beginning 12/1

Monday - Friday 10:30 am to 10:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday 2:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Christmas Eve

Open 10:30 am

Waiting list names taken until 7:00 pm Reservations till 8:00 pm

Reservations preferred!

Christmas Day

Closed- Merry Christmas!

New Year's Eve

2:30 pm to 10:00 pm Reservations preferred!

New Year's Day 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### Pictures with Santa

December 4-6 | 5:00 pm-8:00 pm December 11-13 | 5:00 pm-8:00 pm

**Adult Texas History Tour** 

Saturday, January 13, 2024 Saturday, February 24, 2024

**Group Texas History Tour** Saturday, January 27, 2024

Steak School

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Wine Dinner

Monday, April 8, 2024

## Restaurant Policy Reminders:

- We cannot seat incomplete parties, so please remind your guests to arrive on time. Reservations will be held for 15 minutes, as we know the trials of Houston traffic!
- We require proper attire at all times, with no exceptions. Please see the dress code restrictions on our website.
- We can not allow baby strollers in the dining area. We provide "slings" for infant carriers, high chairs, and booster seats.
- No outside food or beverages are allowed, but as always, we offer a complimentary dessert and photo for your birthday or anniversary celebration!
- · No ToGo orders in December.

### IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS!

Christmas Decorations October 21, 2023- January 2, 2024

Nina's Christmas decorations are more spectacular than ever, and we can't wait for you to see our beautiful new displays! Our entire Taste of Texas staff participates in our week-long decorating extravaganza, and they have a ball while doing it. Come see our beautiful Alamo doors all dressed up for Christmas.



### Local Pro Tip

The Taste of Texas Wagon Barn is the best place in Houston for your family photos.

# You asked, and we listened! Reservations are now available 30 days ahead:

We have recently implemented a new reservation policy to enhance the dining experience for you, our valued customer. You can plan your visit well in advance, as Taste of Texas reservations are now open 30 days ahead.

To secure a table for parties of 12 or fewer, visit tasteoftexas.com and navigate to the "Restaurant" section on the left. From there, select the "Reservations & Waitlist" option, which takes you to the Yelp reservation site (no Yelp app needed). Scroll to "Make a Reservation" and choose your preferred date and time. Our reservation system opens precisely at midnight, 30 days ahead, ensuring everyone has the opportunity to secure their desired time slot. This convenient online process allows you to plan special occasions or provide a seamless dining experience at Taste of Texas. If you cannot secure your desired time and date, you may join us as a walk-in guest, as always.

### Grill at Home Store News:



Our Grill at Home store has become a fan favorite at the Taste in only five years! You can park in designated parking, dash in, and purchase our extraordinary Certified Angus Beef steaks which are perfectly aged and trimmed, delicious side orders and bread, and fantastic engraved knives! Our popular water lanterns are available, and our NEW custom Taste of Texas lantern and ornament are beautiful! You must stop and read our hilarious coasters and beverage napkins.

# Our Famous Gift Card Special Returns!



The Taste of Texas Gift Card Special has become a beloved tradition in our community for 34 years. Beginning November 19, 2023, when you buy \$100 in gift cards, you will receive our gift to you: a \$25 bonus card, valid for all of 2024! You can purchase your Gift Cards in person at our beautiful Grill-at-Home store or shop online at TasteofTexas.com, and we will ship your cards to you using FedEx. Another great option is to choose the "e-gift card" to receive by email. Gift Card Special ends December 24 at 6:00 pm.



**Nina** is still marveling at the acquisition of the Alamo Chapel Doors. The Hendees are delighted to give our proud, Texasloving customers tours of this incredible addition to our Taste of Texas museum! It is so much fun to watch the students' reactions in our daily school tour groups when they realize David Crockett and other patriots fighting for our freedom stepped through these doors!

Edd had the distinct pleasure of watching Nina walk down the aisle (this time as a bridesmaid) as he officiated the beautiful wedding of our dear friends Hayley Regan and Jesse West in Enosburg Falls, VT!

Nina and Edd stay very busy with the restaurant's daily operations and enjoy our beautiful family! 1 John 1:3 says, "I have no greater JOY than to know my children are walking in the truth." We are blessed!

**Poulsons** Kyle and Erin Poulson are experiencing being "empty-nesters" as son Jackson started his first year at Texas A&M, and daughter Grayson will graduate from TCU this year! We enjoyed a Taylor Swift concert and had a fun trip to Seattle with our Poulson family. What a remarkable experience.

Hartlands/Hendees Our Hartland family continues to be very busy with five kids, including Sam, doing well as a sophomore in college; Campbell, a senior at Houston's Lamar High School and member of the golf Team; and Hudson, a sophomore at St. Thomas High School. Hudson hosted his Football team's Offensive Line vs. defensive Line in a Steak-eating contest at the Taste of Texas, and man! Those kids can eat!

Reagan loves life as an eighth grader, and Conrad is in the Fourth Grade, which means he will visit the Taste for his field trip!

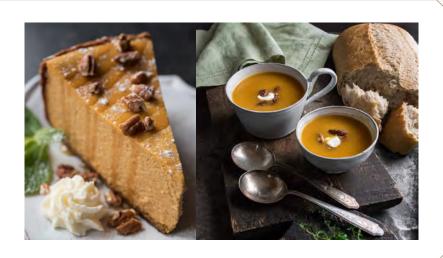
**Blackards** Lisa and Chris Blackard manage a busy schedule with three daughters Hannah, seventh grade, ran Cross Country through the incredible heat wave; Lizzie, Fifth grade, enjoys dance and softball; and Maddie, Kindergarten, enjoys soccer and dance!

Lisa continues to amaze us with her culinary skills and business contributions at the Taste and continues her passion for construction as she builds their next home. Chris, as always, does a great job balancing a successful career at Shell Oil Company where he just celebrated his 20th year and being an incredible husband and father. He still enjoys playing bluegrass banjo and guitar when he gets the opportunity

Blackfords Kristin, Corbin, Henry(7), and Annie(3) Blackford are having a ball! Henry loves 2nd grade and the swim team, and Annie is delighted with preschool. Henry's Spring Branch Memorial Sports Association baseball team won their division championship this year, and Annie is excited to start soccer and ballet. Kristin and Corbin are staying busy growing the Taste of Texas e-commerce division and cannot wait for a productive holiday shipping season. 2023 is the second season in a row where FedEx will send an entire 18-wheeler daily just for the Taste of Texas packages!

# Holiday favorites make their annual appearance:

Your family's favorites have made their way back to our menu this holiday season! Start your meal with a warm bowl of our Butternut Squash Soup, topped with creme fraiche and pecans. Yum! And don't forget to finish off your Taste of Texas holiday experience with a slice of Spiced Pumpkin Cheesecake topped with Caramel Sauce and Pecans, or a hot cappuccino completed with a Texas size piece of Gingerbread Biscotti. Join us for these favorites before they're gone!





### **OUR 2023 GIFT GUIDE IS HERE!**

Scan the QR code to find the perfect gift for everyone on your list.

# Taste of Texas Holiday Gift Guide

Order by Tuesday, December 19, 2023 for Christmas arrival.

For a complete list of our steak packages, visit us at tasteoftexas.com.



Our most popular package: Aged 40+ days and fork tender, our Center Cut Filets set the standard of exquisite tenderness and taste.



Master Grilling Package: The ultimate grilling package for the ultimate griller. Includes each of our Taste of Texas steak cuts and personalized knives.



A gift with their name on it: Personalized steak knives, carving sets, and more, instantly engraved with your gift recipient's name, initials, or company logo.



Cowboys & Gentlemen: a fantastic combination of four 24 oz Bone-In Cowboy Ribeyes and four Complete Trim 10oz Filets. This flavorful package, aged 40+ days, is sure to please!

TASTEOFTEXAS.COM It's as easy as Shop, Click, DONE!

# Corporate Gift Concierge



Send the gift of Texas hospitality to delight your clients and employees. Our steaks make memorable corporate gifts and are a perfect way to thank customers and reward employees. Personalized gifts, branded options, and volume discounts are available. Please contact us at support@tasteoftexas.com

Our concierge service makes giving exceptional gifts easy.

### STAFF NEWS



Taste of Texas Staff Fitness Challenge!

This fall, we are challenging our Taste of Texas Staff to get FIT in the following areas of their lives:

Physical Fitness, Financial Fitness, Emotional Fitness, and Spiritual Fitness! Fifty-six of our remarkable staff members are participating, and we are excited to watch the transformation!



Grandson Campbell Hendee made us very proud this summer as he became our newest server at the Taste of Texas! It is a joy to watch this third generation of our family embrace our business.

Do you remember "Where in the World is Carmen San Diego? We should change that to "Where in the World is Alex Nguyen?" Server Alex and Valentina Ibarra have just returned from a beautiful Asian adventure, visiting five countries in three weeks! Alex has visited 33 countries since he started working with us.





Martha Vargas Thompson and her husband welcomed baby Lucia Rae into their family, and big sister Olivia is thrilled!

Manager Luis Soto and Sasha are expecting their first baby in December, and we can't wait.

Sofia Gaviria will graduate from the University of Houston in December, and we are very proud of this hardworking young lady! Clara Cooper is also graduating from culinary school. She's always in the kitchen working hard, and we couldn't be more excited for her.

Server Brittany Merritt delivered a healthy baby girl on October 24.

Server Austin Henry married his longtime sweetheart, Ashley Brown, in a beautiful ceremony at the Woodlands Church on October 14, officiated by Edd Hendee!

Server Tom Varbelow has turned his passion for computers into a thriving venture, Tom-pcs.com.

One of our greatest joys is seeing our team members excel in their future studies and careers. Kyle Hendon has been an invaluable part of our e-commerce shipping department for three years and has personally engraved over 100,000 knives. Kyle is pursuing a degree at York St. John's University in the United Kingdom! We are very proud of our entire staff and their accomplishments!



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Please check our website for details and register online at www.tasteoftexas.com

Please note: We do not ship tickets for the events. You will receive a confirmation email after registration is complete, and your name will be added to the event's guest list. Proceeds from all events benefit our employee scholarship program. Space is limited, so please reserve early.

### Adult Texas History Tour with Nina

### January 13 and February 24

Join Nina for a morning of true tales of Texas' past! Lunch is included. Cost is \$50 plus tax per person.

### **Group Texas History Tour with Nina**

#### January 27

Nina's famous Adult Texas History Tour designated for groups of 10 or more. Cost is \$50 + tax per person and includes lunch. Please email Lacey@tasteoftexas.com to register your group.

#### Steak School

#### March 23

You'll learn about USDA grading, trim specifications, the aging process, and how to grill a perfect steak every time. This makes a wonderful gift for the steak lovers and grillers in your life. Cost is \$150 plus tax person and includes a steak lunch. Come hungry!

#### Taste of Texas Wine Dinner

#### April 8

Please join us for our next Taste of Texas Wine Dinner. Another amazing 5 course dinner and wine pairing. Cost is \$195 per person and includes tax and gratuity. Space is limited.