

**STATE FAIR OF TEXAS
PRESENTS**



The GREAT AMERICAN SPAM® CHAMPIONSHIP

“Sweet & Savory” is both a winning combination and our 2016 contest theme! Make any dish, dessert or appetizer that features our beloved canned ham and some level of sweetness. The most creative and delicious efforts will be rewarded!

Check-In Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2016 - 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Judging 10:30 a.m.

State Fair Contest Kitchen, Creative Arts Department

NO ENTRY FEE

ADULTS- ages 18 & Up

LOCAL SPAM® CHAMPION PRIZES:

1ST Prize \$150.00; -- 2nd Prize \$50.00; --3rd Prize \$25.00

NATIONAL SPAM® Champion Grand Prize: A Trip for Two to the 2017 Waikiki SPAM JAM® Festival in Hawaii valued @ \$3,000(Adult Grand Prize)*

JUDGING CRITERIA:

Theme (40%) + Taste (40%) + Ease of Preparation (10%) + Presentation (10%)

CLASS: 14-01. Sweet & Savory

CONTEST RULES:

- Make any sweet and savory themed recipe with at least one 12-ounce can of SPAM® products any variety (Classic, Lite, Less Sodium, Hot & Spicy, or other) and up to 10 other ingredients. (Packaged items such as cake mixes and other timesavers are welcome and count as one/individual ingredient. Salt, pepper, cooking oil, water & garnishes do NOT count).
- Judging Criteria is to emphasize the sweet/savory theme (creativity); prioritize taste (as in overall flavor and SPAM® product presence); and to address the recipe's clarity, simplicity and visual appeal.
- Recipes should be named, original, unpublished, the sole property of entrant, and not used for another contest.
- Submit your entry with a clear/typed recipe (illegible recipes may be disqualified), a product label & your contact information. One entry per person.
- No SPAM® recipe contest 1st place winners from any fair in 2015 are eligible to win in 2016, nor are those who have won 1st place three or more times.
- All recipes become the property of Hormel Foods Sales, LLC & State Fair of Texas, which has the right to publish or advertise the recipes & contestants without compensation.
- Judges are chosen by the fair; their decisions are final. Hormel Foods is not responsible for lost recipes, nor is the fair.
- All winners are required to sign a release provided by Hormel Foods. Winner awards will not be distributed until their releases are received.

- All contestants including fair winners, finalists & the national grand-prize winners shall not make any public appearances or give any interviews associated with this competition without the permission of Hormel Foods or the Blue Ribbon Group.
- Taxes on the prizes are the responsibility of the winner.
- Employees of Hormel Foods Corporation, its affiliates, subsidiaries and families of each are not eligible to participate.

NATIONAL JUDGING & GRAND PRIZES:

- Fair contest supervisors forward 1st place winning recipes for national grand prize judging for both Adult & Kid Chef categories. Hormel Foods' Test Kitchens judge recipes on the above criteria. Their decisions are final.
- For the National Spam® Champion Grand Prize (adult: age 18 & up) one national grand-prize winner will be selected out of all 26 1st place recipes. He/she will receive a voucher to cover \$3,000 in travel costs (airfare, hotel & food) for the 2017 Waikiki SPAM JAM® Festival in Hawaii. The national grand-prize winner may elect to accept a \$3,000 cash prize instead of the trip (ARV \$3,000).
- One National SPAM® Kid Chef of the Year (kid Chef: age 7 to 17) will be selected out of all 26 1st place recipes and he/she will receive a \$2,000 cash prize (ARV \$2,000).
- Both grand-prize winners will be notified by phone no later than February 28, 2017. If Hormel Foods is unable to reach the grand-prize winners within 10 days of notification, an alternate may be selected. National winning recipes will be available by emailing statefairteam@blueribbongroup.net or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Blue Ribbon Group, c/o SPAM® National Winner, 1120 South Second St, # 908, Minneapolis, MN 55415.



STATE FAIR OF TEXAS ENTRY FORM

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NO ENTRY FEE:

Do not pre-register for this contest. Bring completed entry form with you when you come to the contest.

Print Name _____

Print Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone No. _____ Cell _____

Email Address _____

Did you enter Creative Arts in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 or previously this year?

(circle one) YES NO NEW

If yes, give your exhibitor number _____

You are entering:

14-01. Sweet & Savory

CREATIVE ARTS CONTEST CALENDAR
SEPTEMBER 30th THRU OCTOBER 23rd, 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>Sept 25</u> Chili & BBQ Cook-Off Dutch Oven Cook-Off	<u>Sept 26</u>	<u>Sept 27</u>	<u>Sept 28</u>	<u>Sept 29</u>	<u>Sept 30</u> Glue A Shoe Contest First Day Of Fair	<u>Oct 1</u> Cake Contest Grambling VS Prairie View A&M 4:00 pm
<u>Oct 2</u> Tex-Mex Contest	<u>Oct 3</u> 4-H State-Wide Food Challenge	<u>Oct 4</u> Spam® Contest Play With Your Food 4-H Nat'l Food Challenge	<u>Oct 5</u> Southern Comfort Food Contest	<u>Oct 6</u> Ice Cream Freeze-Off Lotto	<u>Oct 7</u> Cooking With Cheese Contest	<u>Oct 8</u> Red River Showdown Biscuit Cook-Off Lotto TX VS OU
<u>Oct 9</u> Pie Contest Gold Medal® Pie Contest Kids Can Cook	<u>Oct 10</u> Columbus Day Picnic with Coca Cola Contest Kids Can Cook	<u>Oct 11</u> Party Foods Contest Kids Can Cook	<u>Oct 12</u> Pizza Cook-Off/Lotto Kids Can Cook	<u>Oct 13</u> Guess What's Cook'n Central Market Lotto Kids Can Cook	<u>Oct 14</u> Bread Contest Gold Medal® Bread Contest Kids Can Cook	<u>Oct 15</u> Youth Cooking Spam® Kid Chef Kids Cook-Off Lotto
<u>Oct 16</u> Cookie Contest Gold Medal® Cookie Contest	<u>Oct 17</u> Farm to Fork Cnst Honey Cnst Black Jar** Honey Cst	<u>Oct 18</u> Chocolate! Contest	<u>Oct 19</u> Fruit Desserts Contest	<u>Oct 20</u> Cobbler Cook-Off Lotto	<u>Oct 21</u> Candy Domino Sugar Contest	<u>Oct 22</u> Speedy Dishes Contest
<u>Oct 23</u> One Pot Meals Contest Last Day of Fair	<u>Oct 24</u>	<u>Oct 25</u>	<u>Oct 26</u> RETURN ENTRIES 12 NOON TO 5 PM	<u>Oct 27</u> RETURN ENTRIES 9AM TO 5 PM	<u>Oct 28</u> RETURN ENTRIES 9AM TO 7 PM	<u>Oct 29</u>

****This is a Texas Beekeepers Assoc.'s Contest for Beekeepers! (Black Jar and Appearance Jar).**

IMPORTANT RULES FOR ALL CONTESTANTS

- The State Fair of Texas will not accept any recipe which has been precisely copied or photo-copied from any magazine, letter, newspaper, cookbook or other publication. Recipes **must be typed** on an 8 ½" x 11" piece of white paper (only). Contestant's name, address and phone number must be on the back only. Winning recipes may be used in the next edition of our Prize Winning Recipes Cookbook.
- **ALL RECIPES SUBMITTED MUST LIST ALL INGREDIENTS IN ORDER OF USAGE WITH INSTRUCTIONS ON PREPARATION IN THE ORDER OF USAGE. Incomplete recipes may not be used in the cookbook.**
- Contests are for amateurs only. No professional cook or culinary teachers may enter.
- Contestants **MUST TURN IN** completed entry by 10:30 am and absolutely no preparation will be allowed after 10:30 am unless approved by the Director of Creative Arts.
- Mixes or prepared foods may not be used in recipes, unless otherwise specified.
- The Best of Show winner from 2015 is not eligible to enter the same contest in 2016.
- Because space is limited, contestants are limited to **one** item, per contest, that requires refrigeration.
- Added sauces or whipped cream will not be allowed in Cookies or Quick Breads.
- Read individual contest rules carefully to find any changes from last year. Some contests limit entries from one to five classes. Always only one entry to a class.
- No responsibility can be taken for contestant's containers.
- No covers will be accepted on contestant's containers (i.e., lids, plastic wrap, etc.).
- No person shall be allowed to interfere with judges or fair staff assisting judges and the judging process. Violators will be disqualified from the contest and asked to leave the judging area.
- You cannot enter the same recipe twice in any contest during the 2016 State Fair.
- No preparation of entry will be allowed after 10:30 am. Contestants must turn in completed entry by 10:30 am.
- Decisions of the Director of the Creative Arts Department will be final.
- Any person who has edited, produced, printed and published a cookbook for individual gain **will not** be able to compete.
- **To be eligible for a Season Pass, you must complete entering three (3) consecutive years and must have entered at least three (3) separate Cooking Contests during each fair year. You will then receive a Season Pass the following year.**