

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS®

★ 2023 ★

COOKING CONTEST GUIDE



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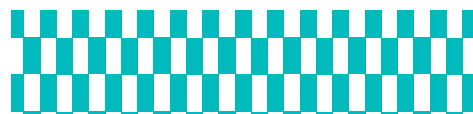
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I WANT TO ENTER MY FAVORITE DISH

WHERE DO I BEGIN?

➡ HOWDY HOME COOKS!

We invite you to be a part of a State Fair of Texas tradition – the Cooking Contests. Whether you like to bake or prefer something a bit more savory, we have cooking contests throughout the 24 days of the Fair for home cooks of every skill level and age! We have created a guide to help you navigate the process.

Kathy Bennett
DIRECTOR, CREATIVE ARTS



ENTERING A COOKING CONTEST IS AS EASY AS...

- 1 CHOOSE A CONTEST**
The Fair has 14 different contests ranging from pies to Tex-Mex.
- 2 PICK A CATEGORY**
Each contest has a variety to categories that showcase the overall theme of the contests.
- 3 REGISTER ONLINE**
Simply go to www.BigTex.com/Creative and find the registration button to register your favorite recipe.
- 4 BRING YOUR ENTRIES TO THE FAIR**
Entries must be brought to the Creative Arts building on the designated contest days. **Registrations opens at 9:00 a.m.** and **judging beings promptly at 10:30 a.m.**



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WHO CAN ENTER A CONTEST?

➡ **FAIR FANS OF ALL AGES** and all skill levels can enter the Cooking Contests.

Cooking Contests are open to home-chefs of all ages, unless otherwise noted. The Fair does offer a Youth Cooking Contest just for younger cooks. The State Fair of Texas encourages all Fair fans to enter.



ADULT AMATEUR (18+ YEARS OF AGE)

Anyone age 18 and over, who engages in cooking as a hobby. NOTE: Seniors compete in all Adult Amateur Divisions.

YOUTH (JUNIOR – 13 TO 17 / CHILD – 12 & YOUNGER)

The Fair has designated special categories for those ages 17 and under in our Youth Cooking Contest. Young cooks may also enter any of the cooking contests, unless otherwise noted.

PROFESSIONALS IN THE CULINARY FIELD ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE FAIR OF TEXAS COOKING CONTESTS. THE FAIR DEFINES CULINARY PROFESSIONAL AS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A CHEF OR COOKS PROFESSIONAL AS A SOURCE OF INCOME, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS EDITED, PRODUCED, PRINTED, AND/OR PUBLISHED A COOKBOOK FOR PROFESSIONAL GAIN, OR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO OWNS A FOOD COMPANY THAT DISTRIBUTED PRE-PACKAGED FOOD ITEMS ON A PERSONAL WEBSITE, GLOBAL MARKETING PLATFORM, SOCIAL MEDIA SITE, OR IN A PHYSICAL STORE.

★ *New!* **BATTLE FOR THE** ★
BLUE RIBBONS

➡ **MAY 19 - MAY 21** ⬅
AT THE EMBARCADERO BUILDING IN
FAIR PARK

DON'T MISS
THIS YEAR'S



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SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 23
2023



COOKING CONTESTS

KEY DATES ⇄⇄ **APRIL 19** COOKING CONTEST GUIDE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD ♦♦♦♦ **AND** ♦♦♦♦ **MAY 10** — ONLINE — REGISTRATION OPENS FOR ALL CONTESTS

COOKING CONTEST SCHEDULE 2023

SATURDAY | SEPT. 30 **PIE**

SUNDAY | OCT. 1 **PIZZA COOK-OFF** *New!*

MONDAY | OCT. 2 **HONEY, THE MAGIC INGREDIENT
BEEKEEPERS HONEY CONTEST
FARM TO FORK**

TUESDAY | OCT. 3 **4-H NATIONAL FOOD CHALLENGE**

WEDNESDAY | OCT. 4 **BISCUITS & JAM** *New!*

FRIDAY | OCT. 6 **COOKING WITH CHEESE**

SUNDAY | OCT. 8 **BEST OF SHOW-DOWN** *Invitation-Only*

TUESDAY | OCT. 10 **CHOCOLATE
LOW-TO-NO SUGAR CAKES
& PIES** *New!*

THURSDAY | OCT. 12 **SPEEDY DISHES
FAIR CONCOCTIONS**

SATURDAY | OCT. 14 **YOUTH COOKING CONTEST**

SUNDAY | OCT. 15 **INTERNATIONAL CUISINE** *New!*

TUESDAY | OCT. 17 **ICE CREAM FREEZE-OFF** *New!*

WEDNESDAY | OCT. 18 **COBBLER COOK-OFF**

FRIDAY | OCT. 20 **AIR FRYER, SLOW COOKER, AND
PRESSURE COOKER** *New!*

SATURDAY | OCT. 21 **TEX MEX**

SUNDAY | OCT. 22 **CANDY**

★ *New!* BATTLE FOR THE ★ BLUE RIBBONS



The State Fair of Texas is announcing a NEW way to test your cooking skills. The Battle for the Blue Ribbons hosts three of the Fair's most popular Creative Arts Cooking Contests—Cookie, Cake, and Bread—over one weekend in May. All blue-ribbon winners from the three contests will be invited to "Best of Show-Down" in the Competition Kitchen during the Fair on Sunday, 10/8/2023.

FRIDAY, MAY 19 — COOKIE
SATURDAY, MAY 20 — CAKE
SUNDAY, MAY 21 — BREAD

DON'T MISS THIS YEAR'S
TIME TO MEAT YOUR MATCH
BIG TEX BBQ & CHILI CHALLENGE
SATURDAY SEPT. 23 2023

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The weekend will offer 45 opportunities to showcase your treasured family recipes or to create a recipe especially for the contest.

All cooking contests are open to ALL AGES.

Contestants may enter each of the three (3) contests as part of this program. Contestants are limited to six (6) entries per contest, with one (1) per category.

Ribbons will be awarded for First, Second, Third, and Honorable Mention.

» WE'LL «
SEE YOU



MAY 19 - MAY 21

— *at the* —

EMBARCADERO

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— *in* —

FAIR PARK



New! BATTLE FOR THE BLUE RIBBONS



Howdy Folks! The staff of the State Fair of Texas is very excited about this new program.

We understand that entering a Cooking Contest during the Fair takes a great deal of commitment both of your time and financially. Offering a portion of our Cooking Contests during Spring helps us remove some of the challenges for you.

We hope that you will join us for one or all of the contests this May and hopefully win one of the coveted blue ribbons.

Kathy Bennett

KATHY BENNETT | DIRECTOR OF CREATIVE ARTS



CONTESTS



COOKIE
MAY 19



CAKE
MAY 20



BREAD
MAY 21

BEST OF SHOW-DOWN · SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

CONTESTANTS EARNING A BLUE RIBBON IN THE COOKIE, CAKE, AND BREAD CONTEST ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN THE BEST OF SHOW-DOWN.

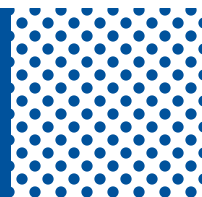
WHO CAN ENTER?

CONTESTS ARE OPEN TO CONTESTANTS OF ALL AGES.

CONTESTANTS MUST COMPLETE ONLINE PRE-REGISTRATION FOR THIS CONTEST.
REGISTER ONLINE AT [HTTP://WWW.CREATIVE.BIGTEX.COM](http://www.creative.bigtex.com)

HAVE QUESTIONS? EMAIL [CREATIVEARTS@BIGTEX.COM](mailto:creativearts@bigtex.com) WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

COOKIE CONTEST



ENTRY FEE	AGES	SKILL LEVEL	
\$2 PER ENTRY	ALL	AMATEURS	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES			
BEST OF SHOW AWARDED AT THE BEST OF SHOW-DOWN ON OCTOBER 8, 2023. OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CATEGORY.			
BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE	YELLOW HONORABLE MENTION
\$25	\$15	\$10	RIBBON
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FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2023

CHECK-IN 9-10:30 A.M. • JUDGING 11:00 A.M.



COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES



ENTRY RULES

- Contestants MUST complete online pre-registration for this contest. Register online at www.creative.bigtex.com.
- Participants may enter up to six categories. One entry per category.

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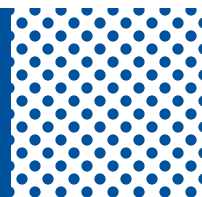
- Entries will be judged on: appearance (40%); taste (40%); and texture (20%).

CONTEST RULES

- Entries must have at least 1½ dozen cookies in any kind of container.
- No mixes allowed.
- No refrigeration.

- The recipe for each entry must be included and typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. The contestant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on the backside of the recipe.
- Must use U.S. standard measurements in the recipe. The use of metric system measurement is not acceptable.
- By entering a cooking contest(s), each contestant who places or receives an honorable mention, hereby grants to the State Fair of Texas a perpetual, irrevocable, nonexclusive right and license to use the entry (recipe and/or image) in association with the State Fair of Texas, including without limitation, events and promotions, in all media now known or later developed. This license includes allowing the State Fair to publish the recipe and/or image in the State Fair of Texas annual cookbook, any special edition cookbooks, recipe blogs on Fair or its sponsors' websites, and in third-party media placement. The contestant will receive recognition in published uses of the entry.

COOKIE CONTEST



CATEGORIES



BA10. CHOCOLATE

BA11. CHOCOLATE CHIP

BA12. CHRISTMAS

BA13. GLUTEN FREE

BA14. HOLIDAY (ANY)

BA15. LEMON

BA16. MACARON

BA17. MACAROON

BA18. OATMEAL

BA19. PARTY

BA20. PEANUT BUTTER

BA21. SHORTBREAD

BA22. SNICKERDOODLE

BA23. SPICE

BA24. SUGAR

CAKE CONTEST

COLLIN STREET BAKERY

ENTRY FEE	AGES	SKILL LEVEL	
\$2 PER ENTRY	ALL	AMATEURS	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES BEST OF SHOW AWARDED AT THE BEST OF SHOW-DOWN ON OCTOBER 8, 2023. RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CATEGORY.			
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SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023

CHECK-IN 9-10:30 A.M. • JUDGING 11:00 A.M.



COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES



ENTRY RULES

- Contestants MUST complete online pre-registration for this contest. Register online at <http://www.creative.bigtex.com>.
- Participants may enter up to six categories.

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged on taste, texture, and moistness.

CONTEST RULES

- No mixes or sauces allowed.
- Cakes cannot be cut before serving.
- No refrigeration.
- Categories under "Layered Cake" must have more than one layer.
- No chocolate allowed (exception: German Chocolate Cake).

- The recipe for each entry must be included and typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. The contestant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on the backside of the recipe.
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CAKE CONTEST

COLLIN STREET BAKERY



CATEGORIES



LAYERED CAKE

(Two or more layers only)

BB20. CARROT

BB21. GERMAN CHOCOLATE

BB22. GLUTEN FREE (ANY)

BB23. SPICE

BB24. WHITE (NO YOLKS)

BB25. YELLOW

LOAF, BUNDT, OR SHEET CAKE

BB26. ANGEL FOOD

BB27. CUPCAKES (12)

BB28. FRUITCAKE

BB29. GLUTEN FREE (ANY)

BB30. NUT

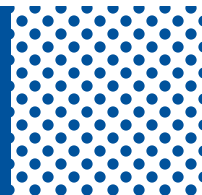
BB31. POUND

BB32. SPICE

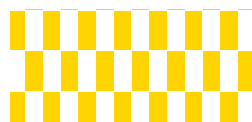
BB33. SWEET ROULADE (CAKE ROLL)

BB34. UPSIDE DOWN CAKE

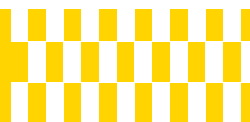
BREAD CONTEST



ENTRY FEE	AGES		SKILL LEVEL
\$2 PER ENTRY	ALL		AMATEURS
RIBBONS AND PRIZES BEST OF SHOW AWARDED AT THE BEST OF SHOW-DOWN ON OCTOBER 8, 2023. RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CATEGORY.			
BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE	YELLOW HONORABLE MENTION
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SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023
CHECK-IN 9-10:30 A.M. • JUDGING 11:00 A.M.



★ ————— COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES ————— ★

ENTRY RULES

- Contestants MUST complete online pre-registration for this contest. Register online at <http://www.creative.bigtex.com>.
- Participants may enter up to six categories. One entry per category.

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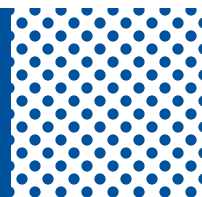
- Entries will be judged on taste, symmetry of shape, uniform browning, and texture.

CONTEST RULES

- Dough may be prepared traditionally or in a bread machine.
- No mixes, sauces, or heating allowed.
- No refrigeration.

- The recipe for each entry must be included and typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. The contestant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on the backside of the recipe.
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BREAD CONTEST



CATEGORIES



YEAST BREAD

- BC30.** BREAD (CHEESE, HERB, ONION, ETC.)
- BC31.** GLUTEN FREE BREAD (ANY)
- BC32.** LOAF BREAD, WHITE (WHOLE LOAF)
- BC33.** LOAF BREAD, OTHER (WHOLE LOAF)
- BC34.** ROLLS, DINNER (12)
- BC35.** SWEETBREAD, LOAF & COFFEE CAKES
- BC36.** SWEETBREAD, SWEET ROLLS (CINNAMON, FRUIT, ETC.)
- BC37.** SOURDOUGH

QUICK BREAD

No added sauces or whipped cream on quick breads.

- BC38.** COFFEE CAKE
- BC39.** CORNBREAD
- BC40.** GLUTEN FREE BREAD (ANY)
- BC41.** MUFFINS (12)
- BC42.** FRUIT BREAD (APPLE, BANANA, ETC.)
- BC43.** VEGETABLE BREAD (PUMPKIN, ZUCCHINI, ETC.)
- BC44.** COMBO BREAD (FRUIT/VEGETABLE)

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**BBQ &
CHILI**
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BIG TEX BBQ & CHILI CHALLENGE

Saturday, September 23, 2023

RULES & PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

The Big Tex BBQ & Chili Challenge will take place on Saturday, September 23, and includes four different cook-off contests: Big Tex BBQ Challenge, Big Tex "No Rules" Chili Challenge, Big Tex "Green" Chili Challenge, and CASI Chili Challenge. The CASI Chili Challenge is a sanctioned qualifying event where contestants may earn points toward the annual CASI Terlingua International Chili Championship.

RULES AND GUIDELINES

- All cooks will be allowed one parking space for cooking.
- **CONTESTANTS MUST SUPPLY A 2a10bc FIRE EXTINGUISHER. It must have been inspected by a licensed technician within the past 12 months. A service tag must be attached with the month and year punched on the tag noting when it was serviced. The charge gauge on the front must be green. This rule is strictly enforced, and contestants will be checked for an extinguisher prior to entering the competition area.**
- Propane stoves are allowed.
- All meat must be contained in cooled ice chests.
- Contestants are not allowed to give out samples to the public as per health department regulations.
- See each contest for its specific rules and prizes.

REGISTRATION

- **Pre-registration is requested. Contestants may pre-register online at BigTex.com/BigTexChallenge.**
- Entries will also be accepted on the day of the contest. Contestants may complete an entry form located at the back of this guide and bring the form to the registration table on contest day. Blank entry forms will also be available on-site.

DIRECTIONS

- Enter through Gate 5, located at the intersection of Grand Ave. and Robert B. Cullum Blvd., and proceed to the first stop sign. You will be directed where to park on arrival.
- Gates will open at 6 a.m. on competition day.
- No overnight parking is permitted.

CASI CHILI CHALLENGE

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CASI CHILI ENTRY FEE		CASI CHILI SHOW		SKILL LEVEL	
\$25		NO FEE		AMATEURS	
CASI CHILI			CASI CHILI SHOW		
1ST PLACE	2ND - 10TH PLACE		1ST PLACE	2ND & 3RD PLACE	
\$100 GIFT CARD & BIG TEX TROPHY	RIBBON		\$100 GIFT CARD & BIG TEX TROPHY	RIBBON	
TWO ONE-DAY COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE HEAD COOK. IF THE HEAD COOK ENTERS MORE THAN ONE CONTEST, THERE IS A LIMIT OF TWO TICKETS ONLY.					

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023
CHILI TURN-IN TIME 1 P.M.

★ ——— COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES ——— ★

REGISTRATION AND ENTRY

- Pre-registration is recommended and available online at BigTex.com/BigTexChallenge.
- Day-of registration will be located at the judging tent.
- Contestants may also enter by filling out an entry form located at the back of this guide and bringing it with them on contest day.

CASI CHILI CHALLENGE RULES

- This is a sanctioned CASI chili cook-off that serves as a qualifying event for the CASI Terlingua International Chili Championship.
- Chili entries must be cooked on-site, starting with raw meat.
- No beans or other fillers allowed.
- Entries must be prepared according to Chili Appreciation Society International (CASI) rules and regulations.
- **CONTESTANTS MUST SUPPLY A 2a10bc FIRE EXTINGUISHER.** It must have been inspected by a licensed technician within the past 12 months. A service tag must be attached with the month and year punched on the tag noting when it was serviced. The charge gauge on the front must be green.

★ ——— CATEGORIES ——— ★

AA01. CASI CHILI

AA02. CASI CHILI SHOW

BIG TEX "NO RULES" CHILI CHALLENGE

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ENTRY FEE		SKILL LEVEL	
\$25 PER ENTRY		AMATEURS	
AWARDS 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD PLACE AWARDED			
1ST PLACE	2ND PLACE	3RD PLACE	
\$100 & BIG TEX TROPHY	RED RIBBON	WHITE RIBBON	
TWO ONE-DAY COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE HEAD COOK. IF THE HEAD COOK ENTERS MORE THAN ONE CONTEST, THERE IS A LIMIT OF TWO TICKETS ONLY.			

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023
CHILI TURN-IN TIME 1:30 P.M.

★ ——— COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES ——— ★

REGISTRATION AND ENTRY

- Pre-registration is requested and available online at BigTex.com/BigTexChallenge.
- Day-of registration will be located at the judging tent.
- Contestants may also enter by filling out the following entry form and bringing it with them on contest day.

BIG TEX CHILI CHALLENGE RULES

- Chili must be cooked on-site, starting with raw meat.
- Chili entries must have fillers (e.g., onions, beans, tomatoes, etc.).
- No exotic meats allowed.
- **CONTESTANTS MUST SUPPLY A 2a10bc FIRE EXTINGUISHER.** It must have been inspected by a licensed technician within the past 12 months. A service tag must be attached with the month and year punched on the tag noting when it was serviced. The charge gauge on the front must be green.

★ ——— CATEGORIES ——— ★

AB01. "NO RULES" CHILI

BIG TEX BBQ CHALLENGE

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ENTRY FEE		SKILL LEVEL	
\$25 PER ENTRY		AMATEURS	
AWARDS 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD PLACE AWARDED FOR EACH CLASS			
BBQ CHICKEN, BBQ RIBS, AND BBQ RIB-EYE PRIZES			
1ST PLACE	2ND PLACE	3RD PLACE	
\$100 & BIG TEX TROPHY	RED RIBBON	WHITE RIBBON	
TWO ONE-DAY COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE HEAD COOK. IF THE HEAD COOK ENTERS MORE THAN ONE CONTEST, THERE IS A LIMIT OF TWO TICKETS ONLY.			

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

BBQ CHICKEN TURN-IN TIME 12 P.M.

BBQ PORK SPARE RIBS TURN-IN TIME 1 P.M.

BBQ RIB-EYE STEAK TURN-IN TIME 2 P.M.

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REGISTRATION AND ENTRY

- Pre-registration is requested and available online at BigTex.com/BigTexChallenge.
- Day-of registration will be located at the judging tent.
- Contestants may also enter by filling out the following entry form and bringing it with them on contest day.

BIG TEX BBQ CHALLENGE RULES

- Meats and fowls must be contained in cooled ice chests.
- No sauces or garnish allowed on any cooked entries.
- Chicken entries must be one-half of a whole chicken.
- BBQ pork spare ribs entries must be cooked on-site and have seven ribs prepared for judging.
- Rib-eye entries must be two steaks.
- **CONTESTANTS MUST SUPPLY A 2a10bc FIRE EXTINGUISHER.** It must have been inspected by a licensed technician within the past 12 months. A service tag must be attached with the month and year punched on the tag noting when it was serviced. The charge gauge on the front must be green.

★ ——— CATEGORIES ——— ★

AC01. BBQ CHICKEN

AB02. BBQ PORK SPARE RIBS

AB03. BBQ RIB-EYE STEAK

BIG TEX "GREEN" CHILI CHALLENGE

New!



ENTRY FEE		SKILL LEVEL	
\$25 PER ENTRY		AMATEURS	
AWARDS 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD PLACE AWARDED			
1ST PLACE	2ND PLACE	3RD PLACE	
\$500 & BIG TEX TROPHY	\$300	\$200	
TWO ONE-DAY COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE HEAD COOK. IF THE HEAD COOK ENTERS MORE THAN ONE CONTEST, THERE IS A LIMIT OF TWO TICKETS ONLY.			

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023
CHILI TURN-IN TIME 2:30 P.M.

★ ——— COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES ——— ★

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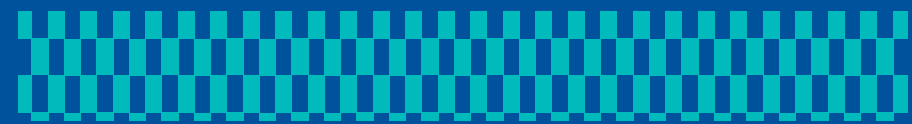
- Pre-registration is requested and available online at BigTex.com/BigTexChallenge.
- Day-of registration will be located at the judging tent.
- Contestants may also enter by filling out the following entry form and bringing it with them on contest day.

BIG TEX CHILI CHALLENGE RULES

- Chili must be made from scratch on site. Starting from raw meat and using regular spices.
- Green Chili is a combination of any kind of meats cooked with green chili peppers, various spices, and other ingredients. NO POTATOES, BEANS, PASTA, GARNISH, or similar items allowed.
- No ingredients may be precooked prior to cook off.
- No exotic meats.
- Meat can be pre-cut or ground, but not precooked.
- The Head Cook must prepare the chili to be judged.
- **CONTESTANTS MUST SUPPLY A 2a10bc FIRE EXTINGUISHER. It must have been inspected by a licensed technician within the past 12 months. A service tag must be attached with the month and year punched on the tag noting when it was serviced. The charge gauge on the front must be green.**

★ ——— CATEGORIES ——— ★

AD01. "GREEN" CHILI



COOKING CONTESTS DURING *the* FAIR



2023 COOKING CONTESTS

★★★★ DURING the FAIR ★★★★★

RULES & PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

- During the Fair, Cooking Contests are open to amateurs only. No professional cooks or culinary teachers may enter. Please see Definition of Terms section for amateur qualifications.
- The Best of Show winner from 2022 is not eligible to enter the same contest in 2023.
- Contestants cannot enter the same recipe twice in any 2023 contest.
- Mixes or prepared foods may not be used in recipes, unless otherwise specified.
- Due to limited space, only one item per contestant may be refrigerated.
- Read individual contest rules for contest-specific requirements and changes from last year.
- No covers are allowed on containers (i.e., lids, plastic wrap, etc.). The Fair is not responsible for contestants' containers.
- Decisions of the Director of Creative Arts will be final. No person is allowed to interfere with judges or Fair staff assisting judges during the judging process. Violators will be disqualified and asked to leave the judging area.

BEST COMPETITOR AWARD

1ST PLACE - \$1,000
2ND PLACE - \$750
3RD PLACE - \$500

AWARDED TO THE TOP THREE DURING-FAIR CONTESTANTS WHO ACCUMULATE
THE MOST PARTICIPATION POINTS FROM DURING-FAIR CONTESTS.

Points are calculated as follows:

- *Best of Show Ribbon* = 4 points each
- *1st Place Ribbon* = 3 points each
- *2nd Place Ribbon* = 2 points each
- *3rd Place Ribbon* = 1 point each

The Best Competitor award ceremony will be held following the final contest on Sunday, October 23, 2023, in the Creative Arts building, Competition Kitchen.

The 2022 1st Place-Best Competitor is not eligible to compete for this award in 2023.



RECIPE SUBMISSION

- **Contestants are required to include the recipe for each entry typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper.** In addition, the contestant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on the backside of the recipe.
- **All recipes must list all ingredients with instructions on preparation in the order of ingredient usage.** Incomplete recipes will not be used in the cookbook.
- Any recipe that has been precisely copied or photo-copied from any magazine, letter, newspaper, cookbook, or other publication will not be accepted.
- Must use U.S. standard measurements in the recipe. The use of metric system measurement is not acceptable.
- By entering a cooking contest(s), each contestant who places or receives an honorable mention hereby grants to the State Fair of Texas a perpetual, irrevocable, nonexclusive right, and license to use the entry (recipe and/or image) in association with the State Fair of Texas, including without limitation, events, and promotions, in all media now known or later developed. This license includes allowing the State Fair to publish the recipe and/or image in the State Fair of Texas annual cookbook, any special edition cookbooks, recipe blogs on the Fair or its sponsors' websites, and in third-party media placement. The contestant will receive recognition in published uses of the entry.

REGISTRATION AND ENTRY

- **Pre-registration is recommended and available online at BigTex.com/CreativeArts.**
- Contestants may also register on the day of the contest by bringing a completed during-Fair contest entry form located at the back of the guide. Blank entry forms will also be available in the contest area on contest day.
- Contestants must register and turn in completed entries by 10:30 a.m. on contest day as specified.
- No preparation of entry will be allowed after 10:30 a.m. unless approved by the Director of Creative Arts.
- Blank forms are available in the Competition Kitchen.

PIE CONTEST



ENTRY FEE		AGES		SKILL LEVEL	
\$2 PER ENTRY		ALL		AMATEURS	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES BEST OF SHOW AWARDED ONCE. OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CATEGORY.					
BEST OF SHOW	BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE	YELLOW HONORABLE MENTION	
\$200	\$15	\$10	\$5	RIBBON	
SPECIAL BEST OF SHOW PRIZE AWARDED BY CUTCO					

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
CHECK-IN 9-10:30 A.M. • JUDGING 10:30 A.M.

★ ——— COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES ——— ★

ENTRY RULES

- Pre-register online at BigTex.com/CreativeArts or fill out a during-Fair contest entry form at the back of this guide and bring it with you on contest day to enter.
- Participants may enter up to six categories. One entry per category.
- See the "How to Enter" Guide on Page 1 for information on submitting a Cooking Contest entry.

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged on taste, consistency, and appearance.

CONTEST RULES

- Pie crusts must be made by the exhibitor and recipe must be included.
- No mixes or sauces allowed.

- Use traditional pie plates only – no tart or springform pans.
- The recipe for each entry must be included and typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. The contestant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on the backside of the recipe.
- Must use U.S. standard measurements in the recipe. The use of metric system measurement is not acceptable.
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★ ——— CATEGORIES ——— ★

CA01. BERRY PIE

CA02. BUTTERMILK PIE

CA03. CHESS PIE

CA04. CHOCOLATE PIE

CA05. CITRUS PIE

CA06. CREAM PIE

(NO CHOCOLATE,
NO FRUIT)

CA07. FRUIT PIE

CA08. NUT PIE

CA09. SUGAR-FREE PIE

PIZZA COOK-OFF CONTEST *New!*



ENTRY FEE		ADULT DIVISION		SKILL LEVEL	
\$3 PER ENTRY		18 & UP		AMATEURS	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES					
BEST OF SHOW AWARDED ONCE. OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CATEGORY.					
BEST OF SHOW	BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE	YELLOW HONORABLE MENTION	
\$200	\$15	\$10	\$5	RIBBON	
SPECIAL BEST OF SHOW PRIZE AWARDED BY CUTCO					

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023
CHECK-IN 9:00 A.M. • JUDGING 12 P.M.

★ ——— COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES ——— ★

ENTRY RULES

- This is an on-site cook-off where all cooking will take place during the Fair in front of a live audience.
- Pre-registration is required to be entered in the lotto drawing that will choose the 16 contestants by chance.**
- All interested cooks must submit their registration no later than Monday, July 10, 2023. The participants for each Cook-Off will be selected on Friday, July 14, 2023. Entry fees will be the responsibility of contestants if their names are drawn in the lottery, and will be notified by Creative Arts regarding payment options.



Scan QR code to register.

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged on taste, texture, and ease of preparation.

CONTEST RULES

- Contestants may enter up to three categories.
- Contestants must bring all ingredients and utensils needed to make the pizza.

- Commercially prepared or self-made dough may be used. Dough must be ready when contestant checks in.
- No cell phones permitted during contest.
- No mixes allowed or commercially prepared sauces allowed.
- Oven assignments will be drawn at check-in.
- The recipe for each entry must be included and typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. The contestant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on the backside of the recipe.**
- Must use U.S. standard measurements in the recipe. The use of metric system measurement is not acceptable.
- By entering a cooking contest(s), each contestant who places or receives an honorable mention hereby grants to the State Fair of Texas a perpetual, irrevocable, nonexclusive right, and license to use the entry (recipe and/or image) in association with the State Fair of Texas, including without limitation, events, and promotions, in all media now known or later developed. This license includes allowing the State Fair to publish the recipe and/or image in the State Fair of Texas annual cookbook, any special edition cookbooks, recipe blogs on the Fair or its sponsors' websites, and in third-party media placement. The contestant will receive recognition in published uses of the entry.

PIZZA COOK-OFF CONTEST (CONT.)



CATEGORIES



CB01. VEGETABLE

CB02. MEAT

CB03. GLUTEN-FREE

CB04. COMBINATION

CB05. DESSERT

HONEY, THE MAGIC INGREDIENT CONTEST



ENTRY FEE	AGES	SKILL LEVEL
\$2 PER ENTRY	18 & UP	AMATEURS
RIBBONS AND PRIZES 1ST PLACE, 2ND PLACE AND 3RD PLACE AWARDED.		
1ST PLACE	2ND PLACE	3RD PLACE
\$200	\$100	\$50

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023
CHECK-IN 9-10:30 A.M. • JUDGING 10:30 A.M.

★ ——— COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES ——— ★

ENTRY RULES

- Pre-register online at BigTex.com/CreativeArts or fill out a during-Fair contest entry form at the back of this guide and bring it with you on contest day to enter.
- See the "How to Enter" Guide on Page 1 for information on submitting a Cooking Contest entry.

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged on taste, creativity, and presentation.
- This contest does not award Best of Show.

CONTEST RULES

- No mixes allowed.
- Recipe must contain honey. May use half honey and half sugar or other sweetener.

- The recipe for each entry must be included and typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. The contestant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on the backside of the recipe.
- Must use U.S. standard measurements in the recipe. The use of metric system measurement is not acceptable.
- By entering a cooking contest(s), each contestant who places or receives an honorable mention hereby grants to the State Fair of Texas a perpetual, irrevocable, nonexclusive right, and license to use the entry (recipe and/or image) in association with the State Fair of Texas, including without limitation, events, and promotions, in all media now known or later developed. This license includes allowing the State Fair to publish the recipe and/or image in the State Fair of Texas annual cookbook, any special edition cookbooks, recipe blogs on the Fair or its sponsors' websites, and in third-party media placement. The contestant will receive recognition in published uses of the entry.

★ ——— CATEGORIES ——— ★

CC01. ANY DISH USING HONEY – THE MAGIC INGREDIENT

BEEKEEPERS HONEY CONTEST



ENTRY FEE	ADULT DIVISION	SKILL LEVEL
NONE	ALL	ANY
RIBBONS AND PRIZES RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CATEGORY.		
1ST PLACE	2ND PLACE	3RD PLACE
BLUE RIBBON	RED RIBBON	WHITE RIBBON

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023
ENTRY DEADLINE 10:30 A.M.

The Texas Beekeepers Association will conduct the honey contest during the State Fair of Texas located in the Competition Kitchen of the Creative Arts building inside Fair Park on **Monday, October 2, 2023**.

Judging will take place beginning Monday morning with results presented on that afternoon.

Thanks to the participants for their hard work with the finest entries in Texas.

★ ——— COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES ——— ★

GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Bring honey contest entry form with each entry to the registration table. Blank forms will be available. **Online entry is not available.**
- Photocopies accepted.
- Only one entry per category allowed per contestant.
- All honey must be produced by honey bees owned or managed by the contestant.
- There should be no identifying label or markers on the entry(s).
- Contest administrators will affix coded tabs to entries upon submission.
- **Disposition of entries: All entries will be donated to Happy Hill Children's Farm with the other honey from the Texas Beekeepers Association Honey Booth in the Food & Fiber Pavilion.**

"BLACK JAR HONEY" ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Entries must be submitted by a beekeeper and be pure unadulterated honey produced by their own bees.

- An "entry" consists of one container of any style (8 ounces or more).
- Submit entry sample in a container without any identifying marks.

"POLISHED JAR HONEY" ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Submit extracted honey entries in one-pound Queenline glass jars.
- Contestants may only submit honey entries produced in their own apiary or by bees that they manage for honey production or pollination.

CREAMED JAR HONEY ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- An entry of natural-unflavored, smoothly granulated, spreadable creamed honey submitted in one pound, wide-mouth, chunk honey/straight glass jar with appropriate metal or plastic lid.
- Creamed honey must be displayed in a clear, straight-sided, glass jar with a one piece lid.

BEEKEEPERS HONEY CONTEST (CONT.)



JUDGING



CONTEST JUDGING

- Contest judges will evaluate and score entries on day of the contest.
- Contest Committee Chairman will announce awards at the end of judging in the Creative Arts / State Fair Competition Kitchen area.
- This contest does not award Best of Show.

BLACK JAR HONEY JUDGING CRITERIA

- Judges will award **1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons** to entries based on blind tastings.
- Judges will not see the color, clarity or any visual appeal of the honey.
- It is a contest based on flavor profile and taste alone.
- A panel of judges will taste, test, and rank all the honey entries until the top three honey entries are determined.

Black Jar Honey judges are normally local chefs. In describing what they are looking for in honey entries, they typically mention things such as:

FLORAL OR FRUITY NOTES

NUTTY OR SPICY

COMPLEXITY OF FLAVOR

LONG, SMOOTH FINISH

SWEETNESS AND BALANCE

IS THE HONEY:

A. BITTER

B. SMOKEY

C. FLAT

D. SINGLE NOTE

E. SOUR

F. ONE-DIMENSIONAL

POLISH JAR HONEY JUDGING CRITERIA

- Judges will award **1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons** to entries based on total points received.
- Judges may award points to entries in the following categories for a possible 100 points.

POLISHED JAR HONEY

CONTAINER APPEARANCE	5
LEVEL OF FILL	5
DENSITY	10
FREE OF CRYSTALS	10
FREE OF AIR BUBBLES & FOAM	10
FREE OF WAX	10
FREE OF LINT	10
FREE OF OTHER FOREIGN MATTER	10
FLAVOR	15
BRIGHTNESS	15
TOTAL POINTS	100

CREAMED JAR HONEY JUDGING CRITERIA

- Judges will award **1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons** to entries based on total points received.
- Judges may award points to entries in the following categories for a possible 100 points.

CREAMED JAR HONEY

CONTAINER APPEARANCE
LEVEL OF FILL
FINENESS OF CRYSTALS
UNIFORMITY AND FIRMNESS
CLEANLINESS
FREE OF FOAM
FREE OF ADDED FLAVORS
FREE OF STRIATION OF COLORS



CATEGORIES



CD01. HONEY (POLISHED HONEY)

CD02. HONEY (BLACK JAR)

CD03. CREAMED HONEY

FARM-TO-FORK CONTEST



ENTRY FEE		AGES		SKILL LEVEL	
\$2 PER ENTRY		ALL		AMATEURS	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES BEST OF SHOW AWARDED ONCE. OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CATEGORY. SPECIAL BEST OF SHOW PRIZE AWARDED.					
BEST OF SHOW	BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE	YELLOW HONORABLE MENTION	
\$200	\$15	\$10	\$5	RIBBON	
SPECIAL BEST OF SHOW PRIZE AWARDED BY CUTCO					

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023
CHECK-IN 9-10:30 A.M. • JUDGING 10:30 A.M.

★ ——— COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES ——— ★

ENTRY RULES

- Pre-register online at BigTex.com/CreativeArts or fill out a during-Fair contest entry form at the back of this guide and bring it with you on contest day to enter.
- Participants may enter up to six categories. One entry per category.
- See the "How to Enter" Guide on Page 1 for information on submitting a Cooking Contest entry.

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged on taste and appearance.

CONTEST RULES

- Contestants must make a sweet or savory dish using fresh produce.
- **NO FROZEN OR CANNED VEGETABLES ALLOWED.**
- No mixes allowed.

- The recipes for each entry must be included and typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. The contestant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on the backside of the recipe.
- Must use U.S. standard measurements in the recipe. The use of metric system measurement is not acceptable.
- By entering a cooking contest(s), each contestant who places or receives an honorable mention hereby grants to the State Fair of Texas a perpetual, irrevocable, nonexclusive right, and license to use the entry (recipe and/or image) in association with the State Fair of Texas, including without limitation, events, and promotions, in all media now known or later developed. This license includes allowing the State Fair to publish the recipe and/or image in the State Fair of Texas annual cookbook, any special edition cookbooks, recipe blogs on the Fair or its sponsors' websites, and in third-party media placement. The contestant will receive recognition in published uses of the entry.

FARM-TO-FORK CONTEST (CONT.)



CATEGORIES



VEGETABLES

- CE01.** CARROTS
- CE02.** CORN
- CE03.** EGGPLANT
- CE04.** POTATOES

- CE05.** SQUASH
- CE06.** TOMATOES
- CE07.** BRUSSEL SPROUTS
- CE08.** GREEN BEANS

EGGS

- CE09.** BREAKFAST CASSEROLE
- CE10.** DESSERT

BISCUITS AND JAM CONTEST

New!



ENTRY FEE	AGES	SKILL LEVEL
\$2 PER ENTRY	ALL	AMATEURS
RIBBONS AND PRIZES RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CATEGORY.		
BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE
\$15	\$10	\$5
<p>THE 3 FIRST-PLACE WINNERS WILL BE QUALIFIED FOR ENTRY IN THE WORLD BISCUIT & JAM CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE WORLD FOOD CHAMPIONSHIP, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE ON ONE DAY DURING THE NOVEMBER 8-13, 2023 EVENT IN THE CENTENNIAL BUILDING IN FAIR PARK.</p> <p>NOTE: The World Food Championships is the largest competition in Food Sport. The WFC has awarded more than \$3 million in cash and prizes and garnered more than 7 billion media impressions and connected 200+ food brands with food fans, food bloggers and food contestants.</p>		

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023
CHECK-IN 9-10:30 A.M. • JUDGING 10:30 A.M.

★ ——— COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES ——— ★

ENTRY RULES

- Pre-register online at BigTex.com/CreativeArts OR fill out a contest entry form at the back of this guide and bring it with you on day of contest.
- Participants may enter all 3 categories with one entry per category.
- See the “How To Enter” guide on page one for information on submitting an entry.

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged on taste and texture

CONTEST RULES

- No mixes allowed.
- Must present one (1) dozen biscuits for judging.
- Jam must be homemade by contestant and canned in a glass ½ pint canning jar (one jar only).

- The recipe for each entry must be included and typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. The contestant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on the backside of the recipe.
- Must use U.S. standard measurements in the recipe. The use of metric system measurement is not acceptable.
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BISCUITS AND JAM CONTEST (CONT.)



CATEGORIES



CF01. ANGEL BISCUITS - Paired with a jar of Homemade Jam of Your Choice (sweet, savory, or hot)

CF02. TRADITIONAL BISCUITS - Paired with a jar of Homemade Jam of Your Choice (sweet, savory, or hot)

CF03. SWEET OR SAVORY BISCUITS - Paired with a jar of Homemade Jam of Your Choice (sweet, savory, or hot)

COOKING WITH CHEESE CONTEST



ENTRY FEE		AGES		SKILL LEVEL	
\$2 PER ENTRY		ALL		AMATEURS	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES					
BEST OF SHOW AWARDED ONCE. OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CATEGORY.					
BEST OF SHOW	BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE	YELLOW HONORABLE MENTION	
\$200	\$15	\$10	\$5	RIBBON	
SPECIAL BEST OF SHOW PRIZE AWARDED BY CUTCO					

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023
CHECK-IN 9-10:30 A.M. • JUDGING 10:30 A.M.

★ ——— COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES ——— ★

ENTRY RULES

- Pre-register online at BigTex.com/CreativeArts or fill out a during-Fair contest entry form at the back of this guide and bring it with you on contest day to enter.
- Participants may enter all categories. One entry per category.
- See the "How to Enter" Guide on Page 1 for information on submitting a Cooking Contest entry.

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged on taste, creativity, and appearance.

CONTEST RULES

- No mixes allowed.
- The recipe for each entry must be included and typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. The contestant's name, address, and

phone number must be printed on the backside of the recipe.

- Must use U.S. standard measurements in the recipe. The use of metric system measurement is not acceptable.
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★ ——— CATEGORIES ——— ★

CG01. CHEESE APPETIZER

CG02. PIMENTO CHEESE

CG03. MAC AND CHEESE

CG04. VEGETABLE CHEESE SOUP

CG05. CHEESE DESSERT (EXCEPT CHEESECAKE)

CG06. CHEESECAKE

CHOCOLATE CONTEST



ENTRY FEE	AGES		SKILL LEVEL	
\$2 PER ENTRY	ALL		AMATEURS	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES				
BEST OF SHOW AWARDED ONCE. OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CATEGORY.				
BEST OF SHOW	BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE	YELLOW HONORABLE MENTION
\$200	\$15	\$10	\$5	RIBBON
SPECIAL BEST OF SHOW PRIZE AWARDED BY CUTCO				

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023
CHECK-IN 9-10:30 A.M. • JUDGING 10:30 A.M.

★ ——— COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES ——— ★

ENTRY RULES

- Pre-register online at BigTex.com/CreativeArts or fill out a during-Fair contest entry form at the back of this guide and bring it with you on contest day to enter.
- Participants may enter up to six categories. One entry per category.
- See the "How to Enter" Guide on Page 1 for information on submitting a Cooking Contest entry.

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged on taste, texture, and appearance.

CONTEST RULES

- Entries must include at least 12 servings of the category chosen (brownies, bars, tarts, etc.).
- No mixes allowed.

- The recipe for each entry must be included and typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. The contestant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on the backside of the recipe.
- Must use U.S. standard measurements in the recipe. The use of metric system measurement is not acceptable.
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★ ——— CATEGORIES ——— ★

CH01. BROWNIE

CH02. CHOCOLATE BARS

CH03. CHOCOLATE LAYER CAKE (TWO OR MORE LAYERS)

CH04. CHOCOLATE MOUSSE OR PUDDING

CH05. CHOCOLATE SHEET CAKE

CH06. CHOCOLATE TART

CH07. FLOURLESS CHOCOLATE CAKE

CH08. SPECTACULAR CHOCOLATE DESSERT

LOW-TO-NO SUGAR CAKES & PIES CONTEST

New!

Splenda
ZERO CALORIE SWEETENER
Magic Baker

ENTRY FEE	AGES	SKILL LEVEL	
\$2 PER ENTRY	ALL	AMATEURS	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES 1ST PLACE, 2ND PLACE AND 3RD PLACE AWARDED			
BEST CAKE	BEST CUPCAKE	BEST CREAM PIE	BEST FRUIT PIE
FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN FOR BEST CAKE, BEST CUPCAKE, BEST CREAM PIE, AND BEST FRUIT PIE. 1ST PLACE – \$200 (GIFT CARD), 2ND PLACE – \$100 (GIFT CARD) 3RD PLACE – \$50 (GIFT CARD)			

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023
CHECK-IN 9-10:30 A.M. • JUDGING 10:30 A.M.

★ ——— COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES ——— ★

Take this sugar-free baking challenge and take your best shot at winning top honors. The prizes total \$1,400 among 4 (four) categories! Make a low-to-no sugar version of your favorite recipes. We want to see your best cakes, cupcakes, cream pies and fruit pies, all using Splenda and no added sugar!

ENTRY RULES

- Pre-register online at BigTex.com/CreativeArts or fill out a during-Fair contest entry form at the back of this guide and bring it with you on contest day to enter.
- See the "How to Enter" Guide on Page 1 for information on submitting a Cooking Contest entry.

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged as below and decisions are final:
- Use of ingredients, flavor combinations (25%); taste, aroma (25%) ease of preparation (25%), and overall appeal, crowd pleaser (25%).
- This contest does not award Best of Show.

CONTEST RULES

- Contestants may enter all 4 categories, with one entry per category.
- Use any Splenda product, such as Splenda Magic Baker, a new plant-based, zero-calorie sweetener. It measures and tastes like sugar. Use it 1 to 1 for replacing sugar.
- Bring your proof of purchase (Splenda product label/receipt), prepared entry, and corresponding recipe to the Creative Arts Building on October 10, 2023.
- The recipe, including pie crusts, must be included and typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. The contestant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on the backside of the recipe.
- Must use U.S. standard measurements in the recipe. The use of metric system measurements are not acceptable.
- Judges, as chosen by the Fair, will evaluate entries and determine winners based on the above criteria. Their decisions are final.
- By submitting your entry, you accept all Contest rules and agree to be bound by the judges' decisions, which will be final. Entrants may be asked to sign a written consent form about their participation.

LOW-TO-NO SUGAR CAKES & PIES CONTEST



★ — COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES (CONT.) — ★

- This contest is sponsored by the Splenda brand and managed by the Blue Ribbon Group (Media Matrixx, Inc.) as part of the Low-to-No Sugar Showdown recipe contest series, ©2023 Blue Ribbon Group.
- Snap a pic in your kitchen or at the Fair and post on social media tagging #Splenda, #BlueRibbonFoodies, and #StateFairofTexas
- All prizes will be delivered by the Blue Ribbon Group within 30 days of winner announcements. Taxes are the responsibility of the winner. Contest is void where prohibited or otherwise regulated by law.
- By entering a cooking contest(s), each contestant who places or receives an honorable mention hereby grants to the State Fair of Texas a perpetual, irrevocable, nonexclusive right, and license to use the entry (recipe and/or image) in association with the State Fair of Texas, including without limitation, events, and promotions, in all media now known or later developed. This license includes allowing the State Fair to publish the recipe and/or image in the State Fair of Texas annual cookbook, any special edition cookbooks, recipe blogs on the Fair or its sponsors' websites, and in third-party media placement. The contestant will receive recognition in published uses of the entry.

★ — CATEGORIES — ★

CI01. LOW-TO-NO-SUGAR CAKE (2 OR MORE LAYERS)

CI02. LOW-TO-NO-SUGAR CUPCAKE

CI03. LOW-TO-NO-SUGAR CREAM PIE (MUST BE HOMEMADE CRUST)

CI04. LOW-TO-NO-SUGAR FRUIT PIE (MUST BE HOMEMADE CRUST)

SPEEDY DISHES CONTEST



ENTRY FEE		AGES		SKILL LEVEL	
\$2 PER ENTRY		ALL		AMATEURS	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES					
BEST OF SHOW AWARDED ONCE. OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CATEGORY.					
BEST OF SHOW	BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE	YELLOW HONORABLE MENTION	
\$200	\$15	\$10	\$5	RIBBON	
SPECIAL BEST OF SHOW PRIZE AWARDED BY CUTCO					

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023
CHECK-IN 9-10:30 A.M. • JUDGING 10:30 A.M.

★ ——— COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES ——— ★

ENTRY RULES

- Pre-register online at BigTex.com/CreativeArts or fill out a during-Fair contest entry form at the back of this guide and bring it with you on contest day to enter.
- Participants may enter up to six categories.
- See the "How to Enter" Guide on Page 1 for information on submitting a Cooking Contest entry.

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged on taste, appearance, and ease of preparation.

CONTEST RULES

- Your dish may have a maximum of six ingredients, excluding salt, pepper and water. Any or all of the ingredients may be convenience products (e.g., canned soup, cake mix, salad dressing, etc.).
- The total number of convenience ingredients may not exceed six products.

- The recipe for each entry must be included and typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. The contestant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on the backside of the recipe.
- Must use U.S. standard measurements in the recipe. The use of metric system measurement is not acceptable.
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SPEEDY DISHES CONTEST (CONT.)



CATEGORIES



CJ01. APPETIZER

CJ02. MAIN DISH

CJ03. VEGETABLE SIDE DISH

CJ04. SALAD

CJ05. BARK (PEPPERMINT, NUT, ETC.)

CJ06. OTHER DESSERT (ANY)

CJ07. SNACK

FAIR CONCOCTIONS CONTEST



ENTRY FEE	AGES		SKILL LEVEL	
\$2 PER ENTRY	ALL		AMATEURS	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES				
BEST OF SHOW AWARDED ONCE. OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CATEGORY.				
BEST OF SHOW	BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE	YELLOW HONORABLE MENTION
\$200	\$15	\$10	\$5	RIBBON
SPECIAL BEST OF SHOW PRIZE AWARDED BY CUTCO				

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023
CHECK-IN 9-10:30 A.M. • JUDGING 10:30 A.M.

★ ——— COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES ——— ★

ENTRY RULES

- Pre-register online at BigTex.com/CreativeArts or fill out a during-Fair contest entry form at the back of this guide and bring it with you on contest day to enter.
- Participants may enter up to six categories. One entry per category.
- See the "How to Enter" Guide on Page 1 for information on submitting a Cooking Contest entry.

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged on taste, creativity, and appearance.

CONTEST RULES

- 12 servings per category.
- No mixes allowed.
- The recipe for each entry must be included and typed on an 8.5"

x 11" sheet of white paper. The contestant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on the backside of the recipe.

- Must use U.S. standard measurements in the recipe. The use of metric system measurement is not acceptable.
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★ ——— CATEGORIES ——— ★

CK01. SWEET

CK02. SAVORY

CK03. ON A STICK

YOUTH COOKING CONTEST

STATE FAIR
OF
TEXAS®

ENTRY FEE	CHILDREN DIVISION		JUNIOR DIVISION	
NONE	12 AND YOUNGER		13-17	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES BEST OF SHOW AWARDED TO JUNIOR AND CHILDREN DIVISIONS. OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CATEGORY.				
BEST OF SHOW	BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE	YELLOW HONORABLE MENTION
\$200	\$15	\$10	\$5	RIBBON
SPECIAL BEST OF SHOW PRIZE AWARDED BY BIG TEX®				

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023
CHECK-IN 9-10:30 A.M. • JUDGING 10:30 A.M.



COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES



ENTRY RULES

- Pre-register online at BigTex.com/CreativeArts or fill out a during-Fair contest entry form at the back of this guide and bring it with you on contest day to enter.
- Participants may enter up to six categories. One entry per category.
- See the "How to Enter" Guide on Page 1 for information on submitting a Cooking Contest entry.

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged on taste and texture.

CONTEST RULES

- Each entry must include at least 1½ dozen cookies, candies or cupcakes.
- No mixes or alcohol allowed.

- The recipe for each entry must be included and typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. The contestant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on the backside of the recipe.
- Must use U.S. standard measurements in the recipe. The use of metric system measurement is not acceptable.
- By entering a cooking contest(s), each contestant who places or receives an honorable mention hereby grants to the State Fair of Texas a perpetual, irrevocable, nonexclusive right, and license to use the entry (recipe and/or image) in association with the State Fair of Texas, including without limitation, events, and promotions, in all media now known or later developed. This license includes allowing the State Fair to publish the recipe and/or image in the State Fair of Texas annual cookbook, any special edition cookbooks, recipe blogs on the Fair or its sponsors' websites, and in third-party media placement. The contestant will receive recognition in published uses of the entry.

YOUTH COOKING CONTEST (CONT.)

STATE FAIR
OF
TEXAS®



CATEGORIES



JUNIOR DIVISION

CANDY

- CL01.** FUDGE (ANY)
- CL02.** DIVINITY
- CL03.** MINTS
- CL04.** HAND-DIPPED CHOCOLATES
(CRÈME FILLING)
- CL05.** BARK (PEPPERMINT, NUT, ETC.)

CAKE BAKING

LAYER, LOAF, BUNDT OR SHEET

- CL06.** CHOCOLATE
- CL07.** WHITE / YELLOW
- CL08.** POUND
- CL09.** SPICE
- CL10.** CUPCAKES

COOKIES

- CL11.** DROP
- CL12.** BARS
- CL13.** HOLIDAY OR PARTY

CHILDREN DIVISION

COOKIES

- CL14.** DROP
- CL15.** BARS
- CL16.** BROWNIES
- CL17.** HOLIDAY OR PARTY
- CL18.** COOKIE ON A STICK (ANY)

CANDY

- CL19.** FUDGE (ANY)
- CL20.** BARK (PEPPERMINT, NUT, ETC.)
- CL21.** OTHER CANDY (ANY)

INTERNATIONAL CUISINE CONTEST

New!



ENTRY FEE	AGES		SKILL LEVEL	
\$2 PER ENTRY	ALL		AMATEURS	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES				
BEST OF SHOW AWARDED ONCE. OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CATEGORIES.				
BEST OF SHOW	BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE	YELLOW HONORABLE MENTION
\$200	\$15	\$10	\$5	RIBBON
SPECIAL BEST OF SHOW PRIZE AWARDED BY CUTCO				

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023
CHECK-IN 9-10:30 A.M. • JUDGING 10:30 A.M.

★ ——— COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES ——— ★

ENTRY RULES

- Pre-register online at BigTex.com/CreativeArts or fill out a during-Fair contest entry form at the back of this guide and bring it with you on contest day to enter.
- Participants may enter up to six categories. One entry per category.
- See the "How to Enter" Guide on Page 1 for information on submitting a Cooking Contest entry.

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged on taste and appearance.

CONTEST RULES

- Entries may be any signature dish from the country of category chosen.
- No mixes allowed.

- The recipe for each entry must be included and typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. The contestant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on the backside of the recipe.
- Must use U.S. standard measurements in the recipe. The use of metric system measurement is not acceptable.
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★ ——— CATEGORIES ——— ★

CM01. FRANCE

CM02. GERMANY

CM03. ITALY

CM04. KOREA

CM05. PERU

CM06. PHILIPPINES

CM07. SPAIN

ICE CREAM FREEZE-OFF CONTEST *New!*



ENTRY FEE	ADULT DIVISION		SKILL LEVEL	
\$3 PER ENTRY	18 & UP		AMATEURS	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES				
BEST OF SHOW AWARDED ONCE. OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CATEGORY.				
BEST OF SHOW	BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE	YELLOW HONORABLE MENTION
\$200	\$15	\$10	\$5	RIBBON
SPECIAL BEST OF SHOW PRIZE AWARDED BY CUTCO				

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023
CHECK-IN 9:00 A.M. • JUDGING 12 P.M.

★ ——— COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES ——— ★

ENTRY RULES

- This is an on-site cook-off where all cooking will take place during the Fair in front of a live audience.
- **Pre-registration is required to be entered in the lotto drawing that will choose the 16 contestants by chance.**
- All interested cooks must submit their registration no later than Monday, July 10, 2023. The participants for each Cook-Off will be selected on Friday, July 14, 2023. Entry fees will be the responsibility of contestants if their names are drawn in the lottery, and will be notified by Creative Arts regarding payment options.



Scan QR code to register.

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged on taste and texture.

CONTEST RULES

- Contestants may enter one category.

- Contestants must bring all ingredients and equipment. A manual or an electric ice cream maker may be used. Prepare any custard base at home.
- No cell phones permitted during contest.
- No mixes allowed.
- Ice will be provided.
- **The recipe for each entry must be included and typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. The contestant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on the backside of the recipe.**
- Must use U.S. standard measurements in the recipe. The use of metric system measurement is not acceptable.
- By entering a cooking contest(s), each contestant who places or receives an honorable mention hereby grants to the State Fair of Texas a perpetual, irrevocable, nonexclusive right, and license to use the entry (recipe and/or image) in association with the State Fair of Texas, including without limitation, events, and promotions, in all media now known or later developed. This license includes allowing the State Fair to publish the recipe and/or image in the State Fair of Texas annual cookbook, any special edition cookbooks, recipe blogs on the Fair or its sponsors' websites, and in third-party media placement. The contestant will receive recognition in published uses of the entry.

ICE CREAM FREEZE-OFF CONTEST (CONT.)



CATEGORIES



CN01. CHOCOLATE (WITH OR WITHOUT ADDITIONS)

CN02. VANILLA (WITH OR WITHOUT ADDITIONS)

CN03. FRUIT

CN04. NUTS

CN05. ANY OTHER (CREAMY MARSHMALLOW, PEPPERMINT, ETC.)

COBBLER COOK-OFF

New!



ENTRY FEE	ADULT DIVISION		SKILL LEVEL	
\$3 PER ENTRY	18 & UP		AMATEURS	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES				
BEST OF SHOW AWARDED ONCE. OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CATEGORY.				
BEST OF SHOW	BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE	YELLOW HONORABLE MENTION
\$200	\$15	\$10	\$5	RIBBON
SPECIAL BEST OF SHOW PRIZE AWARDED BY CUTCO				

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023
CHECK-IN 9:00 A.M. • JUDGING 12:00 P.M.

★ ——— COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES ——— ★

ENTRY RULES

- This is an on-site cook-off where all cooking will take place during the Fair in front of a live audience.
- Pre-registration is required to be entered in the lotto drawing that will choose the 16 contestants by chance.
- All interested cooks must submit their registration no later than Monday, July 10, 2023. The participants for each Cook-Off will be selected on Friday, July 14, 2023. Entry fees will be the responsibility of contestants if their names are drawn in the lottery, and will be notified by Creative Arts regarding payment options.



Scan QR code to register.

- See first two pages of Cooking Contests section for complete rules and entry guidelines.

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged on taste, texture and appearance.

CONTEST RULES

- Contestants may enter two categories.

- Contestants with an odd number will cook the fruit category first, and even numbers will cook the berry category first.
- Contestants must bring all ingredients and utensils needed to put the cobbler(s) together.
- No cell phones permitted during contest.
- No mixes allowed.
- Oven assignments will be drawn at check-in.
- **The recipe for each entry must be included and typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. The contestant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on the backside of the recipe.**
- Must use U.S. standard measurements in the recipe. The use of metric system measurement is not acceptable.
- By entering a cooking contest(s), each contestant who places or receives an honorable mention hereby grants to the State Fair of Texas a perpetual, irrevocable, nonexclusive right, and license to use the entry (recipe and/or image) in association with the State Fair of Texas, including without limitation, events, and promotions, in all media now known or later developed. This license includes allowing the State Fair to publish the recipe and/or image in the State Fair of Texas annual cookbook, any special edition cookbooks, recipe blogs on the Fair or its sponsors' websites, and in third-party media placement. The contestant will receive recognition in published uses of the entry.

COBBLER COOK-OFF (CONT.)



CATEGORIES



CO01. ANY FRUIT (ONE FRUIT ONLY, NO BERRIES)

CO02. ANY BERRY (ONE BERRY ONLY, NO FRUIT)

CO03. ANY COMBO (2 OR MORE MIXTURES OF FRUIT AND/OR BERRIES)

AIR FRYER, SLOW COOKER, AND PRESSURE COOKER CONTEST *New!*



ENTRY FEE	AGES		SKILL LEVEL	
\$2 PER ENTRY	ALL		AMATEURS	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES				
BEST OF SHOW AWARDED ONCE. OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CATEGORY.				
BEST OF SHOW	BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE	YELLOW HONORABLE MENTION
\$200	\$15	\$10	\$5	RIBBON
SPECIAL BEST OF SHOW PRIZE AWARDED BY CUTCO				

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023
CHECK-IN 9-10:30 A.M. • JUDGING 10:30 A.M.

★ ——— COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES ——— ★

ENTRY RULES

- Pre-register online at BigTex.com/CreativeArts or fill out a during-Fair contest entry form at the back of this guide and bring it with you on contest day to enter.
- Participants may enter 3 categories with one entry per category.
- See the "How to Enter" Guide on Page 1 for information on submitting a Cooking Contest entry.

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged on taste.

CONTEST RULES

- No mixes allowed.
- Must present entry in the cooking appliance or in a casserole dish.
- The recipe for each entry must be included and typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. The contestant's name, address, and

phone number must be printed on the backside of the recipe.

- Must use U.S. standard measurements in the recipe. The use of metric system measurement is not acceptable.
- By entering a cooking contest(s), each contestant who places or receives an honorable mention hereby grants to the State Fair of Texas a perpetual, irrevocable, nonexclusive right, and license to use the entry (recipe and/or image) in association with the State Fair of Texas, including without limitation, events, and promotions, in all media now known or later developed. This license includes allowing the State Fair to publish the recipe and/or image in the State Fair of Texas annual cookbook, any special edition cookbooks, recipe blogs on the Fair or its sponsors' websites, and in third-party media placement. The contestant will receive recognition in published uses of the entry.

★ ——— CATEGORIES ——— ★

CP01. AIR FRYER SWEET
CP02. AIR FRYER SAVORY

CP03. PRESSURE COOKER SWEET
CP04. PRESSURE COOKER SAVORY

CP05. SLOW COOKER SWEET
CP06. SLOW COOKER SAVORY

TEX-MEX CONTEST



ENTRY FEE	AGES		SKILL LEVEL	
\$2 PER ENTRY	ALL		AMATEURS	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES				
BEST OF SHOW AWARDED ONCE. OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CATEGORY.				
BEST OF SHOW	BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE	YELLOW HONORABLE MENTION
\$200	\$15	\$10	\$5	RIBBON
SPECIAL BEST OF SHOW PRIZE AWARDED BY CUTCO				

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023
CHECK-IN 9-10:30 A.M. • JUDGING 10:30 A.M.

★ ——— COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES ——— ★

ENTRY RULES

- Pre-register online at BigTex.com/CreativeArts or fill out a during-Fair contest entry form at the back of this guide and bring it with you on contest day to enter.
- Participants may enter up to six categories. One entry per category.
- See the "How to Enter" Guide on Page 1 for information on submitting a Cooking Contest entry.

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged on taste, texture, and appearance.

CONTEST RULES

- No mixes allowed.
- The recipe for each entry must be included and typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. The contestant's name, address, and

phone number must be printed on the backside of the recipe.

- Must use U.S. standard measurements in the recipe. The use of metric system measurement is not acceptable.
- By entering a cooking contest(s), each contestant who places or receives an honorable mention hereby grants to the State Fair of Texas a perpetual, irrevocable, nonexclusive right, and license to use the entry (recipe and/or image) in association with the State Fair of Texas, including without limitation, events, and promotions, in all media now known or later developed. This license includes allowing the State Fair to publish the recipe and/or image in the State Fair of Texas annual cookbook, any special edition cookbooks, recipe blogs on the Fair or its sponsors' websites, and in third-party media placement. The contestant will receive recognition in published uses of the entry.

★ ——— CATEGORIES ——— ★

CQ01. SALSA

CQ02. PARTY FOODS

CQ03. TACOS

CQ04. SOUP

CQ05. CHILI

CQ06. ENTRÉE

CQ07. DESSERT

CANDY CONTEST



ENTRY FEE		AGES		SKILL LEVEL	
\$2 PER ENTRY		ALL		AMATEURS	
RIBBONS AND PRIZES					
BEST OF SHOW AWARDED ONCE. OTHER RIBBONS AWARDED IN EACH CATEGORY.					
BEST OF SHOW	BLUE 1ST PLACE	RED 2ND PLACE	WHITE 3RD PLACE	YELLOW HONORABLE MENTION	
\$200	\$15	\$10	\$5	RIBBON	
SPECIAL BEST OF SHOW PRIZE AWARDED BY CUTCO					

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023
CHECK-IN 9-10:30 A.M. • JUDGING 10:30 A.M.

★ ——— COMPETITION INFORMATION AND RULES ——— ★

ENTRY RULES

- Pre-register online at BigTex.com/CreativeArts or fill out a during-Fair contest entry form at the back of this guide and bring it with you on contest day to enter.
- Participants may enter up to six categories. One entry per category.
- See the "How to Enter" Guide on Page 1 for information on submitting a Cooking Contest entry.

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged on taste, texture, and appearance.

CONTEST RULES

- Entry must include at least 1½ dozen candies in any kind of container.
- No mixes allowed.
- No refrigeration and no sauces allowed.

- The recipe for each entry must be included and typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. The contestant's name, address, and phone number must be printed on the backside of the recipe.
- Must use U.S. standard measurements in the recipe. The use of metric system measurement is not acceptable.
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CANDY CONTEST (CONT.)



CATEGORIES



CR01. CARAMELS

CR02. DIVINITY

CR03. FUDGE, CHOCOLATE

CR04. FUDGE, NO CHOCOLATE

CR05. HAND-DIPPED CHOCOLATES

CR06. HARD CANDY

CR07. MINTS

CR08. NUT BRITTLES

CR09. NUT ROLL

CR10. PRALINES

CR11. TOFFEE

★ REGISTRATION ★
FORMS



COOKING CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Participants must complete one form per Cooking Contest submission. Print or copy the form FOR EACH Cooking Contest you would like to enter. Bring completed entry form with you when you come to the contest.

NAME OF CONTEST			
DATE OF CONTEST		ENTRY FEE	

CATEGORY NUMBER(S) YOU ARE ENTERING:

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

DID YOU ENTER IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS?: ☐ YES ☐ NO

IF YES, GIVE YOUR CONTESTANT NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ARE YOU A FIRST TIME CONTESTANT IN CREATIVE

ARTS COOKINGCONTESTS?: ☐ YES ☐ NO

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

DAYTIME PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

- ☐ By submitting this Entry Form and as a condition of entry in the State Fair of Texas contest, I certify that I have read, understand, and will abide by the rules and regulations as stated on this website and in the 2023 State Fair of Texas Creative Arts Handbook, as defined by State Fair's Creative Arts Dept. I acknowledge that all of the above-stated information and representations are true and correct.

Should I place with a ribbon in a State Fair of Texas cooking content (including the Canning Contest,) I will grant the State Fair of Texas a perpetual, irrevocable, nonexclusive right and license to use my entry (recipe and/or image) in association with all activities, publications, websites, social media sites, and the like of the State Fair of Texas, in all media now known or later developed, without compensation.

The State Fair of Texas owns the copyrights of any photographs of my entry taken on the fairgrounds or in any coordinated photoshoot. I hereby grant permission to the State Fair of Texas the perpetual right to use, post, publish, and display photographs and/or videos taken of me on the fairgrounds related to the Creative Arts competitions in materials and online communications related to the mission of the State Fair of Texas without compensation.

Parents/guardians ("Parents") registering contestants, under the age of 18, in a Creative Arts contest are providing consent for their child to enter the contest and such Parents hereby grant to the State Fair of Texas the same rights on behalf of their children as noted above in the rights granted to the State Fair of Texas by contestants 18 and older.

Entry fees will not be refunded or transferred, but categories may be changed after the entry is received.

BIG TEX BBQ & CHILI CHALLENGE REGISTRATION FORM

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CASI CHILI COOK-OFF	BIG TEX "NO RULES" CHILI CHALLENGE	BIG TEX BBQ CHALLENGE	BIG TEX "GREEN" CHILI CHALLENGE	CASI CHILI COOK-OFF	BIG TEX "NO RULES" CHILI CHALLENGE	BIG TEX BBQ CHALLENGE	BIG TEX "GREEN" CHILI CHALLENGE
AA01. CASI CHILI AA02. CASI CHILI SHOW	AB01. "NO RULES" CHILI	AC01. BBQ CHICKEN AC02. BBQ PORK SPARE RIBS AC03. BBQ RIB-EYE STEAK	AD01. "GREEN" CHILI	AA01. CASI CHILI AA02. CASI CHILI SHOW	AB01. "NO RULES" CHILI	AC01. BBQ CHICKEN AC02. BBQ PORK SPARE RIBS AC03. BBQ RIB-EYE STEAK	AD01. "GREEN" CHILI

COOK-OFF NAME: _____

CATEGORY NUMBER(S): _____

PRINT HEAD COOK NAME: _____

PRINT TEAM NAME: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

DAYTIME PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

COOK-OFF NAME: _____

CATEGORY NUMBER(S): _____

PRINT HEAD COOK NAME: _____

PRINT TEAM NAME: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

DAYTIME PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

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CASI CHILI COOK-OFF	BIG TEX "NO RULES" CHILI CHALLENGE	BIG TEX BBQ CHALLENGE	BIG TEX "GREEN" CHILI CHALLENGE	CASI CHILI COOK-OFF	BIG TEX "NO RULES" CHILI CHALLENGE	BIG TEX BBQ CHALLENGE	BIG TEX "GREEN" CHILI CHALLENGE
AA01. CASI CHILI AA02. CASI CHILI SHOW	AB01. "NO RULES" CHILI	AC01. BBQ CHICKEN AC02. BBQ PORK SPARE RIBS AC03. BBQ RIB-EYE STEAK	AD01. "GREEN" CHILI	AA01. CASI CHILI AA02. CASI CHILI SHOW	AB01. "NO RULES" CHILI	AC01. BBQ CHICKEN AC02. BBQ PORK SPARE RIBS AC03. BBQ RIB-EYE STEAK	AD01. "GREEN" CHILI

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