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# COOKING CONTESTS

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## COOKING CONTEST SCHEDULE 2025

FRI.	MAY 16	CAKE CONTEST <i>Battle</i>
SAT.	MAY 17	COOKIE CONTEST <i>Battle</i>
SUN.	MAY 18	PIE CONTEST <i>Battle</i> <i>New Categories</i>
SAT.	SEPT. 27	BREAD CONTEST
SUN.	SEPT. 28	COOKING WITH CHEESE CONTEST
MON.	SEPT. 29	HONEY, THE MAGIC INGREDIENT BEEKEEPERS HONEY CONTEST FARM TO FORK CONTEST
WED.	OCT. 1	CHOCOLATE CONTEST
FRI.	OCT. 3	PIZZA COOK-OFF
SAT.	OCT. 4	<b>YOUTH</b> COOKING CONTEST
SUN.	OCT. 5	BEST OF SHOW-DOWN <i>Invitation Only</i> PLAY WITH YOUR FOOD CONTEST
MON.	OCT. 6	DOUGH-RE-ME PASTRY CONTEST <i>New!</i> SOUP OR SALAD CONTEST
WED.	OCT. 8	ICE CREAM FREEZE-OFF
THUR.	OCT. 9	THE ULTIMATE GRILLED CHEESE CHALLENGE CHARCUTERIE BOARD CONTEST
FRI.	OCT. 10	TEXAS CHUCK WAGON CONTEST <i>New!</i>
SUN.	OCT. 12	INTERNATIONAL CUISINE CONTEST <i>New Categories</i>
TUES.	OCT. 14	SPEEDY DISHES CONTEST FAIR CONCOCTIONS CONTEST
WED.	OCT. 15	CHICKEN OR THE EGG CONTEST
THUR.	OCT. 16	COBBLER COOK-OFF
SAT.	OCT. 18	TEX MEX CONTEST
SUN.	OCT. 19	CANDY CONTEST

## KEY DATES

**MARCH** ➔ ALL HANDBOOKS RELEASED  
- COOKING & ARTS AND CRAFTS  
**19TH** ➔ ONLINE REGISTRATION OPEN  
FOR BATTLE FOR THE BLUE  
RIBBONS COOKING CONTESTS  
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**7TH** ➔ FOR ALL COOKING AND  
ART & CRAFTS CONTESTS

## ★ BATTLE FOR THE ★ BLUE RIBBONS



The State Fair of Texas welcomes back The Battle for the Blue Ribbons and will host three of the Fair's most popular Creative Arts Cooking Contests – Cakes, Cookies, and Pies – over a weekend in late 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, 10/5/2025.

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**SUN., MAY 18 – PIE CONTEST**

PRE-REGISTRATION IS  
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