

# **ADULT CONTESTS & SPECIAL COMPETITIONS ENTRY GUIDE**

## **I Spy Summer!**

Each exhibitor will receive one 2019 Alameda County Fair admission ticket at time of entry delivery

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**Entry Deadline: April 24<sup>th</sup>**

***Late Entries: Available ONLINE only through May 10<sup>th</sup> : \$5.00 Per Entry***

***Same Day Entries: May 17<sup>th</sup> (3-8 p.m.) & May 18<sup>th</sup> (9 a.m.-3 p.m.):  
\$10.00 Per Entry  
(must bring printed entry form along with physical entry(ies) and payment during  
delivery periods to Building P)***

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# CREATIVE LIVING COMPLETE GUIDE

**\*For All Entry Drop Off, Enter Through Gate 12 on Valley Avenue\***

Category	Online Entry Deadline	Delivery Information	Release Information
Special Craft Competitions	April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Building P Friday, May 17 <sup>th</sup> 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. Saturday, May 18 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Building C—South Door Tues. July 9 <sup>th</sup> 12-8 p.m.
Table setting	April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Building C—North Door Wednesday, June 12 <sup>th</sup> 12-7 p.m.	Building C—South Door Tues. July 9 <sup>th</sup> 12-8 p.m.
Classic Treats I Spy... Mix It Up--Tricks with a Mix	June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Building C—North Door Friday, June 14 <sup>th</sup> 7-10 a.m. (Enter Gate 12 on Valley)	Building C—South Door Tues. July 9 <sup>th</sup> 12-8 p.m.
Dutch Oven Cooking Contest	June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Country Plaza Saturday, June 15 <sup>th</sup> 12:30 p.m.	Release immediately after contest.
Guittard Chocolate Contest	June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Building C Cooking Demo Stage Area Saturday, June 15 <sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m.	Release immediately after contest.
On-the-Spot Salsa Contest	No pre-registration	Building C Cooking Demo Stage Area Sunday, June 16 <sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m.	Release immediately after contest
Cupcake Contest	June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Building C Cooking Demo Stage Area Saturday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup> 11:00 a.m.	Release immediately after contest
My Family's Favorite Cookie Contest	June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Building C Cooking Demo Stage Area Sunday, June 23 <sup>rd</sup> 11:00 a.m.	Release immediately after contest.
Baked Food—Period 2 King Arthur Flour Mystery Cookie S'mores No More	June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Building C—North Door Wednesday, June 26 <sup>th</sup> 7-10 a.m. (Enter Gate 12 on Valley)	Building C—South Door Tues. July 9 <sup>th</sup> 12-8 p.m.
Honey, This is a Dessert Contest	June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Building C Cooking Demo Stage Area Saturday, June 29 <sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m.	Release immediately after contest.
On-the-Spot Cookie Decorating Contest	No pre-registration	Building C Cooking Demo Stage Area Sunday, June 30 <sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Release immediately after contest.
My Family's Favorite Pie Contest	July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Building C Cooking Demo Stage Area Saturday, July 6 <sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m.	Release immediately after contest.
Cupcake Decorating Contest	July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Building C Cooking Demo Stage Area Sunday, July 7 <sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m.	Release immediately after contest.
On-the Spot Cupcake Decorating Contest	No pre-registration	Building C Cooking Demo Stage Area Sunday, July 7 <sup>th</sup> 4:30 p.m.	Release immediately after contest

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# CULINARY ARTS

**Please read competition guidelines: Changes are made each year.**

- 1) **Eligibility:**
  - a) Open to residents of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Solano Counties.
  - b) Open to amateurs only, except where designated under the Professional category.
  - c) Professional exhibitors (one who has sold more than half of the items made in any year within the entry category, who has taught classes for payment, or is employed in the industry) must enter in the Professional categories only. Professionals receive ribbons, but do not qualify for premiums.
  - d) The exhibitor must home prepare non-baked food entries within one year of the opening date of the fair. Non-baked food entries that have been shown at previous Alameda County Fairs are not eligible and will be disqualified.
  - e) The Fair Association reserves the right to refuse any entry or to refuse to display any entry considered not to be in the best interest of the Fair. No entry will be accepted where an exhibitor prescribes conditions under which they will exhibit.
- 2) **Entries:**
  - a) Please note all division and class limits.
  - b) Items may be transferred to a different division or class by fair personnel. This may result in the exhibitor exceeding class limits which may affect award eligibility.
  - c) If allowed, and entering more than one recipe per class, the recipes must be different.
  - d) Within any year, each recipe may only be entered once.
  - e) Food entries do not need to be baked or preserved from an original recipe (unless otherwise specified), but must be handmade by the entrant from scratch and must not use any prepared mixes (with the exception of Tricks with a Mix).
  - f) All baked foods must be entered with a complete recipe at time of delivery. Recipes will not be shared and will be returned with the judge's comment card.
  - g) Entry fees will not be refunded.
  - h) If you have any questions, please email [entries@alamedacountyfair.com](mailto:entries@alamedacountyfair.com) or call 925-426-7611.
- 3) **Presentation & Display:**
  - a) The Fair will provide an exhibit tag. Please enter with the exhibitor's name as you wish it to appear.
  - b) All Period 1 baked food items will be discarded prior to Period 2 delivery. Items may be discarded prior to that time if they become deteriorated; this is at the discretion of fair personnel. When possible, the exhibit tags of discarded food will be displayed on the wall outside the office in Building C for the duration of the fair.
  - c) Exhibits are displayed to interest the public and showcase the exhibits. The Alameda County Fair assumes total design control over the presentation of the exhibit.
  - d) Whenever possible (with the exception of pies which should be entered in a glass pie plate) baked food entries should be delivered in non-returnable, disposable containers, plates or wraps.
  - e) Baked goods will be displayed on plates provided by the fair. Unless otherwise specified, plate presentation has no effect on judging results.
- 4) **Handling:**
  - a) Greatest care will be exercised in handling exhibits, but the Fair Management, Alameda County Fair Association, and the County of Alameda will not be held liable for loss, theft or damage of any kind from any cause. Submission of any work constitutes an agreement to this effect.
  - b) No one but the judges and departmental personnel will be allowed to handle exhibits.
- 5) **Judging:**
  - a) Entries are judged using the American System of Judging where exhibits are judged against each other. There is the availability of one 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. Honorable Mention may be awarded at the judge's discretion. All 1<sup>st</sup> place winners in a division will compete against each other for the Best of Show. Judges may choose to omit a placing if it is believed to be without merit.
  - b) Qualified judges are selected by the Alameda County Fair. Judging decisions are final.
  - c) Judging results will not be given out by phone, mail, or email.
  - d) The Fair does not guarantee the payment of Sponsored special premiums and awards as they are secured in good faith.
  - e) Sweepstakes ties will be broken by number of 1<sup>st</sup> place entries.
- 6) **Ribbons & Judge's Comments:**
  - a) Ribbons, judge's comment cards, and recipes will be available for pick up in the office of Building C any time the fair is open beginning Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Any desired ribbons, comment cards or recipes not picked up during the fair must be picked up on the exhibit release day, Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> from 12-8 p.m. Ribbons, comment cards, and recipes will not be mailed.
  - b) Unclaimed ribbons, comment cards and recipes will be held at the Exhibit Office until Labor Day. At that point, they will be discarded.

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## Classic Treats Made From Scratch

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00 Per Entry  
**Limit:** 2 Different Recipes Per Class, Per Exhibitor  
**Online Registration Deadline:** June 11<sup>th</sup>  
**Delivery Information:** Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 7-10 a.m.



**DIVISION 112**—Classic Treats Made From Scratch

**CLASS:**

1. Classic Treats Made From Scratch

**SPECIAL RULES:**

- We all love classic treats such as Oreos, Peanut Butter Cups, Twinkies, and Granola Bars. Create your own made from scratch version of a classic store-bought treat!
- Open to all non-professional adults (Those who do not test or develop recipes for payment).
- All entries **MUST** be submitted with a detailed recipe with complete instructions.
- Enter 7 pieces

**Judging Standards:**

25% **Appearance**  
30% **Texture**  
35% **Flavor**  
10% **Recipe**  
100%

**Cash Prizes Per Class:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$8.00**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$6.00**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$4.00**

**Baked Food Sweepstakes:**

(Divisions 101-124)  
Based on points earned:  
(1<sup>st</sup>=5 points, 2<sup>nd</sup>=3 points, 3<sup>rd</sup>=1 point)  
**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$30**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$25**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$20**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Place: \$15**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Place: \$10**

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## I Spy...Cinnamon!

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00 Per Entry

**Limit:** 2 Different Recipes Per Class, Per Exhibitor

**Online Registration Deadline:** June 11<sup>th</sup>

**Delivery Information:** Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 7-10 a.m.

***Take the required ingredient and use it in a surprising or unexpected way!***

### **DIVISION 102—I SPY...Cinnamon!**

#### **CLASS:**

1. I Spy...Cinnamon!

#### **SPECIAL RULES:**

- Use the required ingredient and use it in a surprising or unexpected way.
- The item should be prominent in the taste of the entry.
- All entries **MUST** be submitted with a detailed recipe with complete instructions.
- Enter: 1 Whole Cake, Pie, or Bread.  
7 Cupcakes, Cookies, Candies, Brownies, or Muffins.

#### **Judging Standards:**

20% **Appearance**  
20% **Texture**  
40% **Flavor & Taste**  
10% **Creativity & Originality**  
10% **Recipe**  
100%

#### **Cash Prizes Per Class:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$8.00**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$6.00**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$4.00**

#### **Baked Food Sweepstakes:**

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**5<sup>th</sup> Place: \$10**

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## King Arthur Flour Special Competition

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00 Per Entry  
**Limit:** 2 Different Recipes Per Exhibitor  
**Online Registration Deadline:** June 23<sup>rd</sup>  
**Delivery Information:** Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 7-10 a.m.



### Special Awards Sponsored by King Arthur Flour:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$75 gift certificate to the Baker's Catalogue/ [kingarthurfLOUR.com](http://kingarthurfLOUR.com)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$50 gift certificate to the Baker's Catalogue/ [kingarthurfLOUR.com](http://kingarthurfLOUR.com)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$25 gift certificate to the Baker's Catalogue/ [kingarthurfLOUR.com](http://kingarthurfLOUR.com)

*Choose your favorite*

*King Arthur Flour Holiday Cookie Recipe from the King Arthur Flour Website!*

### DIVISION 122—KING ARTHUR FLOUR

#### CLASS:

1. King Arthur Flour Special Competition

#### SPECIAL RULES:

- Contest is open to amateur youth and adult exhibitors 9 years and older.
- **Entries must use only King Arthur Flour.**
- **All contestants must use a King Arthur Flour Holiday Cookie recipe found on the King Arthur website. <https://www.kingarthurfLOUR.com/recipes/cookies-bars-and-candy/holiday?sort=2&page=1>**
- **Recipe and proof of purchase of King Arthur Flour must accompany your entry.**
- Please submit 7 pieces.

#### Judging Standards:

50% **Flavor**  
25% **Texture**  
25% **Appearance**  
100%

#### Baked Food Sweepstakes:

(Divisions 101-124)  
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## Mix It Up! Tricks With A Mix

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00 Per Entry  
**Limit:** 2 Different Recipes Per Class, Per Exhibitor  
**Online Registration Deadline:** June 11<sup>th</sup>  
**Delivery Information:** Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 7-10 a.m.

*Take a prepackaged mix and transform it into something new!*

### DIVISION 111—MIX IT UP! TRICKS WITH A MIX

#### **CLASS:**

1. Cake
2. Cookies
3. Any Other Dessert (specify)

#### **SPECIAL RULES:**

- Use your favorite pre-packaged mix and make it into something new.
- All entries **MUST** be submitted with a detailed recipe with complete instructions.
- Enter: 1 Whole Cake, Pie, or Bread.  
7 Cupcakes, Cookies, Candies, Brownies, or Muffins.

#### Judging Standards:

20% **Appearance**  
20% **Texture**  
40% **Flavor & Taste**  
10% **Creativity & Originality**  
10% **Recipe**  
100%

#### Cash Prizes Per Class:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$8.00**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$6.00**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$4.00**

#### Baked Food Sweepstakes:

(Divisions 101-124)  
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## Mystery Cookie

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**Online Registration Deadline:** June 23<sup>rd</sup>  
**Delivery Information:** Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 7-10 a.m.



### DIVISION 123—MYSTERY COOKIE

#### CLASS:

1. Mystery Cookie

#### SPECIAL RULES

- Entrant must use **all** ingredients from the “Required” List of ingredients as well as **at least 4 categories** of the items on the “Additional” Ingredients list.
- **Only items listed may be used. Ingredients not listed may NOT be used in the recipe. Recipes with additional ingredients are not eligible to place and may be disqualified.**
- All entries MUST be submitted with a detailed recipe with complete instructions.
- Enter: 7 Cookies.

#### REQUIRED INGREDIENTS:

Flour  
Salt  
Sugar  
Baking Powder and/or Baking Soda  
Butter and/or Oil  
Egg

#### ADDITIONAL INGREDIENTS:

(Must use at least 4)  
Baking Chips (chocolate, mint, peanut butter, etc.)  
Coconut  
Extract (coconut, mint, vanilla, etc.)  
Graham Crackers  
Molasses  
Nut Butter (peanut, Nutella, almond, etc.)  
Oreo Cookies  
Pretzels  
Spices (cinnamon, cayenne, ginger, etc.)

#### Judging Standards:

20% **Appearance**  
20% **Texture**  
40% **Flavor & Taste**  
10% **Creativity & Originality**  
10% Recipe  
100%

#### Cash Prizes Per Class:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$8.00**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$6.00**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$4.00**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$25**  
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## S'mores No More

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00 Per Entry  
**Limit:** 2 Entries Per Exhibitor  
**Online Entry Deadline:** June 23<sup>rd</sup>  
**Delivery Information:** Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 7-10 a.m.

*Take the ingredients of S'mores and transform them into something new!*

### DIVISION 124—S'MORES NO MORE

#### CLASS:

1. S'mores No More



#### SPECIAL RULES:

- Use the ingredients of S'mores (graham crackers, chocolate, & marshmallow) and create a new dessert that retains the flavor of s'mores.
- All entries MUST be submitted with a recipe with complete instructions.
- Enter: 1 Whole Cake, Pie, or Bread.
- Enter: 7 Cupcakes, Cookies, Candies, Brownies, or Muffins.

#### Judging Standards

20% **Appearance**  
20% **Texture**  
40% **Flavor & Taste**  
10% **Creativity & Originality**  
10% **Recipe**  
100%

#### Cash Prizes Per Class:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$8.00**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$6.00**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$4.00**

#### Baked Food Sweepstakes:

(Divisions 101-124)  
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## Cupcake Contest

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00 Per Entry

**Limit:** 2 Different Recipes Per Class, Per Exhibitor

**Online Entry Deadline:** June 19<sup>th</sup>

***Sponsored by Oh Cake!***

**Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 a.m.**

### **DIVISION 1605—CUPCAKE CONTEST**

#### **CLASS:**

1. Adult
2. Youth



#### **SPECIAL RULES:**

- Show us your best cupcake!
- Open to all non-professional adults and youth. (Those who do not test or develop recipes for payment).
- Youth must be at least 9 years old and make the entry without significant adult assistance.
- Entry may not include any prepackaged toppings or mixes.
- Garnishes should be edible.
- Entries will be eaten and judged mainly on taste & texture.
- Enter 7 Cupcakes.
- All entries MUST be submitted with a recipe with complete instructions.
- Please include a brief anecdote, tips, tricks, and/or lessons learned about this particular recipe and why this recipe was selected for this contest.
- Exhibitor must be present to win additional \$25 for best overall cupcake.
- Each exhibitor's name will be placed on a list with the guard at Gate 2 on Bernal Avenue. They will park there and check in at Building C. At that point, they will receive 1 admission and 1 parking pass. Exhibitors will return to Gate 2, move their car to Gate 12 and park using the parking pass. Exhibitors will then enter the fairgrounds using the admission ticket they just received.

#### **Judging Standards:**

20% **Appearance**  
30% **Texture**  
40% **Taste**  
10% **Creativity**  
100%

#### **Special Prizes Per Class**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$25 Cash**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$15 Cash**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$10 Cash**  
  
**\$25 to Best Overall Cupcake**  
(must be present to win)

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## Cupcake Decorating Contest

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00 Per Entry  
**Limit:** 1 Entry Per Exhibitor  
**Online Entry Deadline:** July 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Sponsored By: Jenn's Cupcakes**

**Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.**

**(There will also be an on-the-spot contest at 4:30 p.m. Sign up at the Cooking Demonstration Stage on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>)**



### **DIVISION 1609—CUPCAKE DECORATING CONTEST**

#### **CLASS:**

1. Adult
2. Youth



#### **SPECIAL RULES:**

- Open to all non-professional adults and youth.
- Youth must be at least 9 years old and may not have any adult assistance.
- All materials will be provided on-site by Jenn's Cupcakes.
- Materials will include 4 cupcakes, buttercream frosting, fondant, piping bags, piping tips, and some surprises!
- Contestants will have 20 minutes to decorate their set of 4 cupcakes, using *only* the provided materials.
- Decorating will begin promptly at 11:00. Contestants who arrive late or welcome to still participate, but will not receive a time extension. On-the-spot contest will begin at 4:30 p.m.
- Judging will be on appearance and presentation only. During judging, participants must be able to explain their design and assembly and be willing to answer the judges' questions about cake decorating. The entry cupcake must be the sole work of the contestant.
- Space is limited and will be granted based on date registered.
- Pre-registered contest only: Each exhibitor's name will be placed on a list with the guard at Gate 2 on Bernal Avenue. They will park there and deliver their entry to Building C. At that point, they will receive 1 admission and 1 parking pass. Exhibitors will return to Gate 2, move their car to Gate 12 and park using the parking pass. Exhibitors will then enter the fairgrounds using the admission ticket they just received.

#### Judging Standards

30% **Eye Appeal**  
25% **Icing**  
25% **Uniformity in Decorating**  
10% **Originality & Creativity**  
10% **Difficulty Factor**  
100%

#### Special Prizes Per Class:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$25.00**  
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## Dutch Oven Cooking Contest

Entry Fee: \$2.00 Per Entry  
Limit: 1 Entry Per Class, Per Exhibitor  
Online Entry Deadline: June 8<sup>th</sup>

*Sponsored By: Alameda County CattleWomen*

Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, Judging begins at 12:30 p.m.

DIVISION 1608—Dutch Oven Cooking Contest

**CLASS:**

1. Dutch Oven Beef Dish
2. Dutch Oven Side Dish
3. Dutch Oven Dessert



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## Guittard Chocolate Contest

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00 Per Entry  
**Limit:** 1 Entry Per Class, Per Exhibitor  
**Online Entry Deadline:** June 12<sup>th</sup>  
**Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.**

Sponsored By:



### **DIVISION 1602—GUITTARD CHOCOLATE CONTEST CLASS:**

1. Cakes, Cupcakes, Pies
2. Cookies, Bars & Candy
3. Any Other (pudding, mousse, etc.)

### **SPECIAL RULES:**

- Open to all non-professional adults and youth aged 9 and over. (Those who do not test or develop recipes for payment)
- Enter any chocolate creation using at least 10 ounces of any combination of the following Guittard Chocolate products: Guittard Baking Chips (Guittard Semi sweet Chocolate Chips, Guittard Real Milk Chocolate Chips, Guittard Extra Dark Chocolate Chips, Guittard Fair-Trade Certified Akoma or Guittard Super Cookie Semisweet Chocolate Chips) Guittard Baking Bars (64% Cacao Semisweet Chocolate, 70% Cacao Bittersweet Chocolate or 100% Cacao Unsweetened Chocolate), Guittard Baking Wafers (31% Cacao White Chocolate, 38% Cacao Milk Chocolate, 61% Cacao Semisweet Chocolate, 72% Cacao Bittersweet Chocolate) or Guittard Cocoa (Cocoa Rouge or Grand Cacao). In addition, the following Guittard products may be used if one of the chocolate products listed above is also used in the required amount: Guittard non-chocolate; Guittard Choc-Au-Lait Vanilla Milk Chips, Guittard Butterscotch Chips or Guittard Green Mint Chips.
- **Guittard packages MUST accompany your entry.**
- Entry may not include any prepackaged mixes (i.e. cake, frosting, pudding, or topping mixes.)
- Entry must be the **ORIGINAL** recipe of the exhibitor (never previously published) and may not have been entered AND won in any other competition.
- Bring two copies of your recipe, including instructions, typed or printed on **5”X8” cards**: one with the recipe & your name, address & phone number in the upper right-hand corner, and the other with just the recipe.
- Please include a brief anecdote, tips, tricks, and/or lessons learned when developing the recipe and the reason for selecting the type(s) of chocolate to include in the recipe.
- All recipes become the property of the Guittard Chocolate Company.
- Enter: 1 cake, 1 pie, 6 cupcakes, 6 servings of mousse &/or puddings, 6 cookies, 6 bars, 6 pieces of candy.
- After preliminary judging on appearance, the exhibitor will plate one sample for each judge for tasting.
- The previous year’s First Place winner is not eligible to compete in the winning class of the current year’s contest.
- Each exhibitor’s name will be placed on a list with the guard at Gate 2 on Bernal Avenue. They will park there and deliver their entry to Building C. At that point, they will receive 1 admission and 1 parking pass. Exhibitors will return to Gate 2, move their car to Gate 12 and park using the parking pass. Exhibitors will then enter the fairgrounds using the admission ticket they just received.

### Judging Standards:

20% **Appearance**  
30% **Texture**  
40% **Taste**  
10% **Creativity**  
100%

### Special Prizes Per Class:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$50.00**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$25.00**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$15.00**

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## Honey, This Is A Dessert Contest

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00 Per Entry  
**Limit:** 1 Entry Per Class, Per Exhibitor  
**Online Entry Deadline:** June 26th

### **Sponsored By: Alameda County Beekeepers Association**

*(The Oldest Beekeepers association west of the Mississippi, celebrating 102 years in operation)*

**Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.**

### **DIVISION 1603—HONEY, THIS IS A DESSERT CONTEST**

#### **CLASS:**

1. Cakes (cakes, cupcakes, tortes, etc.)
2. Cookies
3. Any Other Dessert (pies, candies, confections, etc.)



#### **SPECIAL RULES:**

- Open to all non-professional adults and youth. (Those who do not test or develop recipes for payment)
- Youth must be at least 9 years old and make the entry without significant adult assistance.
- Entry may not include any prepackaged mixes or toppings.
- **Entry must contain at least ½ cup pure honey.**
- Enter 1 whole cake, pie, or torte & 6 cupcakes, candies, or cookies.
- Bring two copies of your recipe, including instructions (typed or printed): one with the recipe & your name, address & phone number in the upper right-hand corner, and the other with just the recipe.
- All recipes become the property of the Alameda County Beekeepers Association and may be used by the media and for publication.
- After preliminary judging on appearance, the exhibitor will plate one sample for each judge for tasting.
- Please include a brief anecdote, tips, tricks, and/or lessons learned about this particular recipe and why this recipe was selected for this contest.
- Each exhibitor's name will be placed on a list with the guard at Gate 2 on Bernal Avenue. They will park there and deliver their entry to Building C. At that point, they will receive 1 admission and 1 parking pass. Exhibitors will return to Gate 2, move their car to Gate 12 and park using the parking pass. Exhibitors will then enter the fairgrounds using the admission ticket they just received.

#### Judging Standards:

20% **Appearance**  
30% **Texture**  
40% **Taste**  
10% **Complexity**  
100%

#### Special Prizes Per Class:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$30.00**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$20.00**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$10.00**

**Grand Prize: Honey Gift  
Basket for Best Overall Entry**

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## My Family's Favorite Cookie Contest

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00 Per Entry  
**Limit:** 2 Different Recipes Per Exhibitor  
**Online Entry Deadline:** June 20<sup>th</sup>



**Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 a.m.**

### **DIVISION 1607—MY FAMILY'S FAVORITE COOKIE CONTEST**

#### **CLASS:**

1. My Family's Favorite Cookie Contest

#### **SPECIAL RULES:**

- Open to all non-professional adults and youth. (Those who do not test or develop recipes for payment)
- Youth must be at least 9 years old and make the entry without significant adult assistance.
- Entry may not include any prepackaged mixes or toppings.
- Enter 7 cookies.
- Bring two copies of your recipe, including instructions (typed or printed): one with the recipe & your name, address & phone number in the upper right-hand corner, and the other with just the recipe.
- All recipes become the property of the Alameda County Fair and may be used by the media and for publication.
- After preliminary judging on appearance, the exhibitor will plate one sample for each judge for tasting.
- Entry must include a written explanation that includes why this recipe is special to your family and/or a favorite memory or tradition associated with the recipe.
- Each exhibitor's name will be placed on a list with the guard at Gate 2 on Bernal Avenue. They will park there and deliver their entry to Building C. At that point, they will receive 1 admission and 1 parking pass. Exhibitors will return to Gate 2, move their car to Gate 12 and park using the parking pass. Exhibitors will then enter the fairgrounds using the admission ticket they just received.

#### Judging Standards:

20% **Appearance**  
30% **Texture**  
40% **Taste**  
10% **Creativity**  
100%

#### Special Prizes Per Class:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$30.00**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$20.00**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$10.00**

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## My Family's Favorite Pie Contest

**Entry Fee:** \$2.00 Per Entry

**Limit:** 2 Different Recipes Per Class, Per Exhibitor

**Online Entry Deadline:** July 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.**

### **DIVISION 1606—MY FAMILY'S FAVORITE PIE CONTEST**

#### **CLASS:**

1. One Crust Pie
2. Two Crust Pie
3. Savory Pie



#### **SPECIAL RULES:**

- Open to all non-professional adults and youth. (Those who do not test or develop recipes for payment)
- Youth must be at least 9 years old and make the entry without significant adult assistance.
- Entry may not include any prepackaged mixes or toppings.
- Enter 1 Whole Pie. A glass pie plate is preferred (but not required) as that can assist the exhibitor in determining that the bottom of the pie is properly baked.
- Bring two copies of your recipe, including instructions (typed or printed): one with the recipe & your name, address & phone number in the upper right-hand corner, and the other with just the recipe.
- All recipes become the property of the Alameda County Fair and may be used by the media and for publication.
- After preliminary judging on appearance, the exhibitor will plate one sample for each judge for tasting, being sure to include bottom (and top when applicable) crust in the sample.
- Entry may not have been entered and won in a previous My Family's Favorite Pie Contest.
- Entry must include a written explanation that includes why this recipe is special to your family and/or a favorite memory or tradition associated with the recipe.
- Each exhibitor's name will be placed on a list with the guard at Gate 2 on Bernal Avenue. They will park there and deliver their entry to Building C. At that point, they will receive 1 admission and 1 parking pass. Exhibitors will return to Gate 2, move their car to Gate 12 and park using the parking pass. Exhibitors will then enter the fairgrounds using the admission ticket they just received.

#### Judging Standards:

20% **Appearance**  
20% **Crust**  
30% **Texture**  
30% **Taste**  
100%

#### Special Prizes Per Class:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$30.00**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$20.00**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$10.00**

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## On-the-Spot Cookie Decorating Contest

**Entry Fee:** No Entry Fee

**Online Entry Deadline:** No pre-registration

**Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**DIVISION 1621—On-the-Spot Cookie Decorating Contest**

**CLASS:**

1. Cookie Decorating Contest



### SPECIAL RULES:

- Open to all non-professional adults and youth. (Those who do not test or develop recipes for payment)
- Youth must be at least 9 years old and make the entry without any adult assistance.
- Exhibitors will receive a variety of items to decorate their cookie. Use as many ingredients as you wish to decorate your cookie!
- Fair will provide all necessary ingredients and supplies.
- Preliminary judging will begin at 12:30 with finalists being posted to the Alameda County Fair's Instagram for judging.
- Spots are limited and will be granted based on sign-up sheet at cooking demonstration stage. Sign-ups will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### Judging Standards:

20% **Appearance**  
30% **Texture**  
40% **Taste**  
10% **Creativity**  
100%

#### Special Prizes Per Class:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$30 Gift Card**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$20 Gift Card**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$10 Gift Card**

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## On-the-Spot Salsa Contest

**Entry Fee:** No Entry Fee

**Online Entry Deadline:** No pre-registration

**Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m.**

**DIVISION 1623—On-the-Spot Salsa Contest**

**CLASS:**

1. Salsa Contest



### SPECIAL RULES:

- Open to all non-professional adults and youth. (Those who do not test or develop recipes for payment)
- Youth must be at least 9 years old and make the entry without any adult assistance.
- Exhibitors will receive a variety of salsa makings. Use as many ingredients as you wish to make the best salsa!
- Fair will provide all necessary ingredients and supplies.
- Exhibitors will have 15 minutes to create their salsa. Judging will begin immediately afterwards.
- Spots are limited and will be granted based on sign-up sheet at cooking demonstration stage. Sign-ups will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Judging Standards:

20% **Appearance**

30% **Texture**

40% **Taste**

10% **Creativity**

100%

### Special Prizes Per Class:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$30 Gift Card**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$20 Gift Card**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$10 Gift Card**

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