



# Dessert Bake Off Rules and Guidelines

Saturday September 3<sup>rd</sup> @12:30pm

## Who Can Enter?

Any and all people are welcome to enter the bake off! Kids and Adults of any age are welcome to participate.

Both inexperienced and experienced bakers are eligible to enter, but all baked goods must be made in a home kitchen.

Contestants may work individually or with a team. (Prizes will be awarded to 1 member/team only, NOT each individual.)

## What Can I Win?

Three finalists will be selected for each category. One finalist from each category, representing first place, will win a blue ribbon as well as a prize package sponsored by DeEtta's Bakery. Those placing in second and third place in each category will receive ribbons representing their respective placement.

## What are the Categories?

All baked entries must fit one of the three category descriptions.

- **Cake:** This category is intended for baked cakes. Cakes may be single or multi-layer.
- **Pie:** This category is intended for baked pies (fruit, custard, etc.).
- **Cookies/Dessert Bars:** This category is intended for baked cookies and/or dessert bars.

## How do I Enter?

Pre-registration can be done at: [www.lastfling.org/specialevents](http://www.lastfling.org/specialevents)

Registration is allowed day of the event.

Check-in is between 12:00-12:25PM in Special Events Tent located in Napleton Valley Hyundai Family Fun Land. Registration will close 5 minutes before judging takes place.

Participants may enter any recipe and it does not need to be an original recipe created by the entrant. Recipes may come from cookbooks, magazines, websites, or any other means. Please bring a copy of your recipe.

All submissions will become property of The Naperville Jaycees Last Fling.

Submissions must be home cooked (not store bought).

Please **DO NOT** submit anything that requires refrigeration as the event is held outside.

All entries are to be submitted as a whole (complete pie, complete cake, complete loaf, etc.) or in the quantity of a half dozen or more.

Participants should bring their own serving utensils (ex: cake knife, pie server, etc). The Last Fling will provide plates, forks and napkins for the judges.

All entries are preferred to be submitted on a paper plate or recyclable container. In the case that it is not suitable for this, (ex. baked fruit pies), all containers used to submit the entry are the responsibility of the entrant. It is the entrant's responsibility to pick up their container immediately following the announcement of winners at 1:00 p.m. All containers left afterward will be submitted to the lost and found. Neither the organizers of this event nor any representatives from DeEtta's Bakery are in any way responsible for the distribution of your containers. In addition, all entries should be presented in a sealed container or in a new Ziploc bag or a new bag with a twist tie.

### **How Will Recipes Be Judged?**

All entries must meet the requirements of the category entered. Recipes not meeting contest entry criteria will be disqualified. Entries will be judged in the following criteria:

- Appearance (maximum 10 points)
- Taste (maximum 10 points)
- Creativity (maximum 10 points)

Maximum total of 30 points are possible.

### **How Will Finalists be Selected?**

Judges are required to taste test all entries. Each judge will complete a judging sheet which will indicate each entry's score. Each criterion will require a score of 1 to 10 dependent on that criterion. A combined score will be calculated to indicate the final scoring placement.

### **What Happens if I Win?**

Selected finalists will be notified after a 30 minute judging period, representing an approximate time of 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. All contestants are expected to be physically present for the announcement and accept their prize at that time. If the contestant or a representative for the contestant is not present, they are automatically disqualified and the prize will go towards the next selected entry.

Finalists will be photographed which may be used for future promotional materials for the bake off or the Last Fling.