

Taste of Texas Food Show General Rules

1. Entries must be received between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.
2. When registering, use full name, mailing address, and phone number.
3. Bring your recipe typed on an 8 ½" x 11" sheet of paper. Write name, address, phone number, age, which class the entry will be entered, and date on **BACK** of recipe. Recipes will be used in judging food items. Recipes are required for all entries. **NO RECIPE, NO ENTRY!**
4. Food entries must be the **COMPLETE** recipe displayed for judging (Ex.: if the recipe makes 3 dozen cookies, you must enter ALL 3 dozen cookies).
5. Food item should be placed on a disposable plate and covered with plastic wrap for appearance and cleanliness.
6. **All entries including recipes and containers will become the property of the Taste of Texas Food Show.**
7. **No refrigeration is available.** Please take this into consideration when selecting a recipe to enter.
8. Food items will be identified by number assigned by the Food Show Committee during registration.
9. No commercial food or products will be accepted.
10. No entry fee is required. However, you will be required to pay gate admission to participate.
11. Only one entry will be accepted in each class (ex. you may not enter 2 cakes) per contestant.
12. Food must be prepared by the exhibitor and must be homemade. Recipes that call for a mix as an ingredient will be permitted, however, you may **NOT** enter a cake made solely from a box mix nor an item made mostly of store-bought cookie dough.
13. You must return to the food show area **BEFORE** 1 p.m to present your food at the auction.
14. A portion of funds collected during the auction will be used for scholarships for qualifying youth. Non-placing entries will be sold by the food show committee to raise funds for scholarships.
15. The Food Show Committee reserves the right to combine classes or to add new classes if necessary.
16. **BEST OF SHOW** will be open to all age divisions.
17. **BERRY BEST OF SHOW** will be open to all age divisions and must have **at least 1 cup of strawberries** as an ingredient or a garnish.
18. Grand and Reserve Champion will be awarded in each age division
19. Ribbons will be awarded through 3rd place. Entries placing through 3rd will sell in the auction at 1 PM, exhibitors will be allowed to sell two eligible items (Food Show only, please see rules for Jam/Jelly & Salsa).

Age Divisions:

Junior – 5 to 8

Pre- Teen – 9 to 13

Teen – 14 to 18

Food Show Classes:

- A. All Cakes
- B. Cheesecakes
- C. All Cookies & Candies
- D. Yeast Breads & Quick Breads
- E. Pies
- F. Miscellaneous

Jam/Jelly and Salsa Contest Rules

All general rules for food show will also apply to the Jam & Jelly Show and Salsa Contest.

Age Division:

5 to 18

- Jam & Jelly and Salsa entries must use Two – ½ pint (Two – 8oz.) canning jars imprinted with manufacturer's name. Two – 1 pint jars is also acceptable.
- Jars may be labeled with name of product and date prepared. Labels may not contain the contestant name or any other information.
- Best of Show Jam/Jelly and Best of Show Salsa will be auctioned off during the sale at 1 PM.
- Ribbons and prize money will be awarded to 1st – 3rd place in each class (Strawberry, Other, Salsa).

Food Show Classes:

JS. Strawberry

(all strawberry jams/jellies)

JO. Other

(all other fruits or mixed berries)

S. Salsa

Prize money will be given to winners in each category. (Strawberry, Other, Salsa)

1st Place – \$50.00
(if not sold in auction)
2nd Place – \$25.00
3rd Place – \$15.00