

National Outdoor Show 2026

Cooking Contest Rules



Event Details



Location: Exhibit Area - See Map



Date: Saturday, February 28, 2026





Sign-ups: Begin at 3:15 p.m.



Dishes **MUST** be on the table by 4:00 p.m.



Prizes:

-  1st Place: \$75
-  2nd Place: \$50

Submission Guidelines:

- **Contest is open to anyone and at any age.**
- **No** entry fee is required.
- Participants may use their favorite recipe.
- Dish **must be prepared** in advance of registration.
- Committee will provide reheating provisions.
 - Dishes requiring reheating must be registered by 3:30 p.m.
- Participants are responsible for supplying contest food protein, pots, pans, and/or serving dishes.
- The National Outdoor Show Committee will provide:
 - Microwave
 - Sampling spoons and plates for judges
- A written recipe **MUST be submitted with the dish** at registration.



Judging

- Participant dishes will be numbered. No names will be revealed to judges.
- Judging will be based on:
 - Taste
 - Presentation
 - Originality
 - Completed recipe (ingredients, measurements, and preparation instructions)
- Scoring system:
 - Taste, Presentation, Originality: 1–10 points each
 - Completed Recipe: 1–5 points
- Participants are not permitted in the judging area during judging.
- After judging, dishes must be removed and each participant is responsible for cleaning their area.
- Failure to comply with all rules will result in disqualification.



All judges' decisions are final.