

# MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

Aug. 24-Sept. 4, 2017

## Creative Activities

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### Creative Activities Rules

1. **ENTRIES.** Opens Monday, May 1. Entries close for all divisions Tuesday, Aug. 8 at 4:30 p.m. No exceptions.
  - A. **ONLINE REGISTRATION.** All entries MUST be registered. Entries close at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 8. No entries will be accepted after closing date. Errors or omissions must be registered within 10 days after fair closes. No entry fee required.
    1. Refer to the Online Entry Procedures for detailed information and entry procedures. A confirmation will be sent to your email within 24 hours. Visit the Minnesota State Fair website to begin the registration process. [www.mnstatefair.org/competition/creative\\_activities.html](http://www.mnstatefair.org/competition/creative_activities.html)
    2. Print a copy of your registration, a confirmation will be sent to your email within 24 hours. Exhibitors must bring their registration confirmation during specified drop off dates and times for verification purposes only.
  - B. **MAIL-IN REGISTRATION.** Must be in our hands (not postmarked) by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8. No entries will be accepted after closing date. All entries MUST be registered. Follow procedure below:
    1. On an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper. Must include 1) first name, last name, address, and phone number; 2) list of class number(s) and description of entry, for each exhibit.
    2. Mail to: Competition Department - c/o: Creative Activities, Minnesota State Fair, 1265 Snelling Ave. N., St. Paul, MN 55108.
    3. You will receive a paper confirmation of your entries via USPS mail.
    4. Exhibitors must bring their registration confirmation with their entry, this is used for verification purposes only.
2. **ELIGIBILITY.**
  - A. Entries in this department are limited to bona fide living residents of Minnesota and must be the work of the exhibitor, completed within three (3) years preceding the fair.
  - B. Exhibits which have won a first prize at a previous Minnesota State Fair are not eligible for entry.
  - C. Entries are open to anyone 14 years of age or older as of the first day of the fair (exception: some of the special contests have different age requirements; see individual special contest rules).
  - D. Exhibit represents a recreational hobby and is not used as a means of livelihood directly or indirectly; as determined by the State Fair staff. In case of protest refer to State Statues document.
  - E. No more than one entry will be permitted in any class by one exhibitor. No entry required for classes designated "Sweepstakes" or beginning with the letters "SP".
  - F. Management reserves the right to refuse entry to unusually large or heavy exhibits that are difficult to handle and display. Pre-approval by superintendent required for large exhibits.
  - G. No tree skirts, plastic needlepoint canvas, pillow cases, tied quilts, plastic milk cartons, cans, aprons, dish towels, dish cloths, pot holders, napkins, wedding gowns or baptismal gowns, yard art, photography, drawings on paper, wreaths, doilies, or any type of taxidermy will be accepted in any category.
  - H. "Not otherwise specified" (NOS) classes are only for such entries that have no regular classes listed. If there is an existing class where an entry fits, it cannot be entered in NOS.
3. **DELIVERY OF EXHIBITS.**
  - A. Entries in Needlecraft, Garment Making, Handcrafts, Collections, and Work of Senior Citizens will be received Saturday, Aug. 12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 13 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday, Aug. 14 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. All entries must be received by 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 14. All entries must be registered PRIOR to delivery. (Quilts and rugs entered in County Sweepstakes Contests will be received up to Thursday, Aug. 17).

- B. Entries in Canned and Preserved Foods will be received Saturday, Aug. 12, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 13, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- C. Entries in Baked Products will be received Saturday, Aug. 19, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. ALL baked products should be delivered to the Creative Activities Annex, on the west side of the building...
- D. Exhibitors unable to bring exhibits to the Creative Activities Building on entry days may bring them PRIOR to Tuesday, Aug. 8, to the Competition Department, 1312 Cosgrove Ave. on the fairgrounds between 8 a. m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. Must include 1) first name, last name, address and phone number; 2) list of class number(s) and description of entry, for each exhibit.
- E. Competitors who send exhibits by mail or express should do so at least three weeks before the opening day of the fair. Addressed to: Superintendent of Creative Activities, Minnesota State Fair, 1265 Snelling Ave. N., St. Paul, Minnesota 55108.
  - 1. The sender's name and address must be plainly written upon the outside of the package and also placed upon a card inside.
  - 2. A LIST OF THE EXHIBITS BEING SENT MUST BE ENCLOSED. If entry is made by a person over the age of 65, special note should be made of that fact.
  - 3. Department clerks will classify entries, prepare entry tags, and attach them to each exhibit sent.
  - 4. All express and parcel post charges must be prepaid by the sender. No P.O. Box addresses will be accepted. Directions for return shipment should be given, and money or checks (made out to Minnesota State Fair) must be enclosed to cover cost of returning entries to exhibitor. DO NOT send stamps.

#### 4. JUDGING.

- A. Judging of all exhibits except baking will be conducted Monday to Saturday, Aug. 14-19. Should any exhibit be entered in the wrong class and the error be discovered before the judging, the superintendent may make proper correction in the entry.
- B. A duplicate of the judge's scorecard will be returned to the exhibitor for each entry in order that the reasons for decisions may be apparent. The sweepstakes winner is chosen from the first-place winners within a category.
- C. Judges are instructed not to award premiums unless entries are deemed worthy of merit. If no competition exists and an exhibit is not worthy of a first premium, the judge may award a second or a third premium, per his or her judgment. In large classes, ALL entries are evaluated, but only the top 25 will be scored.
- D. Only finished or mounted work will be accepted. Wall hangings and pictures must have a means of hanging them. Any exhibit having exhibitor's name displayed must have the name securely covered by stitched cloth or heavy tape.
- E. Soiled entries and entries not made within the last three years will not be judged.
- F. Every effort will be made to display entries in an attractive arrangement and per display space available. The State Fair reserves the right to reject any exhibit offered if it is objectionable in any way, if it requires an excessive amount of space, or if the capacity of the department has been reached. Results will be available near the office in the Creative Activities building during the fair and at [www.mnstatefair.org](http://www.mnstatefair.org). No information on prizes will be given over the phone prior to the start of the fair. Due to the number of entries, all entries may not be displayed or judged. Due to vast number of entries, all entries may not be displayed.

#### 5. RETURN OF EXHIBITS.

- A. Exhibits returned at Creative Activities Building from 1-7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 6, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 7. No exhibits returned before 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6. See Return of Exhibits Procedure for more information.
  - 1. When dropping off exhibit(s) you will receive a yellow confirmation sheet. Bring the yellow confirmation sheet when picking up your exhibit(s).
  - 2. If you are unable to pick up your exhibit(s) on these days, you must make arrangements with the Competition Department at (651) 288-4417.
- B. All entries must be picked up by December 31, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. AFTER such date, the Fair reserves the right to destroy or dispose of non-claimed items at its discretion. Each person who enters an item at the fair does so on the condition and with the understanding that he or she forfeits any and all legal rights and claims to his or her entered items that is not picked up by the deadlines described in this section.

- C. Premium checks will be distributed at the same time entries are available for return to exhibitors. Premium checks not picked up during those dates will be mailed to exhibitors at the address listed on their entry form. You may also donate any premiums won to the Minnesota State Fair Foundation 501(c)(3) to support their mission of preserving and improving the historic Minnesota State Fairgrounds and buildings, and supporting State Fair agricultural, scientific and educational programs. Should you choose to donate your premiums, you may sign over your check when you pick up your exhibit(s).
- 6. **2016 Supreme Baker Award:** Elaine Janas, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 7. **2016 Prestigious Processor of the Pantry:** Barbara Schaller, Burnsville, Minn.

## Division 6: Baked Products

### BAKED PRODUCTS

1. **ENTRY INFORMATION.** All baked products and special contest must be registered by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8.
  - A. **Recipes.** If you enter a class or special contest that requires a recipe to be submitted, DO NOT send it with your registration. Recipes should be delivered with your entry. All recipes MUST come on 8 1/2" x 11" paper, typed.
    1. First name, last name, exhibitor number, address, phone number, and class number should be included on the back of each recipe submitted with entry.
  - B. **Special Contests.** Be sure to read each Special Contest's rules carefully, age requirements vary, along with drop off dates.
  - C. **Entry Limit.** Each exhibitor is limited to make ONLY one entry per class; with a total of 20 baked products entered. Entries in Special Contests are not included in the limit (class numbers starting with "SP").
  
2. **DELIVERY OF ENTRIES.** View map for specific delivery Gate and route to use, deliver entries to the Creative Activities Annex.
  - A. **Date of delivery.** Entries must be delivered to the Creative Activities Building on Saturday, Aug. 19; from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Except Great American SPAM Championship.
  - B. **Containers.** No containers will be returned. ALL baked products must be enclosed in a plastic bag or disposable container, uncovered exhibits will not be accepted.
    1. **Cakes.** Cake will not be accepted on any plate or dish that has to be returned. Cakes must be BOXED and delivered on 8 in. or 9 in. flat cardboard round or square (available at bakeries). Cupcakes must be boxed or in disposable container.
  - C. **Food Safety.** For safety and health of judges: No fruit (canned or fresh), flowers, cream, cream cheese, sour cream or items requiring refrigeration are allowed, except in Special Contest classes (class numbers starting with "SP").
  - D. **Admission.** Purchase of Minnesota State Fair gate admission ticket is required for any entry in the Special Contests held during the fair.
  
3. **ELIGIBILITY.** All entries exhibited must be the product of the exhibitor and must be baked. Entries cannot be made in the same class or classes by more than one person from the same family, except in Special Contest classes.
  - A. Only articles which are the product of the "home" kitchen will be eligible. No mixes; no cheesecakes.
  - B. An exhibitor having received first premium at three successive Minnesota State Fairs will not be permitted to compete in the class (excluding sweepstakes) at succeeding fairs for a period of two years.
  - C. In large classes, ALL entries are evaluated, only 25 will receive scores.
  - D. Points will be deducted if directions are not followed, carefully read rules for each class entered.
  - E. No commercial mixes accepted.

#### **Judging Criteria - Breads, Cakes, Cookies, Bars, and Pies (includes Gluten-Free Baking)**

Appearance, color.....	30
Texture, internal appearance.....	35
Flavor, aroma.....	35
	<b>100</b>

#### **Judging Criteria - Decorated Cookie-On-A-Stick**

Appearance.....	25
Construction.....	25
Creativity.....	50
	<b>100</b>

### Judging Criteria - Vegan Main Dish

Appearance, color.....	25
Texture, internal appearance.....	25
Flavor, aroma.....	25
Protein content, ease of preparation.....	25
	<u>100</u>

### Judging Criteria - C & H Sugar Decorating

Creativity/Originality.....	25
Technique.....	25
Appearance.....	25
Taste.....	25
	<u>100</u>

### Judging Criteria - Family Heirloom Recipe Contest

History.....	50
Prepared Recipe.....	40
Appearance & Display.....	10
	<u>100</u>

### Judging Criteria - Great American SPAM Championship (Adults and Kids)

Simplicity.....	50
Taste.....	50
	<u>100</u>

### Premiums for Baked Products

Baking (anything not otherwise indicated)

\$8 \$6 \$4 \$2 \$0

C & H Sugar - Cake Decorating Contest

\$100 \$50 \$25

Sweepstakes (unless otherwise indicated)

\$10

Grand Cake Sweepstakes

\$20

### Class Listing for Baked Products

#### Baked Products

##### 1000 Supreme Baker Award

*Awarded to the individual earning the most points on their entries in the baking division (not including sweepstakes classes or special contests/awards). Points will be awarded as follows: first place earns 5 points, second place earns 4 points, third place earns 3 points, fourth place earns 2 points and fifth place earns 1 point (Points will only be awarded as far out as the ribbon placing for the class). The winner will receive a plaque and be listed on the Creative Activities web page and in premium book. Winner will be contacted by phone and announced with a sign in the Creative Activities Kitchen.*

#### Bread, plain dough, yeast

##### 1001 Bread, white, no seeds

*Baked in individual loaves; must be 1-1 1/2 lb. loaf.*

##### 1002 Bread, herb

*Baked in individual loaves; must be 1-1 1/2 lb. loaf.*

##### 1003 Bread, whole wheat or graham

*Baked in individual loaves; must be 1-1 1/2 lb. loaf.*

##### 1004 Bread, raisin or dried cranberry

*Baked in individual loaves; must be 1-1 1/2 lb. loaf.*

##### 1005 Dinner rolls, whole grain (4)

- 1006 Bread, whole grains  
*Baked in individual loaves; must be 1-1 1/2 lb. loaf.*
- 1007 Bread, rye  
*Baked in individual loaves; must be 1-1 1/2 lb. loaf.*
- 1008 Bread, artisan, sourdough or other non-ethnic  
*Baked in individual loaves; must be 1-1 1/2 lb. loaf.*
- 1009 Dinner rolls, white, such as clover leaf, finger rolls, etc. (4)
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- 1010 Sweepstakes, yeast breads, plain dough yeast breads
- SP1011 Red Star Yeast (winner class 1001)  
*Will award a gift to winner of Bread, white (class 1001).*
- SP1012 Red Star Yeast (winner class 1010)  
*Will award a gift to the winner of Sweepstakes, plain dough yeast breads (class 1010).*

**Bread, sweet dough, yeast**

- 1013 Fried sweet rolls, including doughnuts, fritters, etc. (4)  
*Sugar or powdered sugar/water icings permitted.*
- 1014 Coffee cake (no rings)  
*Sugar or powdered sugar/water icings permitted.*
- 1015 Sweet rolls, without fruit or nuts (4)  
*Sugar or powdered sugar/water icings permitted.*
- 1016 Sweet rolls, containing fruit or nuts (4)  
*Sugar or powdered sugar/water icings permitted.*
- 1017 Coffee ring (ring shape only)  
*Sugar or powdered sugar/water icings permitted.*
- 1018 Coffee cake, pull-apart  
*Sugar or powdered sugar/water icings permitted.*
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- 1019 Sweepstakes, yeast breads, sweet dough
- SP1020 Red Star Yeast (winner class 1019)  
*Will award a gift to the winner of Sweepstakes, sweet dough yeast breads (class 1019).*

**Bread, quick**

- 1022 Banana bread, may use nuts, no other fruit or chips  
*Whole loaf, pan size no smaller than 3 1/2 in. x 7 in x 2 in or bring 1/2 loaf from a pan 5 in. x 9 in. x 3 in. No icing.*
- 1023 Other fruit bread, (list fruit) including pumpkin, may use nuts  
*Whole loaf, pan size no smaller than 3 1/2 in. x 7 in x 2 in or bring 1/2 loaf from a pan 5 in. x 9 in. x 3 in. Label flavor.*
- 1024 Not otherwise specified, bread  
*Whole loaf, pan size no smaller than 3 1/2 in. x 7 in x 2 in or bring 1/2 loaf from a pan 5 in. x 9 in. x 3 in. No icing. Label flavor.*
- 1025 Nut bread, no fruit or chips to be included  
*Whole loaf, pan size no smaller than 3 1/2 in. x 7 in x 2 in or bring 1/2 loaf from a pan 5 in. x 9 in. x 3 in. No icing. Label flavor.*
- 1026 Coffee cake, 8 in. or 9 in. round or 8 in. square  
*No icing, baked-on toppings only.*
- 1027 Vegetable bread (list type of vegetable)  
*Whole loaf, pan size no smaller than 3 1/2 in. x 7 in x 2 in or bring 1/2 loaf from a pan 5 in. x 9 in. x 3 in. No icing, baked-on toppings only. Label flavor.*
- 1028 Muffins, containing fruit (4), (list fruit) no chips, nuts or vegetable  
*Muffins (4 total) must be baked without paper liners (no mini muffins accepted). No icing, baked-on toppings only. Label flavor.*
- 1029 Muffins, poppy seed (4), no fruit, chips, nuts or vegetable  
*Muffins (4 total) must be baked without paper liners (no mini muffins accepted). No icing, baked-on toppings only. Label flavor.*
- 1030 Muffins, oatmeal (4), no fruit, chips, nuts or vegetable  
*Muffins (4 total) must be baked without paper liners (no mini muffins accepted). No icing, baked-on toppings only. Label flavor.*
- 1031 Muffins, containing vegetable (4), list type of vegetable  
*Muffins (4 total) must be baked without paper liners (no mini muffins accepted). No icing, baked-on toppings only. Label flavor.*
- 1032 Bundt type coffee cake, whole cake; 8 in. or 9 in.  
*No icing. Label flavor.*
- 1033 Scones (4)  
*No icing. Label flavor.*

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1034 Sweepstakes, quick breads

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**Cake, egg**

1035 Angel food, white

*No icing, cake entered with topside up, as seen in pan. No commercial mixes.*

1036 Chiffon

*No icing, cake entered with topside up, as seen in pan. No commercial mixes.*

1037 Chocolate chiffon

*No icing, cake entered with topside up, as seen in pan. No commercial mixes.*

1038 Sponge

*No icing, cake entered with topside up, as seen in pan. No commercial mixes.*

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1039 Sweepstakes, egg cakes

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**Cupcake**

1040 Decorated cupcakes (4)

*4 total, any flavor, regular-size. No toppings of fresh fruit, canned fruit or live flowers will be accepted. No commercial mixes. Boxed.*

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**Cake, fat or cooking oil**

1041 Three (3) or more layers, 8 or 9 in., any flavor

*May be iced, glazed or drizzled. Split layers allowed. Label flavor of cake. No cheese-based, whipped cream, meringue icing, holiday fruit cakes or cheesecakes.*

1042 White (with egg whites), 8 or 9 in. two-layer

*May be iced, glazed or drizzled. No split layers. Label flavor. No cheese-based, whipped cream, meringue icing, holiday fruit cakes or cheesecakes.*

1043 Chocolate, 8 or 9 in. two-layer

*May be iced, glazed or drizzled. No split layers. Label flavor of cake. No cheese-based, whipped cream, meringue icing, holiday fruit cakes or cheesecakes.*

1044 German chocolate, 8 or 9 in. two-layer

*May be iced, glazed or drizzled. No split layers. Label flavor of cake. No cheese-based, whipped cream, meringue icing, holiday fruit cakes or cheesecakes.*

1045 Pound or loaf, no additions or topping

*No icing, glazed or drizzled. No split layers. Label flavor of cake. No cheese-based, whipped cream, meringue icing, holiday fruit cakes or cheesecakes.*

1046 Light bundt, no marble, no topping

*No icing, glazed or drizzled. No split layers. Label flavor of cake. No cheese-based, whipped cream, meringue icing, holiday fruit cakes or cheesecakes.*

1047 Dark bundt, no marble, no topping

*No icing, glazed or drizzled. No split layers. Label flavor of cake. No cheese-based, whipped cream, meringue icing, holiday fruit cakes or cheesecakes.*

1048 Vegetable or fruit type, (list variety) , single layer 8 or 9 in. round or square

*May be iced, glazed or drizzled. No split layers. Label flavor of cake. No cheese-based, whipped cream, meringue icing, holiday fruit cakes or cheesecakes.*

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1049 Sweepstakes, cakes with fat or cooking oil

1050 Grand cake sweepstakes (best cake of the fair)

SP1052 Les Dames d'Escoffier International (winner class 1050)

*The Minnesota Chapter of LDEI ([www.ldei.org](http://www.ldei.org)) will award a rosette and \$100 to the winner of Grand cake sweepstakes (class 1050). Prize money to be included in the Fair check.*

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**Cookies & Bars**

- 1053 Chocolate chip cookies (4), no fruits or nuts  
*4 cookies total. No cheese-based icing. Maximum of 3 inches diameter per cookie.*
- 1054 Chocolate chip cookies (4), with nuts, no fruit  
*4 cookies total. No cheese-based icing. Maximum of 3 inches diameter per cookie.*
- 1055 Chocolate chip cookies (4), with oatmeal  
*4 cookies total. No cheese-based icing. Maximum of 3 inches diameter per cookie.*
- 1056 Thumbprint (4)  
*4 cookies total. No cheese-based icing. Maximum of 3 inches diameter per cookie.*
- 1057 Light, rolled flat (4), no frosting  
*4 cookies total. No cheese-based icing.*
- 1058 Dark, rolled flat (4), no frosting  
*4 cookies total. No cheese-based icing.*
- 1059 Ice box (4)  
*4 cookies total. No cheese-based icing. Maximum of 3 inches diameter per cookie.*
- 1060 Ball type, not flattened before baking (4)  
*4 cookies total. No cheese-based icing. Maximum of 3 inches diameter per cookie.*
- 1061 Light, drop (4)  
*4 cookies total. No cheese-based icing. Maximum of 3 inches diameter per cookie.*
- 1062 Dark, drop (4)  
*4 cookies total. No cheese-based icing. Maximum of 3 inches diameter per cookie.*
- 1063 Peanut butter (4), no additions  
*4 cookies total. No cheese-based icing. Maximum of 3 inches diameter per cookie.*
- 1064 Filled (4), no "thumbprint"  
*4 cookies total. No cheese-based icing. Maximum of 3 inches diameter per cookie.*
- 1065 Light, ball type, flattened before baking (4)  
*4 cookies total. No cheese-based icing. Maximum of 3 inches diameter per cookie.*
- 1066 Dark, ball type, flattened before baking (4)  
*4 cookies total. No cheese-based icing. Maximum of 3 inches diameter per cookie.*
- 1067 Oatmeal (4), no fruits, nuts or chips or icing  
*4 cookies total. No cheese-based icing. Maximum of 3 inches diameter per cookie.*
- 1068 Edible decorated cookies for any holiday (4)  
*4 cookies total. No cheese-based icing.*
- 1069 Bars, cake-type or "single layer" (4), with or without topping  
*4 cookies total. No cheese-based icing.*
- 1070 Bars, layered (4), no lemon  
*4 bars total. No cheese-based icing.*
- 1071 Brownies, plain (4), no frosting  
*4 bars total. No cheese-based icing.*
- 1072 Chocolate brownies with nuts, chips and/or frosting  
*4 bars total. No cheese-based icing.*
- 1073 Shortbread cookies (4)  
*4 cookies total. No cheese-based icing. Maximum of 3 inches diameter per cookie.*
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- 1074 Sweepstakes, cookies and bars

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**Cookies-On-A-Stick**

- 1076 Decorated cookie-on-a-stick: Artistic Christmas Cookie  
*Exhibit 2 decorated cookies, each on their own stick, of the same design. Deliver on sturdy 6 in. stick or tongue depressors. Maximum diameter three (3) inches. Use icing and non-perishable, edible decorations only.*



**C&H Sugar Special Award for Cookie & Bars**

SP1077 C&amp;H Sugar Special Award for Cookies &amp; Bars



Exhibitor may enter contest by picking up C & H Sugar entry labels at the front desk when bringing in entries for judging. The exhibitor earning most total points for all entries made with C & H Sugar and bearing the official C & H Sugar entry labels in the cookie categories will be the winner. Points system as follows: four points for 1st place, three points for 2nd place, 2 points for 3rd place, and one point for 4th place.

**1st place** - Coupons for 25 lbs. worth of sugar, **2nd place** - Coupons for 20 lbs. worth of sugar, **3rd place** - Coupon for 15 lbs. worth of sugar.

**Cookie Recipe Challenge**

1078 Sugar Cookie Recipe Challenge, ages 14-19

*Prepare recipe exactly as printed (no additions or substitutions). Enter four (4) cookies.*

1079 Sugar Cookie Recipe Challenge, ages 20-39

*Prepare recipe exactly as printed (no additions or substitutions). Enter four (4) cookies.*

1080 Sugar Cookie Recipe Challenge, ages 40-59

*Prepare recipe exactly as printed (no additions or substitutions). Enter four (4) cookies.*

1081 Sugar Cookie Recipe Challenge, ages 60 and over

*Prepare recipe exactly as printed (no additions or substitutions). Enter four (4) cookies.*

**Sugar Cookie Recipe**

1 cup lightly-salted butter, softened

1/2 cup powdered sugar

1/2 cup granulated sugar

1 large egg

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

Sugar or colored sugar

Heat oven to 375° F. In large mixing bowl, combine butter, powdered sugar, and 1/2 cup sugar. Beat at medium speed, scraping bowl often, until creamy. Add egg and vanilla; continue beating until well mixed. Add flour, cream of tartar and baking soda; beat at low speed until dough forms a ball.

Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Flatten to about 1 1/2 inches with bottom of glass dipped in sugar; sprinkle with colored sugar, if desired. Bake 7 to 9 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Let stand 1 minute on cookie sheet; remove to cooling rack.

Yield: 4 1/2 dozen cookies.

Note: If dough is too soft to work with, refrigerate dough 1 hour.

**Pies**

1082 Apple

*Fillings and crust must be made from scratch. No frozen or packaged pastry, no prepared pie filling. No eggs or custards. Glass plate may be used, but will NOT be returned.*

1083 Mixed berry, list fruits used

*Fillings and crust must be made from scratch. No frozen or packaged pastry, no prepared pie filling. No eggs or custards. Glass plate may be used, but will NOT be returned.*

1084 Peach

*Fillings and crust must be made from scratch. No frozen or packaged pastry, no prepared pie filling. No eggs or custards. Glass plate may be used, but will NOT be returned.*

1085 Sweepstakes, pies

SP1086 American Pie Council (winner class 1085)

*Will award a lifetime membership (\$40 value) and a cookbook, America's Best Pies to the winner of Sweepstakes, pies (class 1085). Please check their website at [www.piecouncil.org](http://www.piecouncil.org) for information on the National Pie Championships.*

- SP1087 Peterson Memorial Award (first place winners, classes 1082-1084)  
*Will award a rosette in memory of Alice H. Peterson, and in recognition of all bakers dedicating the time to make homemade pie crusts with fresh fillings to the first place winners, classes 1082-1084.*
- SP1088 Braham Pie Day "Homemade Pie Capital of Minnesota" (winner class 1085)  
*Will award \$50 to the winner of Sweepstakes, pies (class 1085).*

### Ethnic Baking

- 1090 Cookies (4)  
*Entries must be submitted with 1) Recipe typed; 2) name of recipe with all ingredients listed and measurements; 3) country of origin; 4) exhibitor number and class number. Only baked or fried products accepted, no pudding or whipped cream. No fruit or fresh flowers on top.*
- 1091 Bread, including French, Italian, Challah, Naan, etc.  
*Entries must be submitted with 1) Recipe typed; 2) name of recipe with all ingredients listed and measurements; 3) country of origin; 4) exhibitor number and class number. Only baked or fried products accepted, no pudding or whipped cream. No fruit or fresh flowers on top.*
- 1092 Crisp bread or crackers  
*Entries must be submitted with 1) Recipe typed; 2) name of recipe with all ingredients listed and measurements; 3) country of origin; 4) exhibitor number and class number. Only baked or fried products accepted, no pudding or whipped cream. No fruit or fresh flowers on top.*
- 1093 Cake  
*Entries must be submitted with 1) Recipe typed; 2) name of recipe with all ingredients listed and measurements; 3) country of origin; 4) exhibitor number and class number. Only baked or fried products accepted, no pudding or whipped cream. No fruit or fresh flowers on top.*
- 1094 Not otherwise specified, such as rosettes, lefse, baklava  
*Entries must be submitted with 1) recipe typed; 2) name of recipe with all ingredients listed and measurements; 3) country of origin; 4) exhibitor number and class number. Only baked or fried products accepted, no pudding or whipped cream. No fruit or fresh flowers on top.*
- 1095 Sweepstakes, ethnic baking
- SP1096 American Swedish Institute (judge's choice, classes 1090-1094 combined)  
*Will award 2 passes to the ASI Museum and a \$25 gift certificate to the ASI Museum Shop for judge's choice of "Best Ethnic Baking" in classes 1090-1094 (combined).*
- SP1097 Catherine Hanley Ethnic Baking Award (winner class 1095)  
*In memory of Catherine Hanley, her family will award \$20 and a copy of Blue Ribbon Winners - America's Best State Fair Recipes to the winner of Sweepstakes, ethnic baking (class 1095).*

### Gluten Free Baking

- 1100 Quick bread, loaf, scones or muffins (4)  
*Entries submitted with typed recipe including: 1) exhibitor number and class number, 2) name of recipe with list of ingredients and their measurements, 3) preparation instructions, 4) bake time and serving size. Create entry without using wheat, barely, rye, or oats, or any derivative of these grains (unless certified gluten-free). Purchased flour blends are acceptable. NO commercial mixes; i.e. cake, bread, cookie, or bar mixes.*
- 1101 Pie (1)  
*Entries submitted with typed recipe including: 1) exhibitor number and class number, 2) name of recipe with list of ingredients and their measurements, 3) preparation instructions, 4) bake time and serving size. Create entry without using wheat, barely, rye, or oats, or any derivative of these grains (unless certified gluten-free). Purchased flour blends are acceptable. NO commercial mixes; i.e. cake, bread, cookie, or bar mixes.*
- 1102 Cookies or bars  
*Entries submitted with typed recipe including: 1) exhibitor number and class number, 2) name of recipe with list of ingredients and their measurements, 3) preparation instructions, 4) bake time and serving size. Create entry without using wheat, barely, rye, or oats, or any derivative of these grains (unless certified gluten-free). Purchased flour blends are acceptable. NO commercial mixes; i.e. cake, bread, cookie, or bar mixes.*
- 1103 Cake (on 8 or 9 in. round)  
*Entries submitted with typed recipe including: 1) exhibitor number and class number, 2) name of recipe with list of ingredients and their measurements, 3) preparation instructions, 4) bake time and serving size. Create entry without using wheat, barely, rye, or oats, or any derivative of these grains (unless certified gluten-free). Purchased flour blends are acceptable. NO commercial mixes; i.e. cake, bread, cookie, or bar mixes.*
- 1104 Yeast bread or rolls  
*Entries submitted with typed recipe including: 1) exhibitor number and class number, 2) name of recipe with list of ingredients and their measurements, 3) preparation instructions, 4) bake time and serving size. Create entry without using wheat, barely, rye, or oats, or any derivative of these grains (unless certified gluten-free). Purchased flour blends are acceptable. NO commercial mixes; i.e. cake, bread, cookie, or bar mixes.*
- 1106 Sweepstakes, gluten free baking

**Special Contest**

## 1109 Vegan Main Dish Competition

*Create a tasty and easy to prepare main dish that supplies complete protein. Salads are excluded. For your vegan main dish, simply use ingredients without animal product. 12 or fewer ingredients.*

**Contest Rules**

- **Delivery.** Entries in this class must be delivered between 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19. Entries delivered the Creative Activities Annex (between the Education Building and Creative Activities Building), arrive in disposable container, we will re-heat before judging.

- **Ingredients.** Recipes should include 12 or fewer ingredients. Salt, pepper, cooking oil, water and garnishes do NOT count as ingredients. A packaged food or product counts as one ingredient, i.e. box mix or bag of mixed vegetables. Fruit may be used.

- **Recipe.** Typed recipe on 8 1/2" x 11" paper. One side: 1) first & last name, 2) address, 3) telephone number, and 4) class number and exhibitor number. Reverse side: type recipe with ingredients listed with measurements, preparation instructions, baking time and number of servings. Points will be deducted for incomplete recipes.

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SP1110 Florence Brammer (winner class 1109)

*Will award a vegan cookbook, to the winner of Vegan Main Dish (class 1109).*

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**Special Contest**

## 1111 C&amp;H Sugar - Cake Decorating Contest: State Fair Midway Rides

*1st Prize: \$100, 2nd Prize: \$50, 3rd Prize: \$25*

**Contest Rules**

- **Delivery.** Entries in this class must be delivered between 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19. Entries delivered the Creative Activities Annex (between the Education Building and Creative Activities Building), arrive in disposable container, on 9" or 12" cardboard round.

- **Eligibility.** Submit a 1 to 3 layer cake with icing, that is ten (10) inches maximum in diameter.

- **Proof of purchase.** Entries must use C&H Sugar. Empty C&H Sugar package or proof of purchase required.

- **Recipe.** Entry must be an original recipe for cake AND frosting. Typed recipe on 8 1/2" x 11" paper. One side: 1) first & last name, 2) address, 3) telephone number, and 4) class number and exhibitor number. Reverse side: type recipe with ingredients listed with measurements, preparation instructions, baking time and number of servings.

**Special Contest**

1112 Family Heirloom Recipe Competition

**Family Heirloom Recipe Competition**

Our Family Heirloom Recipe competition seeks your best made from scratch heirloom recipe suitable for a family or community dinner. To encourage delving deep into your family's culinary history, please submit family recipes at least 50 years old. We look forward to learning about and tasting your treasured foods.



Greater Midwest Foodways Alliance is dedicated to exploring, celebrating and preserving unique food traditions and their cultural contexts in the American Midwest. By hosting public events, developing archival resources and generating publications, the Alliance celebrates the distinctiveness of a region that is as varied in tastes and traditions as it is in its geography from the Great Lakes to the Great Plains. Exploring indigenous foods like Wisconsin cranberries and Minnesota walleye, celebrating iconic flavors like the wheat and corn from across the prairies, chronicling cuisine from Native American to early European immigrants to the 21st-century newcomers, or highlighting fish boils in small towns and fine dining big cities, the Alliance promotes and chronicles the diversity of the region's culinary character

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1st Place: \$150, 2nd Place: \$100, 3rd Place: \$50

**Midwest Foodways Alliance Contest Requirements**

1. **Contest Rules** Entries in this class must be delivered between 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19. Entries delivered the Creative Activities Annex (between the Education Building and Creative Activities Building), arrive in disposable container, we will re-heat before judging.
  - A. Enter your best made-from-scratch family heirloom recipe suitable for a family meal or community dinner. These recipes should be 50 years or older (1967 or earlier).
  - B. Entrants must be at least 18 years of age; one entry per person. contestants, or their family member, who participated before may not resubmit previously entered recipes. Greater Midwest Foodways board and advisory council members cannot compete.
  - C. Each entry must be replicable from the recipe submitted. if an ingredient requires a recipe (for example, Jerry's famous sausage), please include it.
  - D. Every ingredient must be listed with exact measurements (no rounded teaspoons, etc.) and the type of ingredient (example: self-rising flour) must be specified. No mixes may be used, such as a cake or bread mix. Follow general proper recipe procedures, listing all steps of preparation, pan sizes, temperature and baking time.
  - E. A copy of the original recipe (color or black and white), if available. These may be personal culinary diaries, back of envelopes, notations in books and 3 x 5 cards.
  - F. Entries can be typed (or neat handwriting) on 8-1/2 x 11 inch paper in duplicate. On one page provide the recipe and contestant's name, age at time of contest, address, phone number and email address. On a separate sheet(s) present the recipe's history. You may include who passed the recipe down to you, ethnicity (if relevant), number of years the recipe has been in your family and any interesting information about it place in your family's traditions. Note the history accounts for 50% of the score so be sure to do justice to your recipe's story. Please consult [www.GreaterMidwestFoodways.com](http://www.GreaterMidwestFoodways.com) under the 'state fair' tab for examples for recipes and their histories.
  - G. By submitting your entry, you accept official rules and agree to be bound by the judges' decisions, which will be final. You also agree that your recipe and history narrative will become the property of Greater Midwest Foodways Alliance, which reserves the right to edit, adapt, copyright, publish and use without compensation to you.
  - H. By participating, exhibitor also understands and accepts the right of Greater Midwest Foodways Alliance to use contestant's names, photos, history narratives and recipes for publicity without compensation.
  - I. Each winning entry will be shown in a display. Each product should be displayed simply though attractively, with use of props, such as a copy of the original recipe, photographs, place mat, napkins, glassware or flowers. If you frame your recipe or narrative, please have a copy available which is not framed.
  - J. Greater Midwest Foodways Alliance is not responsible for lost or illegible recipes, nor is the fair.
  - K. Taxes on prizes are the responsibility of the winner.

- L. Recipes from the Greater Midwest Foodways Alliance ([GreaterMidwestFoodways.com](http://GreaterMidwestFoodways.com)) website are not eligible for entry in this contest.

**Special Contest**

1119 The Great American Spam® Championship - Adult - Super Simple Craveable Classics

1120 The Great American Spam® Championship - Kid Chef

**The GREAT AMERICAN SPAM® CHAMPIONSHIP****SUPER SIMPLE CRAVEABLE CLASSICS (2017 Contest Theme):**

Celebrate 80 Years of SPAM products - SIZZLE PORK AND MMM - with your Tried & True, Totally Tasty, Super Simple Craveable Classic Recipes!

**Two Categories: 1 for Adults - 1 for Kids**

(Adults: Ages 18 &amp; Up, Kid Chefs: Ages 7-17)

**Local SPAM® Champion Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$150; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$50; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$25 (Adults)****Local SPAM® Kid Chef Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$150; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$50; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$25 (Kids)****Two National Grand Prizes:****1) National SPAM® Champion Grand Prize: A Trip for Two to the 2018 Waikiki SPAM JAM® Festival in Hawaii Valued at \$3,000 (Adult Grand Prize)\*;****2) National "SPAM® Kid Chef of the Year" Grand Prize: \$2,000 cash prize**Judging Criteria: Simplicity (50%) + Taste (50%)**The Great American SPAM Championship Contest Information**

1. **Contest Rules.** Entries in this class must be delivered on Friday, Aug. 25, between 9-10 a.m. Entries should be delivered cold for safe handling, brought in a disposable container to the demonstration kitchen located inside Creative Activities building. Gate admission ticket must be purchased to deliver items, and is the responsibility of the exhibitor, by entering this class you accept this as part of the rules of entry.
  - A. Make any "Super Simple Craveable Classic" recipe with at least one 12-ounce can of SPAM® products any variety (Classic, Lite, Less Sodium, Hot & Spicy, or other) and up to 10 other ingredients. (Packaged items such as cake mixes and other timesavers are welcome and count as one/individual ingredient. Salt, pepper, cooking oil/butter, water and garnishes do NOT count.)
  - B. Judging Criteria is to emphasize how easy the recipe should be and how great it tastes.
  - C. Recipes should be named, original, unpublished, the sole property of entrant, and not used for another contest.
  - D. Submit your entry with a clear/typed recipe (illegible recipes may be disqualified), a product label and your contact information. One entry per person.
  - E. No SPAM® recipe contest 1st place winners from any fair in 2016 are eligible to win in 2017, nor are those who have won 1st place three or more times.
  - F. All winning recipes become the property of Hormel Foods Sales, LLC, which has the right to publish or advertise the recipes and contestants without compensation.
  - G. Judges are chosen by the fair; their decisions are final. Hormel Foods is not responsible for lost recipes, nor is the fair.
  - H. All winners are required to sign a release provided by Hormel Foods. Winner awards will not be distributed until their releases are received.
  - I. All contestants including fair winners, finalists and the national grand-prize winners shall not make any public appearances or give any interviews associated with this competition without the permission of Hormel Foods or the Blue Ribbon Group.
  - J. Taxes on the prizes are the responsibility of the winner.
  - K. Employees of Hormel Foods Corporation, its affiliates, subsidiaries and families of each are not eligible to participate.
2. **National Judging & Grand Prizes:**
  - A. Fair contest supervisors forward 1st place winning recipes for national grand prize judging for both Adult and Kid Chef categories. Hormel Foods' Test Kitchens judge recipes on the above criteria. Their decisions are final.

- B. For the National SPAM® Champion Grand Prize (adult: age 18 & up) one national grand-prize winner will be selected out of all 26 1st place recipes. He/she will receive a voucher to cover \$3,000 in travel costs (airfare, hotel and food) for the 2018 Waikiki SPAM JAM® Festival in Hawaii. The national grand-prize winner may elect to accept a \$3,000 cash prize instead of the trip (ARV \$3,000).
- C. One National SPAM® Kid Chef of the Year (kid chef: age 7 to 17) will be selected out of all 26 1st place recipes and he/she will receive a \$2,000 cash prize (ARV \$2,000).
- D. Both grand-prize winners will be notified by phone no later than Feb. 28, 2018. If Hormel Foods is unable to reach the grand-prize winners within 10 days of notification, an alternate may be selected. National winning recipes will be available by emailing [statefairteam@blueribbongroup.net](mailto:statefairteam@blueribbongroup.net) or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Blue Ribbon Group, c/o SPAM® Championship National Winner, 1120 South 2nd St. #908, Minneapolis, MN 55415.