

2023 SPECIAL CONTEST

Adult/Open Bake and Youth Bake

Special Contest Rules. Also Please Print General Handbook Rules

All entries are required by the online method, no late entries will be allowed due to the fact your entry number will be placed on the set-up tables, unless deemed by the Director. You will find your number and set up. **You will need to bring only one recipe without your name or address. Include the division, class, and description (recipe title or object details)** All contestants and recipes are subject to pictures and publicity by the Arkansas State Fair without compensation. All taxes are the responsibility of the winner. **STANDARD CREATIVE ARTS EXHIBITION RULES APPLY**, unless stated otherwise on individual contest description pages. Many sponsors have very specific requirements.

A food exhibit consists of at least 5 items on a plate, Pies and Cake must be full displays. Other dishes must feed at least 5 Judges. Remember everyone likes to sample your dish.

Avoid complications, correction, or disqualification by reading and following directions and copy the General Handbook online. If you have questions, please contact the State Fair office for assistance at 870-917-9252 or email Gina Clement @ Artscrafts@asfg.net. During Fair hours I will only answer Emails. All exhibits are to be prepared at home and brought to the fairgrounds at specified times, except for the Flora and Pumpkin Painting contest.

When entering the grounds please let security know you are in the cooking contest to allow you to park close to the Arts and Crafts Building. All nonperishables are to be checked in prior to the opening of the State Fair. Food exhibitors may create a display (dish, place mat, silverware, etc.) no larger than 12 x 24 in. at the discretion of staff. Exhibitors must bring their own serving utensils and accessories. Stoves and cook tops are available to warm up for final presentation or small prep due to travel or recipes with perishable items and can be prepared onsite. **PLEASE CLEAN UP YOUR AREA OF THE KITCHEN THAT WAS USED.**

Tags should be visible, without exhibitor identification showing. Exhibitors should stay for judging as ribbons and other awards are presented. If for some reason you can't be there, please designate someone to take care of your entries. Youth does not have to be present. You will be called to stand by your dish as awards are presented. Photo opportunities may be requested of our sponsors. Do not leave the area unless you designate someone to represent you, accept your award and clean your area. The judging area is restricted to authorized persons only.

Exhibitors and their families must avoid contact with judges until after the contest. Sampling of food entries is limited to other exhibitors in the contest or by Fair workers of the contest. The Exhibitors are allowed in the ring before and after contest All times are subject to change if a problem arises **DECISION OF JUDGE IS FINAL** Perishable foods and presentation materials will be released to exhibitors immediately following judging. Food, tableware, or other accessories remaining after the contest will be disposed of without further notice. Arkansas State Fair is not responsible for exhibitor property left behind without prior arrangement. **ALL EXHIBITORS COMPETE TOGETHER IN A LIVE CONTEST**

SPECIAL CONTEST COMPETITION

DAY	EVENT	CHECK IN	JUDGING
Saturday 14	Adult Open Bake	11:00 to 11:30	12:00
Saturday 14	Floral Express	1:30 to 2:00	2:00
Saturday 14	Pulaski Tech Demos	2:00 to 6:00	na
Saturday 14	Arkansas Clogging Entertainment	4:00 to 8:00	na
Sunday 15	Arkansas Clogging Entertainment	12:00 to 8:00	na
Monday 16	ASF Pie	11:30 to 12:00	12:15
Monday 16	Pulaski Tech Demos	1:00	na
Tuesday 17	Hiland Dairy	11:30 12:00	12:15
Tuesday 17	Petit Jean Meats	2:00 to 2:30	2:45
Tuesday 17	Pulaski Tech Demo	3:00	na
Wednesday 18	Honey Cooking	11:30 to 12:00	12:15
Wednesday 18	Splenda	2:00 to 2:30	2:45
Thursday 19	Cattlegirls Chill	11:30 to 12:00	12:15
Thursday 19	Cattlemen's Brisket	1:00 to 1:30	1:45
Friday 20	People's Choice Cookie Contest	12:00 to 12:30	1:00 - 6:00
Saturday 21	Youth Baking	11:30 to 12:00	12:15
Saturday 21	Pulaski Tech Demos	1:00 to 6:00	na
Saturday 21	Youth Pumpkin Paint	2:00 to 2:30	3:15
Sunday 22	Take Down	2:00 to 4:00	na

Judging times are subject to change depending on if Exhibitors and Judges are all present.

FLORAL EXPRESS



Flower Market
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FLOWER ARRANGING CONTEST

Division 901– See Classes Listed Below
Contest Date Saturday October 14th
Exhibitor Check In: 1 : 3 0 t o 2 : 0 0 .
J u d g i n g 2 : 0 0



This is a fun and educational competition, in appreciation of the art and beauty of fresh flower arrangements. Learn the basic elements of floral design techniques and experience the rewards of creative expression under the guidance of experts in the field. Previous experience is not required and no preparation is necessary; supplies are provided by the sponsor and the arrangements are created on site.

This exciting event is certain to entertain and encourage a love of floral design and fresh flowers.

You must enter online, space is limited

Classes:

- 01 ~ Youth** (Ages 6 - 12)
- 02 ~ Junior** (Ages 13 - 18)
- 03 ~ Adult** (Ages 19 & above)

AWARDS SPONSORED BY

FLORAL EXPRESS

OF LITTLE ROCK

1st	Award 20.00
2nd	Award 15.00
3rd	Award 10:00

Contestants must participate in the appropriate age class as of the contest date

Youth under 6 years are not eligible.

Sponsor will provide each contestant with flowers, scissors, foam, and a commemorative container.

Contestants have 15 minutes to create their arrangement, judging will follow.

Judging is based on creativity, workmanship and how well the design works with the container that you are given to work with.

Judges are qualified florists and/or garden club members with an extensive background in floral design.

The Judges' decision is final. The judges may choose to comment and demonstrate design methods after the contest. Please read the rules in the Special Contest Handbook. You can keep your flower arrangement.

AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED ON SITE



ADULT OPEN BAKE

SEE DIVISIONS 190 TO 197

Saturday 14th

Check in 11:00 to 11:30

Judging 12:00

PRINT HANDBOOK BEFORE YOU ENTER

APPEARANCE 10 TASTE 50 OVERALL IMPRESSION 40

Arkansas State Fair Pie Competition



DIVISION 903: CLASS 01: Fried Pies

CONTEST DATE: Monday 16th

EXHIBITS ACCEPTED: 11:30 to 12:00

Judging: 12:15

Awards provided by the Arkansas State Fair

1st Place - \$100

2nd Place - \$75

3rd Place - \$50

The recipe must be original and not previously published. List all ingredients (for both crust or filling) in exact measurements and include preparation steps, pan size, temperature, and baking time. Only bring one recipe include Division Number and Class Number

Damage in transit or handling will not be counted against the

contestant. Please read the guidelines in the Special Contest

Handbook

Judging is based on.

Appearance of Pie – up to 10 points Taste – up to 50-point

Overall Impression filling and crust up to 40 points.



HONEY COOKING

Division 904 CLASS 01

CONTEST DATE: Wed 18th

EXHIBITS ACCEPTED: 11:30 to 12:00

Judging: 12:15

1st Place 100.00

2nd Place 75.00

3rd Place 50.00

Honey can be any dish made from pure or raw Arkansas
produced Honey.
You must bring a bottle of honey with your dish. Please
read all rules in the Special Contest Handbook

Judging is based on.

Appearance of Pie – up to 10 points Taste – up to 50 points

Overall Impression filling and crust- up to 40 points

Sponsored By Pulaski County Farm Bureau



HILAND DAIRY COOKING COMPETITION

SWEETS ONLY

Division 905

Tuesday 17th

Check in 11:30 to 12:00

Judging 12:15

Awards sponsored by Hiland Dairy:

1st Place - \$175 and a Ribbon

2nd Place - \$100 and a Ribbon

3rd Place - \$50 and a Ribbon

Judging is based on

Appearance of Food – up to 10 points.

Taste – up to 50 points

Overall Impression – up to 40 points

This competition can be any **SWEET DISH**

made from any two of

Hiland Dairy products.

You must bring the empty packages of Hiland

Dairy products with your dish.



Impress your friends, family, and the fair's judges! Petit Jean Meats is searching for the most flavorful Dish in Arkansas.

Combine any Petit Jean Meat with up to five other ingredients for a convenient and memorable main dish that says WOW!

Division 906: Class 01

Tuesday 17th

Check in 2:00 to 2:30

Judging 2:45

Awards:

1st Place - \$ 150.00

2nd Place - \$ 100.00

3rd Place - \$ 50.00

Judging is based on

Appearance of Food – up to 10 points

Taste – up to 50 points

Overall Impression – up to 40 points

Entries must use Petit Jean Meat (as the only meat) plus no more than 5 other ingredients. Salt, pepper, water, oil and cooking spray do not qualify as ingredients.

Please read the Guidelines in the Special Contest handbook



Low-To-No Sugar Showdown: Citrus Sweet Treats

Feature lemon, lime, orange, or other tangy citrus ingredients in your entry, solo or with any complimentary flavors. Wow the judges and our taste buds. Entries can be any type of sweet treat, from cookies and pies to cakes and

other dessert-like foods. Bring in your best and brightest, citrus-flavored sweet treats!

Division 902 Wednesday October 18th, 2023, Sign in 2:00 to 2:30 Judging 2:45

PRIZES: \$200 1st Place, \$100 2nd Place, \$50 3rd Place

JUDGING CRITERIA:	Use of ingredients, flavor combinations.....	25%
	Taste, aroma.....	25%
	Ease of preparation.....	25%
	Overall appeal, crowd pleaser.....	25%

Participation Guidelines:

- Use 1/4 cup or more of any Splenda product, such as Splenda Magic Baker, a new plant-based, zero-calorie sweetener. It measures and tastes like sugar. Use it 1 to 1 for replacing sugar. Look for a free product giveaway to all baking participants on contest day.
- Bring your prepared entry (uncut, 6 or more servings), corresponding recipe, and Splenda proof of purchase (product label/receipt).
- Snap a pic in your kitchen or at the fair and post on social media, tagging #splenda, #blueribbonfoodies and #mnstatefair.
- Find baking tips, product coupons, recipes, and more at Splenda.com

Additional rules:

- Recipes must be named and your own creation, something you yourself prepared. Using published recipes as inspiration from websites, cookbooks, magazines, or blogs, etc. is allowed, with source/credit noted. If desired, include any stories, comments or background about your entry (not a contest requirement).
- Judges will evaluate entries and choose winners based on the above criteria.
- By submitting your entry, you accept all Contest rules and agree to be bound by the judges' decisions, which will be final.
- Winning recipes become the shared property of the Blue Ribbon Group, Contest Sponsor, Arkansas State Fair, and winning entrant.
- The contest is intended for amateur bakers (ages 14 and up). It excludes those who earn a significant portion of their livelihood from baking.
- All prizes will be delivered by the Blue Ribbon Group within 30 days of winner announcements. Taxes are the responsibility of the winner. Contest is void where prohibited or otherwise regulated by law.
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Arkansas Cattlemen's Association

Arkansas State Fair Brisket Competition

Thursday 19th 2023

Check in 1:00 to 1:30

Judging 1:45

Division 908

Adults Class 01: Brisket Kids Class 02: Brisket

1st Place - \$200

2nd Place - \$100

3rd Place - \$50

Appearance of Beef – points up to 10.

Taste – points up to 50.

Overall Impression – points up to 40.

Recipe should include all cooking instructions.

List all spices you used.

All meat should start out raw. No pre-seasoned meat allowed.
Brisket can be chopped, sliced etc.

No artificial heat will be allowed on
table during judging.

Please read the Guidelines in the Special Contest Handbook

Arkansas Cattle Women Association in conjunction with
Arkansas Beef Council



**Arkansas
CattleWomen's
Association**

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OFF



DIVISION 909: – CLASS 01: Adults

CLASS 02: Kids

Thursday 19th

Check in 11:30 to 12:00

Judging 12:15

Do you make good chili? Everyone is invited to join us at the
Arkansas State Fair!!!

1st Place - \$100

2nd Place - \$50

3rd Place - \$25

Entries may use any variety of beans if desired, but Beef MEAT must be the main ingredient.
Recipe is required.

Please read the rules in the Special Contest handbook

Judging is based on.

Appearance of Chili – up to 10 points Taste – up to 50 points

Overall Impression – up to 40 points



YOUTH BAKING
Saturday 21st
Check in 11:30 to 12:00
Judging 12:15

Find Division and Classes under
SENIOR YOUTH 290 -297
JUNIOR YOUTH 390-398
YOUTH 490-492

PRINT HANDBOOK BEFORE YOU ENTER
PLEASE BE SURE TO ENTER IN THE CORRECT AGE GROUP

Appearance 10

Taste 50

Overall Impression 40



DIVA BEE PUMPKIN PAINTING

DIVISION 910

CLASS 01 5 TO 8
CLASS 02 9 TO 13
CLASS 03 14 TO 19

Saturday 21st 2023
Check in 2:00 to 2:30
Judging 3:15

1ST 25.00

2ND 15.00

3RD 10.00

Arkansas State Fair will provide paint, supplies, and pumpkins. Please bring an over shirt to cover your clothes while painting. You will be given 30 minutes to complete your painting. When finished painting please leave your pumpkin on the table.

Clean your area then go sit outside of the judging ring. Pumpkins will be allowed to dry 10 minutes before judging begins. Please remain for the judging. You will be allowed to take your pumpkin home after judging if not please leave on the table.

PEOPLES CHOICE COOKIE CONTEST

Division 911

Friday October 20, 2023

Check in 12:00 to 12:30

Judging 1:00 to 6:00

This contest is based solely on the total number of votes each exhibitor receives by the people that chose to donate \$1.00 to eat a piece of each cookie.

People can sample and vote for their favorite cookie by placing a vote in a box that will be placed on the table. Only one vote is allowed per \$1.00 donated.

You can sample and vote as many times as you would like if you donate \$1.00 each time. Exhibitors will be allowed to vote for their own cookies.

Exhibitors will bake 2 dozen cookies of their choice. The cookies will be broken into small equal pieces to allow more samples then put on a plate. Please be aware the cookies must be able to be broken or cut into small pieces.

This event is open to Adults and Youth, parents will be allowed to help youth since this contest everyone will compete together. Be creative show some style or just make a good cookie that might win.

Covers will be supplied for your cookies.

Prizes

1st place 75.00 and ribbon

2nd place 50.00 and ribbon

3rd place 25.00 and ribbon