



Last year's awards ceremony was so much fun, we've decided to do it again...only bigger! This year, all canning and baking competition components will take place under the large covered arena at the fairgrounds. The Cooperative Extension booth simply doesn't have enough space, nor is it in a prominent enough location to host such an event. With this new format comes a few changes, so as always read carefully to ensure your entry is contest-ready.

The entry procedure will remain the same as in the past: all goods must be dropped off at the fair in the allotted window on the eve of opening day (see rules section for specific times). However, this year, instead of going to the Extension booth, bring your items to the covered arena. The judging will take place that evening, and then all entries will be stored overnight in a secure location. Our awards ceremony will once again be held on opening night at 7pm under the covered arena; during this the judges and winners will be revealed and everything will be out on display. With the new (and better!) location, the biggest change for this year will be what happens after the awards ceremony: **EATING!**

\$1 tickets will be sold at the awards ceremony, and upon its conclusion ticketholders can exchange their ticket for a couple of samples of the baked goods. This will achieve several goals: 1-prevent the food from going to waste, 2-give participants and spectators what they've always requested--a chance to actually taste instead of just look at all those goodies, and 3-help raise a few dollars to go back into Cooperative Extension programming and prizes for you!

We are excited about the new location, new categories, and new food tasting part of this year's fair, and we hope you are too. The down side to the new location is, of course, that the baked goods will not be on display throughout the fair, but that's just all the more incentive for you to come to opening night (for free!) to participate in the awards ceremony and tastings. Good luck!

General Exhibit Rules

1. Entries are limited to bona fide residents of Forsyth County. No entry fee is required. Entries must be made by individuals only and must be the work of the exhibitor.
2. There are three divisions in each class – youth (K-8), teen (high school) & adult.
3. Exhibitors are limited to one entry per class.
4. In no event will the fair management or Cooperative Extension be responsible for any injury or loss which may occur while in transit or while at the Fair, including as a result of sampling entries.
5. Exhibits must be **delivered** to the covered arena on **Wednesday, October 5th from 2:00-6:00 p.m.** Baked goods will be used in the fundraiser following the awards ceremony. Canned goods will be displayed the entire length of the fair in the Extension booth and will be available for pick-up on Monday, October 17th between 9-11 a.m. or at the Extension office anytime during regular business hours Tuesday-Friday that week.
6. Judging will be based upon recognized standards of quality, skill and workmanship.

7. Where there is competition, all prizes may be awarded as long as there are worthy entries. When articles are not worthy of first prize, judges may, at their discretion, award a prize or prizes of such grade as the articles deserve.
8. Ribbons will be awarded from the judges' record sheets. There will be no premium checks.
9. For questions or additional information, contact the Forsyth County Extension office at 770-887-2418.

Class Descriptions and Rules

Food Preservation

1. All entries must have been canned since the last Cumming Fair (i.e. since October 2010).
2. Products should be canned according to the latest USDA information.
3. Label on jar must indicate process date, minutes and method used (water bath or pressure).
4. Judging is done by comparison. No canning jars will be opened.

***Canned goods categories are selected based on prior years' participation and suggestions. Entries will be accepted that do not fall into one of the specified categories ("other"), but ribbons will be awarded only if competition is present.

Baked Goods

1. A printed or typed copy of the recipe on a separate 8-1/2 x 11 inch sheet of paper must accompany each entry. All recipes become the property of the Forsyth County Extension Office. The contestant's name, email (if applicable) and telephone number should be printed on the back of each recipe.
2. Entries should be on thin board or disposable plates and enclosed in a zip-top bag (gallon size should suffice; larger ones are available at craft stores if needed). Exceptions include items with icing: a disposable container with a clear lid/cover is preferred.
3. Exhibit a minimum of six (6) biscuits, six (6) cupcakes, and one dozen (12) bars/cookies/pieces of fudge. Exhibit the whole loaf bread and/or pie.
4. Judging is based on taste, texture, and visual appeal of the food; no points will be awarded based on plated presentation.

*** The baked goods categories are currently listed based on prior years' participation and suggestions. *Your entry must fit into one of the established options.* However, the judges retain the right to subdivide categories based on this year's entries/competition.

2011 Entry Form

Name of Exhibitor _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email: _____

School (if applicable) _____

Division Entered _____ Adult _____ Teen (9-12th grade) _____ Youth (K-8th grade)

Classes Entered (check all that apply)

Food Preservation:

Jam Jelly Preserves
 Fruit Butter Applesauce Tomatoes
 Soup Mixture Salsa Pickles
 Peppers Other

Baked Goods:

**For food safety purposes, no items will be accepted that require refrigeration*

Brownies Chocolate Chip Cookies Other Cookies (PB, Oatmeal, etc.)
 Pie Dessert Bars Fudge
 Biscuits Corn Bread Other Breads (Banana, Zucchini, etc.)
 Cupcakes

I hereby agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the Cumming Fairgrounds.

Signature

