



Home Arts **Division 12**

Junior Baking Contest

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- **Please refer to the Home Arts General Rules**

Entries in this department are limited to New Mexico residents.

There is no entry fee for Food Preparation Contests.

Entries in all Food Preparation Contests will be received in Home Arts located inside the Home & Creative Arts Building, directly south of the Manuel Lujan Building.

All exhibitors **must** be amateurs (unless otherwise stated in certain classes). This requirement is met through exhibitors' honesty. If it comes to the attention of any employee and/or judge that an item **not** placed in a professional class is indeed made by a professional, defined as a person making over \$500 a year and who sells such works as the item entered, that entry will be disqualified. Any other entries made by that exhibitor will then be thoroughly examined in our attempt to keep our contests fair and valid.

Judging

Judging begins at 1:30PM in Home Art. Judging is open to the public and we encourage exhibitors and others to attend. Please do not approach the judges or the contest area while the contest is taking place. Judges may stay after the contest for questions.

Quick Section Reference

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203	Junior Baking Contest	Saturday, September 19 th

Special Note for Food Preparation Entries:

To enter any of the Food Preparation Contests bring entries on the date listed in the Premium Book to the Home & Creative Arts Building between 8:00AM – 12:00PM. Entries will **not** be accepted after 12:00PM. Parking is at Gate 8 (Louisiana and Lomas). Exhibitors arriving before 10:00AM might not be asked to pay admission. However, after 10:00AM entrants will be required to pay for parking and admission to the State Fair, and the terms are not controlled by Home Arts. The Home Arts Building is located west of Tingley Coliseum, with the entrance facing the Manuel Lujan Building to the north. The door for entries will be clearly marked on the northeast door.

Section 203 Junior Baking Contest

Entry Date

Saturday, September 19th: 8:00AM – 12:00PM
Entries close promptly at noon

Judging

Saturday, September 19th: 1:30PM
Judging is open to the public.

Winners will be announced during the contest. Winning entries will be kept on display until the end of the Fair. Non-winners must be picked up by 5:00PM, each day of the contest.

Rules

- Contestants are responsible for knowing the contest rules. Entries not meeting requirements will be eliminated prior to/or during judging. Read the following rules carefully.
- The Junior Baking contest is open to children 17 years of age and younger. Each category has a separate class for children 9 and under.
- **Not Allowed:** Store-bought and/or pre-made mixes.
- Three entries per exhibitor and each entry must be in a different class.
- Recipes must be submitted with every entry. Recipes should exactly match the manners in which the entries were prepared. Do **not** put names, addresses or phone numbers on recipes. If you are a teacher and your class is participating, please include the name of your school on each recipe. All recipes submitted become the property of the New Mexico State Fair with all publication rights.
- All entries are judged against the ideal standard for their type, not simply against each other.
- There are additional awards for the Junior Baking Contest. Awards listed at the end of this section.

Bread: Quick

- Except when noted, quick breads must be baked in a loaf pan no smaller than 9"x5".
- Loaves are to be entered on sturdy, foil-covered cardboard 1" larger and not to exceed 2" larger than entry.
- Biscuits, muffins and tortillas must be entered on disposable plates.

Class 1 – 13 & Type

1. Banana Nut Bread
2. Biscuits (6 biscuits are required)
3. Coffee Cake
4. Corn Bread (square or triangular, 6 pieces required)
5. Fruit Bread
6. Gluten Free Bread: Any flavor
7. Muffins – Any flavor (6 muffins are required)
8. Pumpkin Bread
9. Scones (6 scones are required)
10. Tortillas (6 tortillas are required)
11. Zucchini Bread
12. Muffins – Any flavor (made by a 9-year-old or younger, 6 muffins are required)
13. Quick Bread – Any type (made by a 9-year-old or younger, 6 biscuits, scones, or tortillas are required)

Bread: Yeast

- Each bread loaf or coffee cake must be entered on sturdy, foil-covered cardboard 1" larger and not to exceed 2" larger than entry.
- Rolls must be entered on disposable plates.

Class 14 – 23 & Type

14. Breakfast Rolls – Sweet (6 rolls are required)
15. Cinnamon Swirl Bread (with or without raisins)
16. Cloverleaf Rolls (6 rolls are required)
17. Coffee Cake
18. Crescent Rolls (6 rolls are required)
19. Gluten Free – Any type of yeast bread
20. White Bread – Traditional Loaf
21. Whole Wheat Bread – Traditional Loaf
22. Yeast Bread: Any type listed above (made by a 9-year-old or younger)
23. Yeast Rolls: Any type listed above (made by a 9-year-old or younger, 6 rolls are required)

Cakes: Layered (except for cupcakes) & Iced (except for cake pops which are coated)

- All cakes should be baked in rounds.
- **Not Allowed:** Whipped cream frosting or whipped cream filling. **Accepted:** Other fillings such as fruit.
- Entries must be submitted on bakery cardboard or sturdy, foil-covered cardboard 1" and not to exceed 2" larger than the cake.
- Layered cakes must be 2 or more layers. Layers may be made from single-layered cakes cut horizontally.

Class 24 – 34 & Type

24. Cake Pops: Any flavor; coated (6 cake pops are required)
25. Carrot Cake
26. Chocolate Cake
27. Cupcakes: Any flavor (6 cupcakes are required)
28. German Chocolate Cake
29. Gluten Free Cake: Any Flavor
30. Spice Cake
31. White Cake
32. Yellow Cake
33. Layered and Iced Cake: Any other **not** listed
34. Layered and Iced Cake or Cupcakes (made by a 9-year-old or younger, 6 cake pops and cupcakes are required)

Cakes: Un-Iced (not layered)

- All cakes should be baked in rounds.
- **Not Allowed:** Whipped cream frosting.
- Entries must be submitted on bakery cardboard or sturdy, foil-covered cardboard 1" and not to exceed 2" larger than the cake.
- Un-Iced cakes are to be baked in a tube, Bundt or loaf pan no smaller than 8", and **without** drizzle, glaze, or icing.

Class 35 – 41 & Type

35. Angel, Chiffon, or Sponge Cake
36. Applesauce Cake
37. Gluten Free Cake – any flavor
38. Pound Cake
39. Spice Cake
40. Un-Iced Cake – any other **not** listed
41. Un-Iced Cake (made by a 9-year-old or younger)

Cookies

- Six cookies must be included for each entry, exception being Gingerbread People, which only requires 4 cookies.
- Raisins or nuts are allowed.

Class 42 – 63 & Type

42. Bar cookies - Any flavor
43. Bizcochitos
44. Blondies/Brownies – Un-Iced
45. Chocolate Chip Cookies – Traditional semi-sweet (may contain nuts)
46. Chocolate Drop Cookies
47. Christmas Cookies – Iced **&/or** decorated
48. Fruit Bars
49. Gingerbread People (4 gingerbread people are required)
50. Gingersnap Cookies
51. Icebox Cookies
52. No-Bake Cookies
53. Oatmeal Cookies (may contain nuts, raisins, **any** flavored chips, etc.)
54. Peanut Butter Cookies
55. Snickerdoodles
56. Spice Drop Cookies
57. Sugar Cookies – Rolled, cut & Iced/Decorated
58. Sugar Cookies – Rolled, cut & Un-Iced
59. Sugar Free Cookies: Any type (artificial sugar is allowed)
60. Cookies – Any other **not** listed
61. Bar cookies (made by a 9-year-old or younger)
62. Drop Cookies (made by a 9-year-old or younger)
63. Rolled & Cut Cookies (made by a 9-year-old or younger)

Ribbons awarded in every class at the judges' discretion.

Best of Show-Gold Rosette: In the following

- Breads: Quick (age 10 – 17 years old)
- Breads: Quick (age 9 years & younger)
- Breads: Yeast (age 10 – 17 years old)
- Breads: Yeast (age 9 years & younger)
- Cakes: Layered & Iced (age 10 – 17 years old)
- Cakes: Layered & Iced (age 9 years & younger)
- Cakes: Un-Iced (age 10 – 17 years old)
- Cakes: Un-Iced (age 9 years & younger)
- Cookies: (age 10 – 17 years old)
- Cookies: (age 9 years and younger)

Best of Show Overall-Purple Rosette:

Ages 10 – 17 years old

Best of Show Overall-Purple Rosette:

Ages 9 years and younger