



# YOUTH CULINARY CONTESTS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## DEADLINE

Enter online by

**THURS., MARCH 20, 2025**

You must enter online prior to dropping off your entry, no exceptions.

## DELIVERY

Please see individual contest information for specific delivery instructions.

## FEEs

Entry Fees are

**\$3.00** for all contests

## AWARDS

- Awards offered in all classes:
  - » 1st Place: Rosette and \$25.00
  - » 2nd Place: Rosette and \$15.00
  - » 3rd Place: Rosette and \$10.00
- These awards are granted at the discretion of the judges.
- Premium checks will be mailed within ten (10) weeks following the close of the LA County Fair.

## CONTESTS

Please read both the generic rules on the following page and the individual contest rules, classes, judging criteria and check-in information on that particular contest page

- Baking Contest
- Everything Chocolate Contest
- Fantastic Fair Food Contest
- Favorite Food Memory Contest
- Live Family Chef Championship Contest
- Seasonal Fruit Contest

## JUDGING

The American System of Judging is used in the Home Arts building/Culinary Kitchen, unless otherwise stated. The judging process ranks exhibits against one another and gives awards to first place, second place, etc. Judges shall avoid unnecessary fraternization with exhibitors. No person shall be allowed, under any circumstances, to interfere with the judge, or judges, during their adjudications, or with the Fair's staff, or to offer any criticism of any exhibit of another. Violators of this rule shall be excluded immediately from the judging area. ***No judging information will be given by telephone or email. Results will be posted on our website after June 30, 2025.*** The judges may award first, second and third place, according to merit. If without merit, the judges shall make no award under any circumstances. This rule applies whether there are one or more exhibits in the class. **The judges decisions shall be final.**

## QUESTIONS?

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# YOUTH DIVISION

## LIVE FAMILY CHEF CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST

**DIVISION:** 5020 – Ages 6 – 17

**CLASS:**

1 – Mystery Box

**CHECK-IN**

**Where:** Location will be given in your confirmation packet.

**When:** Saturday, May 24, 2025

**Check In:** 1:45 p.m.

**Create:** 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**Judging:** 3:00 p.m.

**SPECIFIC CONTEST RULES**

- You and your one sous chef (must be 18 or older)** will use your imagination to create a dish using ingredients found in your mystery box. Community ingredients will be provided, such as butter, milk, sugars, eggs, etc. All three (3) mystery box ingredients which will consist of a protein, vegetable and starch must be used in the dish. Griddles, ovens, cooktops, pots, pans and utensils, etc. will be provided. **No items may be brought in. You will create your dish live here at the LA County Fair.**
- Limited to the first six (6) entrants. If contest is closed, please contact the Competitions Coordinator to join the wait list.
- Any youth between the ages of 6 and 17 years old may enter once per division.
- See entry rules on following page.

**JUDGING CRITERIA**

Taste (overall taste).....	40%
Originality/Creativity.....	30%
Appearance/Presentation.....	20%
Ease of preparation.....	10%
Total.....	100%



# YOUTH CULINARY CONTEST ENTRY RULES

1. Exhibitors and their guardians are responsible for reading the competition information, individual rules for each competition, general entry rules and must abide by them.
2. There are no refunds of entry fee.
3. Please print out your online entry receipt for your records.
4. You must be between 5 and 17 years of age to enter **except for the Live Family Chef Championship Contest**. Please see specific contest rules.
5. Entries accepted from INDIVIDUALS ONLY and must be the work of the exhibitor in whose name they were entered.
6. **Limit of one entry per class** (to enter more in one class would be, in effect, competing against oneself).
7. Items will be judged in Division and Class entered by exhibitors. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to correctly classify their items. Only items listed and described on entry form will be accepted for judging.
8. Judges and/or Fair staff may reassign entries to a more appropriate division and/or class.
9. All work must be completed by the youth, with adult supervision when necessary.
10. **All entrants will receive a confirmation packet the first week of May. Exhibitors will receive a complimentary parking pass and ticket for themselves and a guardian for use on the day of the contest(s). If you are unable to participate this year, please return your parking pass and tickets so that you will be eligible to enter the Culinary Contest again next year.**
11. Each recipe must be homemade (no mixes, unless otherwise specified), named, original, unpublished, and the sole property of entrant.
12. Recipes must be made using ingredients that are readily available at your local stores.

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13. On the day of the contest, entries **must be** submitted with a typed or computer printed **measured ingredients list** on an 8 ½ x 11" sheet of paper with the entrant's name, division, and class number. **Any entry that arrives without the required measured ingredients list and information will NOT be accepted for judging. Do not mail your measured ingredients list.**
14. All measured ingredients list submitted will become the property of the Los Angeles County Fair Association and may be published, reproduced, developed, and sold by the Los Angeles County Fair Association. When appropriate, credit will be given to the originator of the measured ingredients list.
15. The LA County Fair reserves the right to reject anything that is entered into a contest at the Fair that may be objectionable, unsuitable, requires more space than can be given, or conflicts with exhibit requirements.
16. No person shall sign the entry form as an agent at the LA County Fair in any department if they are a manager, director, association member, department head, or paid employee.
17. The LA County Fair is not responsible for lost, stolen, illegible, misdirected, or late entries. By entering the contest, exhibitor accepts and agrees to these requirements and the decisions of the judges, which shall be final.
18. The Los Angeles County Fair Association reserves the right to amend and add to these rules and empowers the Executive Committee with the final and absolute right to interpret all rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto.
19. The LA County Fair pays premiums ONLY in those classes specifically listed. **Premium checks will be mailed within ten (10) weeks following the close of the LA County Fair.** The LA County Fair is not responsible for redemption of premiums.