

2012 Youth Division – Baked and Canned Goods

- 1. The Youth Section of the Baked and Canned Goods Division of the Walker County Fair will be open to Walker County students who are enrolled FCCLA Chapter members or 4-H Club members who are active participants of a 4-H Food Group, beginning September prior to the County Fair. Participants in the Youth Section must be in grades 3-12 or be 9-18 years of age. Each entrant must sign a “Letter of Intent” on or before the last Friday in October prior to the Fair and have participated in at least two content area activities.**
- 2. An entry fee of \$5 will be charged for each exhibit. Only one exhibit may be entered in each class and all youth entries must be received by the official entry deadline of the WCFA – Friday, two weeks before the opening of the Fair. Entries will not be accepted unless accompanied by required fee.**
- 3. The Baked Goods Division will be composed of seven major classes: Cakes, Decorated Cakes, Breads (no bread machine products are eligible), Pies, Cookies, Candies, and Miscellaneous. An entry is defined as “a whole product” or in the case of cookies, candies or rolls there must be at least twelve pieces included in the entry. The Canned Goods Division will be composed of nine major classes: Pickles, Relishes, Jams, Jellies, Fruits, Vegetables, Juices, Salsa and Miscellaneous.**

Specific facts for each baked goods class: (1) Cakes – must be made from scratch – both cake and icing. (2) Cookies – may be drop, bar, refrigerator, shaped, molded cookies made from scratch. (3) Yeast bread – must be made from scratch with yeast as leavening agent. (4) Candy – any type made from scratch – no molded candies made from bought fondant. (5) Miscellaneous baked goods – quick breads, cakes with additions such as mixes, or any item that doesn’t clearly fit in other class. (6) Decorated cake - may be made from mix but icing, fondant, or any other type of covering must be from scratch. All decorations must be edible and the creation of the person entering. Any cake displaying purchased or non-edible decorations will be disqualified. Decorated cakes are not considered for “Best of Show” or cut/sampled by judges – judged on appearance only.

Specific facts for each canned goods: must be made from scratch – no mixes can be used. Any type food that has been “Pressure Canned” or “Water Bathed” in standard commercial type canning jars such as Ball, Kerr, or Mason jars are eligible. Mayonnaise jars or the like will be disqualified. If the seal is broken, the entry will be disqualified.

- 4. All entries should be on sturdy disposable containers and covered with plastic wrap. No refrigeration will be provided; therefore, exhibits requiring refrigeration will be disqualified. The recipe must be submitted when the food product is turned in. The recipe should not be attached to the product and should not have participant’s name on it.**

5. **Baked goods must be turned in Friday morning before the last day of the Fair, between 7-10:00 a.m. Judging will be held the same day and results will be posted by 5:00 p.m. that day. The judging is not open to the public.**
6. **Canned good entries are due at the Fairgrounds on the Thursday before opening day of the Fair between 4-7:00 p.m. A label identifying the product name should be on the jar. Any item that is not properly sealed will be disqualified. Judging will take place the following day and is not open to the public. Results will be posted by 5:00 p.m. that day.**
7. **First through sixth place and participant ribbons will be given to all entries according to the judges decision. The judges will designate a "Best of Show Baked Goods" and a "Best of Show Canned Goods" award. Plaques will be awarded to each of the "Best of Show" entries. There is a presentation ceremony, prior to the Baked and Canned Goods Auction on the last Saturday of the Fair.**
8. **The Baked and Canned Goods Auction will be held the last Saturday of the Fair. At this time the top three entries in each of the major classes-of the Baked Goods Division, the "Best of Show – Baked Goods, the "Best of Show – Canned Goods" and the next top two entries in the Canned Goods Division, according to the judges' placings, will be sold. There will be 22 Baked Goods and 3 Canned Goods sold at this time for a total of 25 sale items. Students selling their entries are asked to deliver a fresh product (whole pie, cake, etc. or sealed canned goods) to their buyer within the next two weeks with their thank you note. Students selling in the Auction will be required to check in at the designated time (noted at time of turning in food products).**
9. **All baked and canned good items become the property of the WCFA upon entry into the contest. No entries will be returned.**
10. **Students in the Baked and Canned Goods Division will adhere to any and all other Fair rules pertaining to work hours, parent work hours and attending final day mandatory clean-up.**
11. **Any youth who has placed and/or sold a food product, and any member of the exhibitor's immediate family will be ineligible to enter that recipe again for five years. Any adult or youth entrant who has won as "Best of Show" in either division is not eligible to enter the same section the next year.**

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