

Sully District Bake-Off Rules

The District Bake-Off will be held at Camp Snyder on 23 Feb 2013 (concurrently with the District Pinewood Derby Race).

Teams

The teams will be comprised of one Cub Scout and one adult partner.

Competition

Cub Scout teams may enter in only one of the following categories:
Cakes, Cookies, Pies, Bread, Decorative/Creative

Awards

The top three entries from each category will be awarded a trophy. This is a District-level competition; there will be no rank-level awards given.

Rules

- Each adult/Scout team may enter in only one category.
- Each entry must be baked entirely from scratch.
- All teams will pre-register on-line entering the recipe name, ingredients, and steps.
- On the day of the event, the team will bring a note card with following statement, **“The Scout helped clean the kitchen after baking”** and be signed by both team members.
- Photographs will not be used. Entries must remain anonymous to the judges.
- All entries, recipes and paperwork become the property of the Bake-Off Committee.
- Entries in the Decorative/Creative category only may be comprised of any material and therefore are not required to be completely edible and may contain elements not made from scratch. Scouting themes are encouraged in the Decorative/Creative category.

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Judging

It is the responsibility of the District Bake-Off Committee to interpret the rules and make any decisions necessary. Judges will be comprised of leaders / parents of scouts. Judging on the four edible categories will be based on:

- Compliance with all Bake-Off rules (baked from scratch, participation of the Cub Scout and adult team member and completed recipe card)
- Taste
- Texture
- Appearance (while “works of art” are impressive, they do not influence the taste)

Miscellaneous

Decisions of the District Bake-Off Committee are final.

All edible entries will be cut up and distributed as refreshments during the District Pinewood Derby Race.

FAQs

Q: Does my entry have to have been baked in a conventional oven?

A: Yes. All Bake-Off entries must have spent time in a conventional oven. Stovetop or microwave recipes will not be permitted. *Exception: Entries in the Decorative/Creative category are judged by appearance only and therefore may be made in the oven, on the stovetop, in the microwave or over a campfire.*

Q: What do you mean, “from scratch”? Can we use chocolate chips, M&Ms, decorator sprinkles, etc?

A: “From scratch” means made from basic ingredients that you could not make on your own.

Examples of OK ingredients: M&Ms, chocolate chips, crushed graham crackers, marshmallows, decorative sprinkles. NOT OK: pre-made graham cracker crusts, pre-packaged frosting, refrigerated/frozen pie crust, pre-packaged mixes, refrigerated cookie dough, whole Oreo’s, pre-made pound cake from the bakery section of your local grocery store. *Exception: Entries in the Decorative/Creative category can be made of any material, including pre-packaged or non-edible ingredients.*

Q: What category do brownies belong in?

A: Cookies.

Q: Does my Scout’s pie crust really have to be made from scratch?

A: Yes. But don’t be afraid....give it a try. Pies are usually the least entered category...hint, hint!

Q: Will refrigeration or a microwave be available at the judging site?

A: No. Entries will be judged as quickly as possible. Entries that cannot stand at room temperature are highly discouraged. Pies that are custard/pudding based or topped with meringue will likely not hold up well without refrigeration. In addition, re-heating of items will not be allowed at the judging site as no means of heating will be provided.

Q: What category does fudge belong in?

A: Fudge will be judged with the Decorative/Creative category as it is not typically baked and those items are judged solely based on appearance (not taste).