

Clark Co. 4-H Bakers Contest & Auction

Chairperson: Rita Waddle, 4-H Volunteer

Important Dates:

Entry Deadline: By Midnight July 14 on-line at <https://go.osu.edu/2026clarkco4hbakingcontestenryform>

Contest: Sunday, July 19, 2 PM, Clark Co. Ext. Office Large Conf. Room

Winners Posted on the 4-H App and Web on Monday, July 20.

Awards Presented at Winner's Revue on Tues., July 28, 7 PM in the Entertainment Tent.

Auction: 1st Place Sells - Thursday, July 30, 5 PM prior to Wood Carving Auction, Arts & Crafts Building
Baking winners sell first in odd number years, and art winners sell first in even number years.

Age Eligibility: Only open to current Clark County 4-H members, ages 8 and in 3rd grade through age 18 as of Jan. 1. Classes are divided into 3 age divisions based on age as of January 1.

- Jr. Age 8 and in 3rd grade to age 10
- Int. ages 11 to 13
- Sr. ages 14 to 18

Bakers Contest Classes

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
4-H	422	01	Jr. Favorite Cookie (1 recipe)
4-H	422	02	Jr. Brownies (1 recipe)
4-H	422	03	Jr. Americana Decorated Cupcakes (1 recipe)
4-H	422	04	Jr. Buckeyes (1 recipe)
4-H	422	05	Jr. Celebrate the USA Dessert Gift Jar (1 recipe, baked product and gift jar with dry ingredients layered for baking later)
4-H	422	06	Int. Seasonal Baked Dessert (1 recipe, must contain fruits or vegetables)
4-H	422	07	Int. Coffee Cake (1 recipe, with or without yeast)
4-H	422	08	Int. Red, White & Blue Cut Out Decorated Cookies (1 recipe)
4-H	422	09	Int. Favorite Homemade Cooked Candy (fruit or spice flavor) (1 recipe, examples hard tack, gum drops, gummies, jellybeans, lollipops, etc.)
4-H	422	10	Int. US State Desserts (1 recipe, examples Texas Sheet Cake, Kentucky Derby Pie)
4-H	422	11	Sr. Sandwich Cookie with Filling (1 recipe)
4-H	422	12	Sr. Patriotic Celebration Layered Cake (1 recipe, decorated)
4-H	422	13	Sr. America's Favorite Sweet Bread (1 recipe, examples include doughnuts, sweet rolls, scones, beignets, kringles, etc.)

4-H 422 14

Sr. Favorite Homemade Cooked Confections (1 recipe, examples include fudge, brittles, divinity, pralines, peppermint patties, truffles, etc.)

4-H 422 15

Sr. All American Pie (1 recipe)

Awards:

1st-5th Place – Rosette 1st Place – Serving Piece
Best of Show – Apron

Eligibility Requirements:

- Open to any 4-H member, ages 8 and in the 3rd grade to age 18 as of Jan. 1st of the current year.
- Must be willing to sell winning entry in the Auction or do not enter the contest.

Entry Requirements: Pre-register By Midnight July 14 on-line at

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- One entry per exhibitor. Exhibitor must schedule a judging time after receiving link on July 15. after their scheduled in-person judging time for additional interviewing by all judges for Best of Show if applicable or required by the judging team.
- Previous first place winners not allowed to enter the same class the following year.

Recipe Requirements:

- Baker's Choice classes means that the baker may choose any recipe they want for that class if it meets all other recipe requirements (B-E).
- All baked products must be safely stored at room temperature.
- No recipes containing cream cheese, pudding, tofu, custard or whipping cream. No recipes containing uncooked or undercooked eggs.
- Recipes must be made from scratch. **No commercial mixes.**
- All recipes must be baked. No bake recipes are not permitted.
- If you have a question about your recipe eligibility, contact Rita Waddle event chair at 937-265-5520.

Recipe Acceptance:

- Each recipe must follow food safety guidelines. If a recipe does not meet the food safety guidelines or does not fit into class(s) available, the entry will be disqualified.
- If a recipe has been entered into the wrong class and a class is available, the entry will be placed in the proper class at the discretion of the contest committee. The exhibitor will be notified of changes.

Division of Classes:

- The contest committee has the right to divide any class that may become too large.

Judging and Auction Procedures:

- Bring your baked item (whole recipe) presented as a decorative display as you will if chosen to sell your item (examples may include baskets,

plates, containers, etc.), easily carried by the participant and covered tightly with clear plastic wrap or in an airtight container with a clear lid to the judging on Sunday, July 19, at your registered judging time. **No disposable pans for judging or auction.**

- B. Entries judged on taste, texture, appearance and decorative display presentation of the baked item and completeness and accuracy of the entry form. All placings by the judge are final and will be respected. Winners will be posted on the 4-H App and the 4-H Web (clark.osu.edu) on Monday, July 20. Winners will receive awards at the 4-H Winners Revue on Tues., July 28, 7 PM in the Entertainment Tent.
- C. First place baked items auctioned at 5 PM, Thurs., July 30 prior to the Wood Carving Auction in Arts & Crafts Bldg. Please arrive by 4:30 PM with your baked item to line up for the auction.
- D. The baker must be present with their baked item presented as a decorative display and covered tightly with a clear plastic wrap or in an airtight container with a clear lid to be judged and/or sell in the auction.
- E. All first-place winners will be drawn for auction order.
- F. Items will not sell that are burnt, have no recipe, or are not properly protected from the elements.
- G. Exhibitors selling in the Baker's Auction must arrive 30 minutes before the auction begins or you forfeit your spot in the Auction.

Auction Commission and Checks:

- A. Sellers will receive the selling baked item price minus a 5% commission and \$5.00 fee.
- B. Auction checks will be mailed to the seller when all their buyers have paid in full and their checks have cleared.