**DEPARTMENT 15 SECTION 7 Class 1**

**2022 HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE CAKE CONTEST**

**FAIR PRIZES: 1ST-$25.00 2ND-20.00 3RD-$15.00**

**Exhibits can be entered on Sunday, July 16 from 2-4 PM or on Monday, July 17 from 12-8 PM.**

**Exhibits can be picked up on Sunday, July 23 from 2-4 PM.**

1. Open to any individual **amateur** baker who is a Pennsylvania resident. One entry per person.
2. **Entrants may NOT have won 1st place in this Chocolate Cake Contest at any other fair in 2022.**
3. Entire entry must be **made from scratch.**  No pre-packaged ingredients may be used (ex. Pre-made mixes, cookie dough, pie crust, frosting, etc.) **ALL INGREDIENTS AND DECORATIONS MUST BE EDIBLE**
4. Cake recipe **must feature chocolate or cocoa** as a main ingredient.
5. Entry must be a **layered chocolate cake.**
6. Entry **must be frosted and** frosting must also be made from scratch (no pre-packaged frosting).
7. The entire cake entry must be submitted for judging **on cardboard or other food safe disposable setting.** (All pans, plates and dishes are considered to be disposable and will not be returned.)
8. Recipe must be submitted with the entry *(printed on one-side of 8 ½” x 11” size paper).*  Recipe must list all ingredients, quantities and preparation instructions. Entrant’s name, address and phone number must be printed on the back of all pages. *(All recipes and cakes will become the property of the Fair or PA Farm Show and will not be returned.)*
9. Refrigeration is NOT available at the Fair or PA Farm Show. Entries that require refrigeration after baking must indicate so in recipe. Those entries will not be sold, auctioned, or otherwise distributed for consumption after judging for food safety reasons.
10. Judging will be based on the following criteria:

Flavor (aroma, taste, good balance of flavorings) 30 points

 Texture (moist and tender crumb, not soggy or dry) 25 points

Inside Characteristics (even grain, evenly baked, free from air pockets) 20 points

Outside Characteristics (consistent shape/size/surface; overall appearance) 15 points

Frosting (taste, texture, even color) 10 points

Total 100 points

First Place Winner will be eligible for the 2023 PA Farm Show Competition

**PREMIUMS FOR THE 2023 PA FARM SHOW COMPETITION**

1st-$500.00 2nd-$250.00 3rd-$100.00 4th-Rosette Ribbon 5th-Rosette Ribbon

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