

Baking Contest

1. The Baking Contest is open to all individuals in Eastland County, ages 5 and up.
2. Entry fees are \$1 per entry for youth and \$2 per entry for adults.
3. All entries must be the work of the exhibitor and made fresh for the show.
4. All entries must be in disposable containers (i.e. baggies, disposable cake plates, disposable pie pans, etc.), cooked and ready for display.
5. Prepared mixes such as cake, pie filling, pie crust, brownie mix, cookie mix, muffin mix, store-bought cookie dough, etc., cannot be used, even as an ingredient, except in Cakes – Class 5 – Mix Cakes.
6. A complete recipe typed or printed on a 4" x 6" card with name, phone number, age division, category and subcategory of exhibitor on the back of the card, must accompany each entry.
7. Exhibitors may enter as many categories as they wish but will only be allowed one entry into each subcategory (i.e. exhibitors may have two entries in the 'Breads' category with one entry in 'Yeast' and the other in 'Biscuits').
8. All baking entries will be taken on Friday, January 10, 2025, from 7:30 AM to 10:00 AM.
9. Judging will begin at 10:30 AM, and the decision of the judges is final.
10. All baking entries will become the property of the Eastland County Creative Arts Contest upon submission. After judging, entries will be sliced and sold for \$1 per slice in the Hutto-Humiston Building. All proceeds will be property of the Eastland County Creative Arts Contest and will be used to fund the purchase of ribbons and rosettes for next year's contest.
11. Judging criteria will be:
 - A. Flavor (*judges will taste the entries*)
 - B. Texture – light, tender, even grain that is characteristic of product.
 - C. Appearance - attractive and uniform in shape and appearance.
 - D. Difficulty in preparation.
 - E. Frosting – smooth, not grainy in texture and pleasing.
12. Entries will be placed 1st through 3rd in each category, subcategory and age division. **"Best of Show"** will be awarded for each age division.
13. All "Best of Show" recipients will be entered (with exhibitor approval) into a Silent Auction held on Friday, January 10, 2025 from 12pm to 4pm. 50% of proceeds from that entry will be awarded to the exhibitor; 50% will be retained by the ECCAC to fund ribbon and supply purchases for future contests.

Age Divisions:

- Elementary Youth (5-7 years)
- Junior Youth (8-10 years)
- Intermediate Youth (11-13 years)
- Senior Youth (14-18 years)
- Adult (19 and up)

Categories and Subcategories:

Cakes:

NO PREPARED MIXES MAY BE USED, EVEN AS AN INGREDIENT, this includes icing and frosting, except in Class 5 – Mix cakes. Each entry must be in a disposable container and covered with a disposable cover, foil or plastic wrap. Please do not cut or slice.

- 1) Layered cakes
- 2) Sheet cakes
- 3) Cupcakes
- 4) Other (Non-Mix cake)
- 5) Mix cakes

Breads:

Each entry must be in a disposable container. Please do not cut or slice the bread. For scones and muffins, exhibitors are to bring 6 scones/muffins in a disposable container. Any breads made from mixes or store-bought dough are not permitted.

- 1) Yeast breads
- 2) Cornbread
- 3) Non-yeast (muffins, loaves, fruit breads)
- 4) Biscuits
- 5) Scones
- 6) Muffins

Pies:

All pies must be baked or chilled, depending on type, and ready to serve. Please have pies in disposable pans and covered with plastic wrap or in Ziploc bags. Please do not slice. Pre-made pie fillings and pre-made pie crusts are not permitted.

- 1) Pies (includes fruit pies, chess pies, pecan pies, vegetable pies, etc.)
- 2) Diabetic or Sugar-Free pies
- 3) Cobblers
- 4) Fried pies

Cookies:

Exhibitors are to bring 6 cookies in a disposable container. Cookies, bars and brownies made from mixes or store-bought pre-made dough are not permitted.

- 1) Cookies
- 2) Bars
- 3) Brownies

Candy:

Exhibitors are to bring 6 pieces of candy in a disposable container.

- 1) Fudge
- 2) Nut candy
- 3) Hard candy
- 4) Soft candy
- 5) Chocolates
- 6) Miscellaneous

Decorated Desserts:

Each entry must be in a disposable container and covered with a disposable cover, foil or plastic wrap. Please do not cut or slice. Exhibitors are to bring 6 cookies or cupcakes in a disposable container. No prepared mixes may be used, even as an ingredient, this includes icing and frosting.

- 1) Cake
- 2) Cupcakes
- 3) Cookies

The greatest care will be taken in handling entries; however, the Eastland County Creative Arts Contest and its volunteers will not be responsible for loss or damage to any entry submitted. Your entry into this Department shall imply an agreement on your part with conditions set forth.