

Youth Competitions

Culinary Arts

Baked Goods, Sugar Arts,
Preserved Foods, Table Settings

Youth Divisions are open to California residents
Juniors (ages 9-12)
Young Adults (ages 13-18)

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Enter Online

(excluding **Special Culinary Competition** - See page 4 for registration form and show date.)
June 1, Wednesday – Last Day to Enter. Enter online at <http://ocfair.fairmanager.com>

Delivery and Pickup

Exhibits Promenade between Buildings 14 and 16

SUGAR ARTS & PRESERVED FOODS (One Show) –

Delivery: July 13, Wednesday; 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Pickup: August 16, Tuesday; Noon – 7 p.m.

BAKED GOODS –

1st Show - Delivery: July 13, Wednesday; 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.

2nd Show - Delivery: August 2, Tuesday; 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.

TABLE SETTINGS –

1st Show - Delivery: July 13, Wednesday; 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Pickup: August 2, Tuesday; 7 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

2nd Show - Delivery: August 2, Tuesday; 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Pickup: August 16, Tuesday; Noon – 7 p.m.

Youth Awards Division Winner - \$25

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Baked Goods - Youth (ages 9-18)

To Enter:

1. Choose from among the divisions and classes listed.
2. Review the Culinary Category Rules and Guidelines (page 11), Youth and OC Fair Guidelines.
3. No Entry Limit. Maximum of 1 entry per class.
4. **Entry Deadline – June 1.** Enter online and pay \$3 entry fee (per entry) at <http://ocfair.fairmanager.com>
5. Bring us your entry... and join us at the 2011 OC Fair!

COOKIES, CAKES, BREADS & BROWNIES

Two Show Dates!

1st Show

Delivery: July 13, Wednesday; 7 a.m.–1 p.m.

2nd Show

Delivery: August 2, Tuesday; 7 a.m.–1 p.m.

- **Ingredients List:** An ingredients list must accompany all entries for judging. List all ingredients on a 3" x 5" card.
- Submit entries on disposable plates if possible. Use cardboard covered with foil for larger items. **Do not bring fancy plates or covers.**
- Re-sealable bags are preferred for cookies, bars and brownies.
- Exhibitors may not touch entries after submitting for show.
- No packaged mixes may be used.
- Refrigerators are used for display of pie and cheesecake entries only. All other items should not need refrigeration.
- Food items will be discarded after each show and when they become deteriorated.
- Ribbons may be picked up at any time during the OC Fair or on Tuesday, August 16 in the Culinary Arts Promenade.

2011 OC Fair Cookbook

If your entry is awarded 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or Honorable Mention you will be invited to share your recipe in the 2011 OC Fair Cookbook. Winners will be contacted after the Fair and given the recipe submission form; participation is optional.



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Baked Goods & Sugar Art

COOKIES, BREADS & BROWNIES

- Quantity: 6 cookies -- use 7"-9" disposable plates, covered with plastic wrap or slide into re-sealable bag.
- Duplication of cookies in more than one class is not allowed.
- No packaged mixes.

1st Show

Delivery: July 13 (Wed); 7 a.m.–1 p.m.

Division 1200 – Junior, 9-12

Division 1201 – Young Adult, 13-15

Division 1202 – Young Adult, 16-18

2nd Show

Delivery: August 2 (Tue); 7 a.m.–1 p.m.

Division 1203 – Junior, 9-12

Division 1204 – Young Adult, 13-15

Division 1205 – Young Adult, 16-18

Class

- 01 Any Traditional Cookie (undecorated), specify
- 02 Brownies, Blondies & Bars
- 03 Sugar or Gingerbread Cutouts – Decorated
- 04 Quick Bread (1 loaf) or Muffins (quantity 6)



FUN SNACK CAKES

- One single layer cake or 6 cupcakes.
- No packaged cake mix.

1st Show

Delivery: July 13 (Wed); 7 a.m.–1 p.m.

Division 1206 – Junior, 9-12

Division 1207 – Young Adult, 13-15

Division 1208 – Young Adult, 16-18

2nd Show

Delivery: August 2 (Tue); 7 a.m.–1 p.m.

Division 1209 – Junior, 9-12

Division 1210 – Young Adult, 13-15

Division 1211 – Young Adult, 16-18

Class

- 01 Any Single Layer Cake (with or without icing)
- 02 Cupcakes (quantity 6)

SUGAR ARTS

DECORATED CAKES DESIGNS

- ONE FULL SHOW
- Styrofoam bases only.
- All entries must be ready to be judged.
- Entries must be entrant's original design.

Delivery: July 13 (Wed); 7 a.m.–1 p.m.

Division 1212 – Junior, 9-12

Division 1213 – Young Adult, 13-15

Division 1214 – Young Adult, 16-18

Class

- 01 Cake – Formal, Novelty or Fair Theme, specify
- 02 Faux Cupcakes, any occasion (quantity 6)
- 03 Gingerbread or Candy House

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Special Culinary Competition

“OC CUPCAKE CLASSIC”

To Enter:

1. Review the Special Culinary Competition Guidelines below and OC Fair Guidelines.
2. **Pre-Register by Wednesday, August 3.** Mail or email the Special Culinary Competitions Entry Form.
(You do not enter online.)
3. No entry fee required.
4. Bring us your entry on the competition day ... and join us at the 2011 OC Fair!

SPECIAL COMPETITIONS

- **Youth:** Ages 9-18 are invited to enter the “OC Cupcake Classic” Contest on August 6.
- Contests are judged at the Exhibits Promenade Stage and open to the public. Ribbons are awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place in each category, as well as a Special Award – Grand Winner. No premiums are offered. Additional prizes may be offered.
- Entries should be in disposable packaging whenever possible or entry may be transferred by show organizers into OC Fair containers.
- Entry must include typed or legibly printed recipe/ingredients.
- All entries must be ready to be judged. If entry requires last minute garnish, contestant (only) is limited to 10 minutes and must check in with stage attendant before 12:30 p.m. sharp.
- Due to Health Department food restrictions, items **will not** be publicly sampled; only judges will taste foods entered.
- After judging, food will be transferred into appropriate display containers and all entries will remain on display (as long as possible) with exhibitors name and duplicate award placing.
- Food entries become the property of the OC Fair upon delivery and will not be returned to the exhibitor after judging.

PRE-REGISTRATION

- Free OC Fair admission will be granted to entrants who pre-register by the Wednesday prior to each competition. Once you have pre-registered, we will place your name on a list for one free admission, valid for that day only
- To pre-register, mail or email a completed Special Contest Form to:
Mail to: OC Fair – Culinary Competitions
88 Fair Dr
Costa Mesa, CA 92626.
Email to: richardfontes@ocfair.com
- **Express Entry Drop Off** – Before parking, enter through the main gate off Fair Drive, and proceed to the Blue Gate Exhibitor Guest Services Booth at the passenger drop off area. Contestants must check-in their entry between 10 a.m. and Noon on day of competition - the booth will close at Noon. Check in your food entry and show a photo ID to receive your free admission ticket (each exhibitor must be present to receive admission ticket). Then proceed to the nearest parking lot. OC Fair staff will transport entries to the Exhibits Promenade Stage for judging.
- **Miss Entry Drop Off?** – We will accept entries at the Promenade Stage until judging begins at 1 p.m.

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Special Culinary Competitions (cont.) “OC CUPCAKE CLASSIC”

OC CUPCAKE CLASSIC

Sugar and spice and everything iced!

The best cupcake baker will be crowned at the OC Fair’s sweetest competition ever.

When: **Saturday, August 6; 1 p.m.**

Check-in: Between 10 a.m. – Noon

Pre-register: By August 3, 2011

**Read important instructions on page 4.*

Categories:

- 01 Professional Baker, any**
- 02 Amateur Baker- fruit flavored, chocolate, other**
- 03 Youth 9-13, any** (specify age on entry)
- 04 Youth 14-18, any** (specify age on entry)

4 Cupcakes per entry. Limit – 2 entries. Bakers may enter two different flavors/creations.

Include an ingredients list with each entry.

Judged on taste, originality and creativity.



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**“OC Cupcake Classic”
Youth Special Culinary Competition Form**

Culinary Arts Department: (714) 708-1621

Who May Enter: Youth, ages 9-18. (This special contest is also open to adults.)

Entry Form Due: August 3, 2011.

Mail to: OC Fair Entry Dept.
88 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Email: richardfontes@ocfair.com

Special “OC Cupcake Classic” Contest ONLY.
(For all other entries, please enter online.)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE (H) _____ **DAY TIME PHONE** _____

	Pre-Register by:	Date of Competition:
OC Cupcake Classic	August 3	August 6

Youth Competitions

Preserved Food - Youth (ages 9-18)

To Enter:

1. Choose from among the divisions and classes listed.
2. Review the Culinary Category Rules and Guidelines (page 11), Youth and the OC Fair Guidelines.
3. No entry limit. Maximum of 1 entry per class.
4. **Entry Deadline – June 1.** Enter online and pay \$3 entry fee (per entry) at <http://ocfair.fairmanager.com>
5. **Entry Delivery – July 13.** Bring us your entry... and join us at the 2011 OC Fair!

PRESERVED FOOD

Delivery: July 13 (Wed); 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Pickup: August 16 (Tue); Noon – 7 p.m.

- Preserved food entries must have been preserved within the past year (after Aug. 2010).
- No freezer-preserved foods will be allowed.
- All pickles must be preserved using one of the preservation methods below.
- For Dried Fruits and Vegetables, Sauces, Soups, Salad Dressings, Flavored Oils, and Vinegar; entries must follow all requirements or will be disqualified.
- Preserved Food entries not picked up on August 16 will be discarded.

Preservation Methods

We use the following references for proper preserved foods methods:

- Ball Blue Book Guide to Home Canning, Freezing and Dehydration
- Kerr Home Canning and Freezing Book
- USDA Complete Guide to Canning Processing Method and Time
- Blue Ribbon Preserves

Canning Methods - Entries must be processed using one of two canning methods:

Water Bath Method: Acid foods

Pressure Canner Method: Low acid foods

Labels for Jars

- All Preserved Food entry jars must be labeled.
- Place label securely on the side of the jar (clear adhesive packaging tape is recommended).
- Include the following information:
 - Date preserved
 - Product
 - Canning method (water bath or pressure)
 - Time of processing
 - List of ingredients
 - Name of exhibitor

SAMPLE LABEL

Date Preserved _____
Product _____
Method _____
Time of Processing _____
Ingredients _____
Name _____

- Personalized labels, decals, and decorations are not allowed on the sides or top of the jars. (This does not apply to the design printed by the manufacturer on the top of the jar lids.)

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Preserved Food (cont.)

Jars

- Submit 1 jar for each item entered for judging.
- Use a regular Mason-type threaded, home-canning jar sealed with new vacuum seals consisting of 2 pieces (metal screw ring band and metal lid). Both the screw ring band and lid must be on the jar. Ring band must unscrew easily.
- No paraffin seals.
- Use jar size listed in each division.
- **Mayonnaise or other types of jars will be disqualified.**

Use Proper Headspace:

- **1/4-inch headspace:** Jams, jellies, preserves, conserves, butters, pickles, curds, relishes, sauces, juices, and marmalades.
- **1/2-inch headspace:** Fruit, tomato and sauerkraut.
- **1-inch headspace:** Vegetables. Any pressure canned foods.

Junior & Young Adult (ages 9-18)

Division 1220 – Junior, 9-12

Division 1221 – Young Adult, 13-15

Division 1222 – Young Adult, 16-18

- Submit quantity specified.
- Dried food products must be stored in jars. Submit in 1/2 -pint, 1-pint or 1-quart jars as fits.
- Preserved foods must be labeled according to OC Fair guidelines.

Class

- 01 Fruit or Vegetable Canned, specify** (1 pint)
- 02 Dried Preserved Food, specify**
 - Herbs** (1 ounce)
 - Jerky** (2 ounces)
 - Fruit and Vegetables** (4-6 ounces)
 - Dried Mix** (1-2 cups)
- 03 Jam, Jelly or Preserve, specify**
(1/2 or 1 pint)

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Table Settings - Youth (ages 9-18)

To Enter:

1. Choose from among the divisions and classes listed.
2. Review the Culinary Arts Category Guidelines (page 11), Youth and OC Fair Guidelines.
3. Entry Limit - 1 Table Setting entry per person.
4. **Entry Deadline – June 1.** Enter online and pay \$3 entry fee (per entry) at <http://ocfair.fairmanager.com>
5. Bring us your entry... and join us at the 2011 OC Fair!

TABLE SETTINGS

First & Second Show Dates

1st Show

Delivery: July 13 (Wed); 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Pickup: August 2 (Tue); 7 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

2nd Show

Delivery: August 2 (Tue); 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Pickup: August 16, (Tue); Noon – 7 p.m.

First Show Table Settings not picked up by 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 2, will be dismantled by OC Fair staff. Exhibitor MUST pick up by the end of the day. OC Fair & Event Center is not responsible for and cannot store items. If you are unable to pick up after the first showing, please do not enter.

Each show is limited to space available. Space will be assigned on a basis of first entry received. Enter your first choice of show; you will be notified for the showings and judging criteria the beginning of June.

- Modern American etiquette standards apply, on all aspects of table settings placement.
- OC Fair judging criteria will be provided for both formal and informal table settings.
- Judges comments will be posted.

- **Youth exhibitors will display on rectangle, 30”w x 48”l, tables. Tables are 30” high.**
- Black, draped-to-floor covered display tables will be provided by the OC Fair.
- Each exhibitor may enter only one (1) Table Setting.
- During setup times, **ONLY THE PERSON WHOSE NAME APPEARS ON THE ENTRY FORM IS ALLOWED IN THE VICINITY OF THE EXHIBIT.**
- You may not touch another exhibitor’s entry.
- All tables must be set for 2 people.
- Table Setting must be contained on the top of the table only. No added floor items allowed.
- Please do not include:
 - fresh flowers
 - food items
 - disposable place settings
 - paper tablecloths or napkins
- Candles, if used, may not be lit.
- Glassware, cups/saucers and flatware should be set for all courses. Do not set steak knives.
- Dinnerware should be set for all courses except dessert.
- Display the menu on the table. Settings should correspond with the menu.
- Follow the correct placement of all components in the setting as well as size (table cloth drop) and placement of linens appropriate to style of service.
- Centerpiece can be scaled for a larger table that would actually seat more guests, but cannot deter from the overall effect, the comfort of the guests, or the service of the meal.

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Table Setting - Youth (ages 9-18)

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: All Youth exhibitors must set up their Table Setting without assistance.

1st Show

Delivery: July 13 (Wed); 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Division 1230 – Juniors, 9-12

Division 1231 – Young Adults, 13-15

Division 1232 – Young Adults, 16-18

2nd Show

Delivery: August 2 (Tue); 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Division 1233 – Juniors, 9-12

Division 1234 – Young Adults, 13-15

Division 1235 – Young Adults, 16-18

Class - Division 396-401

01 Fun and Games

02 Once Upon a Time

03 2011 OC Fair Theme – “LET’S EAT!”



Youth Competitions

Culinary Category Guidelines

Entry

- **Entry Deadline:** Wednesday, June 1, 2011. (Excluding Special Culinary Competitions)
- **How to Enter:** Enter online at <http://ocfair.fairmanager.com> **Special Culinary Competition:** see pages 4-6 for entry form, pre-registration, delivery dates and guidelines.

Need assistance with the online entry? We have scheduled the following "Help Days".

May 25-27 (Wednesday–Friday); 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

May 31-June 1 (Tuesday–Wednesday); 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Parking: Enter at Gate 4 off Arlington Drive and go left inside the parking lot.

Location: OC Fair Administration Building - Community Relations.

- **Who May Enter:** Youth, ages 9-18 by July 15, 2011. Culinary Art Divisions are open to California residents.
- **Entry Fees:** Entry fees are paid online by credit card (Visa, MasterCard or American Express). No refunds will be issued. There is no entry fee for the Special Culinary "OC Cupcake Classic" Competition.
 - ♦ **YOUTH DIVISIONS** - \$3 per entry
- **Entry Limit:**
 - ♦ **CULINARY SHOWS** – No limit. Maximum of one entry per class.
 - ♦ **PRESERVED FOODS** - No limit. Maximum of one entry per class.
 - ♦ **TABLE SETTING** - Maximum of 1 entry.
- **Free Fair Admission:** Exhibitors will receive one 2011 OC Fair admission ticket, per show, at time of entry delivery.

Delivery

- **Delivery Dates:** See individual competition show dates and times.
- **Where to Deliver Entries:** Home Arts & Crafts Promenade between Buildings 14 and 16.

Pickup of Entries

- **Food Items:** Will be discarded.
- **Preserved Foods:** **August 16, Tuesday; Noon – 7 p.m.**
- **Table Settings:** **1st Show - Pickup: August 2, Tuesday; 7 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**
2nd Show - Pickup: August 16, Tuesday; Noon – 7 p.m.
- **Claim Check:** Claim check or photo ID required for pickup.
- **THE OC FAIR & EVENT CENTER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR EXHIBITS LEFT AFTER THIS DATE.**
- If you are unable to pick up your items please arrange for someone to pick them up for you. Unclaimed entries and ribbons become the property of the OC Fair and **may be discarded!** NO EXCEPTIONS.

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Culinary Category Guidelines (cont.)

Rules

- **Read Competition Guidelines:** Changes are made each year. Review the Category Rules and Guidelines for individual competitions, Youth and OC Fair Guidelines.
- Entries over the maximum amount stated will be disqualified.
- Disqualified entries will not be displayed and MUST be picked up when notified.

Judging & Awards

- **Young Adults and Junior Divisions:** Placed using the Danish Judging System where each entry is judged on how well it meets a standard rather than how it compares to other entries. Entries are judged Blue (superior), Red (very good) or White (average) Award. There may be more than one Blue, Red or White Award per class. All Blue Awards will compete, using the American Judging System, for cash awards.
- **Judges:** Qualified judge(s) will be selected by the Program Coordinator to judge all exhibits. The decision of the jurors is final.
- **Judging Results:** Results can be viewed online around the third week of the OC Fair at www.ocfair.com/results. Please do not call or email for competition results.
- **Ribbons: Table Designs** - Exhibitors will receive awarded ribbons on entry pickup day.
Baked Goods, Sugar Arts, Preserved Foods - Ribbons may be picked up at any time during the OC Fair or on Tuesday, August 16, in the Culinary Arts Promenade.
- **Premiums: Youth Divisions**, Division Winner - \$25.
- **Award Checks:** Will be made payable to the exhibitor whose name is indicated on the entry form and mailed within 30 days after the close of the OC Fair.
- Judges and/or the Program Coordinator have the option of changing the requested category of a submitted entry. Classes or divisions may be combined to create an adequate judging pool.
- If an entry is disqualified after judging is completed, the judge will not change the status of awards given for other entries.