

THE NEFFS NATIONAL BANK HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE CAKE BAKING CONTEST

Saturday, June 22 at 4:00 p.m.

*Entries accepted from 3:00 - 3:50 p.m. Judging starts at 4:00 p.m.
Free gate admission for entrant. Park on the 309 side of Fire Hall
and enter Green Gate. Contest held in the Social Club.*

RULES:

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 Homemake Chocolate Cake contest at any other fair in 2024.**
3. The Cake and any Fillings and Frostings must be **made from scratch with edible ingredients.** No pre-packaged ingredients may be used (*ex: no pre-made mixes, cookie dough, pie crust, frosting, etc.*). Any decorations must just 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. Recipes must be submitted with the entry, printed on one side of 8-1/2" x 11" paper. Recipe must list all ingredients, quantities, and the preparation instructions. Entrant's name, address and phone number must be printed on the back side of all the pages. (*All recipes and cakes will become the property of the Schnecksville Fair or PA Farm Show and will not be returned.*)
9. Refrigeration is not available at the Schnecksville Fair or PA Farm Show. Entries that require refrigeration after baking must indicate so in the recipe. Those entries will not be sold, auctioned or otherwise distributed for consumption after judging for food safety reasons.
10. Judging 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 appeal)	15 points
Frosting (taste, texture, even color)	<u>10 points</u>
TOTAL	100 points

PRIZES: 1st = \$ 150.00 2nd = \$100.00 3rd = \$50.00

First Place Winner is eligible for the 2025 PA Farm Show competition.

Prizes for the 2025 PA Farm Show competition:

Winners: 1st = \$500, 2nd = \$250; 3rd = \$100; 4th = Rosette; 5th = Rosette

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