

# CHOA Bake Off Rules and Guideline

## Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

### **Who can enter?**

Any and all residents are welcome to enter the bake off!! Kids and Adults of any age are welcome to participate. Both inexperienced and experienced bakers are eligible to enter, but all baked goods must be made in a home kitchen. Contestants may work individually or with a team. (Prizes will be awarded to 1 member/team only, NOT each individual)

### **What can I win?**

Three finalists will be selected for each category. One finalist from each category, representing first place, will win a 1<sup>st</sup> place CHOA apron as well as a \$50 gift card. Those placing second and third place in each category will receive CHOA aprons representing their respective placement plus a \$25 gift card.

### **What are the Categories?**

All desserts can be submitted to either category, the only prerequisite to enter one of the two categories is the age of the resident submitting their dessert. We have a youth category for all entrants 16 and younger and a category for adults and youth 17+.

### **How Do I Enter?**

Pre-registration forms can be completed online through the signup link posted below the evite sign up link available at [www.walnutcountry.com/RSVP](http://www.walnutcountry.com/RSVP)

Registration is allowed day of event

Check-in between 11:00am – 11:40am in the Dessert table area. Registration will **close exactly at 11:45** to allow judging to take place.

Judging will start at 11:45 and prize announcements will take place at 12:30pm.

Participants may enter any recipe and it does not need to be an original recipe created by the entrant. Recipes may come from cookbooks, magazines, websites, or any other means. Please bring a copy of your recipe.

Submissions must be home cooked (not store brought)

Please **DO NOT** submit anything that requires refrigeration as this event is held outside

All entries are to be submitted as a whole (complete cake/pie, complete loaf, etc.) or in the quantity of a dozen or more. Desserts will be shared with residents after the judging has been completed.

All entries are preferred to be submitted on a paper plate or recyclable container. In the case that it is not suitable for this, (ex. Baked fruit pies) all containers used to submit the entry are the responsibility of the entrant. It is the entrant's responsibility to pick up their container at the end of the event in the dessert table area. Any containers left afterward will be submitted to the CHOA Lost and Found located in the CHOA Business Office. CHOA will not be responsible for the distribution of your containers. In addition, all entries should be presented in a sealed container or in a new Ziploc bag with a twist tie.

### **How will Recipes be judged?**

All entries must meet the requirement of the category entered. Recipes not meeting contest entry criteria will be disqualified.

Entries will be judged in the following criteria with a possible maximum total of 30 points:

- ✓ Appearance (maximum 10 points)
- ✓ Taste (maximum 10 points)
- ✓ Creativity (maximum 10 points)

### **How will Finalist be selected?**

Judges are required to taste all entries. Each judge will complete a judging sheet which will indicate each entry's score. Each criterion will require a score of 1 to 10 dependent on that criterion. A combined score will be calculated to indicate final scoring placement.

### **When will Finalist be announced?**

Selected finalist will be announced after the 30 minute judging period, representing an approximate time of 12:30 pm during the Fall BBQ event. All contestants are expected to be physically present for the announcement and accept their prize at the time. If the contestant is not present, they are automatically disqualified and the prize will go to the next selected entry.

Finalist will be photographed which may be used for a future CHOA Signal article.