



2021 SOMETHIN' PUMPKIN COOKING CONTEST RULES/INFO

1. Online registration at: [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) (find: 7th Annual Somethin' Pumpkin Festival) is due by October 1st. Email recipe to: somepumpkin15@gmail.com by October 1st. Recipes cannot be changed after the registration deadline.
2. Each person can enter only one recipe per category. Cooking Contest includes both adult and youth categories:
 - Adult categories:
 - Main Dish* - soups, salads, sandwiches, and casseroles
 - Desserts* - cakes, breads, cookies, pastries & tarts
 - Miscellaneous* - beverages, appetizers, low-calorie, etc.
 - Youth categories:
 - Youth (ages 8-12) - Main Dish & Miscellaneous
 - Youth (ages 8-12) - Desserts
 - Youth (ages 13-18) - Main Dish & Miscellaneous
 - Youth (ages 13-18) - Desserts
3. Recipes must feature significant amounts of pumpkin and have a distinctive pumpkin flavor. Due to food safety concerns, no home-canned pumpkin is allowed to be used in recipes. Recipes can include: fresh pumpkin, commercially canned pumpkin, or frozen pumpkin.
4. Judging will be based on Taste (40%), Originality (30%), Appearance (20%), and Texture (10%). The decision of judges will be final.
5. All entries are held at room temperature. Entries will not be refrigerated, heated, or held on ice after registration drop-off.
6. **Optional:** Please consider taking a photo of the contestant with his/her pumpkin dish to be included in the recipe booklet. Email photo of contestant and pumpkin dish to: somepumpkin15@gmail.com before dropping off your dish.
7. All contestants must use inexpensive, disposable storage containers for all entries as listed below:
 - **Main dishes and casseroles:** should be placed in a disposable container, such as aluminum baking pans or all-in-one pans designed for preparing, baking, and storing (such as Glad® OvenWare or other brands).

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- **Baked goods (i.e., cakes, breads, cookies):** should be placed on a sturdy disposable plate, sheet of cardboard, plastic platter, etc., and fully wrapped or boxed.
 - **Soups, salads, stews, and dips:** should be placed in a sturdy disposable container. For items that are warm, please use heat-resistant containers.
 - All dishes need to come “display ready” - you will not be able to set up your own dish/display.
 - Contestants do not need to provide serving utensils.
7. Quantity to submit for various foods:
- Yeast Breads & Quick Breads - 1 mini loaf or 4 rolls
 - Biscuits - 4 individual biscuits
 - Cakes - 1 mini loaf or 4 slices
 - Candies - 4 pieces
 - Cookies - 4 individual cookies
 - Cupcakes - 4 individual cupcakes
 - Entrees - 4 x 4-inch container or 2 cups
 - Soups & Salads - one quart or 4 cups

Contestants are to bring the prepared dish to the Lucile Tatum Center, located at 959 Osceola St., Gastonia, between 9 - 10AM, Saturday, October 23rd. Full details about drop-off will be provided to contestants upon registration. Contestants will not be allowed to enter the set-up area where judging is held.

9. All food entries become the property of NC Cooperative Extension and will be displayed as part of event festivities. *Entries will not be returned to you at the end of the event.*
10. Winners will be announced on Saturday, October 23rd during the Virtual Awards Presentation (1 - 2 PM).
11. Prizes will be awarded in each category as follows: first prize - \$100; second prize - \$50; third prize - \$25. A grand prize of \$200 will be awarded to the overall contest winner. Checks prizes will be mailed to winners by the Gaston Co. Farm Bureau.
12. NC Cooperative Extension has the right to use the recipes at its discretion. Recipes will be posted on NC Cooperative Extension’s website (www.gaston.ncsu.edu) by November 19, 2021.
13. This contest is intended for amateur cooks only. Professional chefs or those who earn a significant portion of their income from cooking may not enter the contest.
14. Employees of NC Cooperative Extension and Farm Bureau are ineligible to participate in the Somethin’ Pumpkin Cooking Contest.



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