Third Annual Pie Bake-Off!



Show off your baking skills and celebrate the bounty of summer at Oak Park Farmers' Market. Area residents are invited to enter our third annual Pie Bake-Off. Open to professional and amateur bakers aged 16 and over (if unaccompanied by an adult baker), the Pie Bake-Off will be held September 7, 2019. We look forward to your prized recipe at the market!

Official Rules: One pie per person. There is no registration fee, but pre-registration is required. Contest entry forms may be submitted to the Farmers' Market Information Booth or via e-mail from July 13 through August 24. Due to judging time constraints, the 2019 contest is limited to **12 entries**. Entries will be selected using a lottery system. Participants will be notified of lottery acceptance via e-mail.

All entries must be baked in a recyclable pan with cover. Pans will not be returned. Pies must be baked from scratch, including crust and filling, and feature Oak Park Farmers' Market ingredients. You must include two copies of your recipe, one with your name and contact information and one **without** this information. The latter will be attached to the pie at the time of judging, so that judges can see the key ingredients and recipes.

The bottom of your pan should be labeled clearly with your:

- NAME
- ADDRESS
- TELEPHONE NUMBER
- PIE NAME (Make up a name for your creation)

Entry Details: If selected, bring your pie to the contest tent at Oak Park Farmers' Market between 8:30 and 9:15 a.m. on Saturday, September 7. Judging will take place 9:30—11:00 a.m. Winners will be announced shortly thereafter. Participants must be present during winner announcements.

Judges: A minimum of three judges will be present at the contest. Judges will not know whose entry they are tasting. The decision of the judges is final. Village staff, current OPFM commissioners, and family members of OPFM commissioners, staff, and contest judges are prohibited from entering the contest.

Evaluation of Pies: Judging will be conducted using a numerical point system of 1 (low)—5 (high) based on the following criteria: Taste (50% percent, double points), Creative use of Farmers' Market ingredients (25%), and Appearance (25%).

The pie with the highest number of points will be named 1st Place Winner, the second-highest, 2nd Place Winner, and the third-highest, 3rd Place Winner. Honorable Mentions may be awarded. In the case of a tie, the judges will judge those pies again.

Awards: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Winners will each receive a ribbon, plus a merchandise gift from the market booth. Honorable mentions will receive ribbons.

Entrants Agree to the Following: All Entrants give permission to have themselves and/or their pie creations photographed for the purpose of OPFM and Village promotional materials. Winners and Honorable Mentions agree to the possibility of their pie recipes being included in a future "Best of Oak Park Farmers' Market Pie Recipe Book," which may eventually be sold at the Market Booth. All Entrants pledge that their key ingredients are made with OPFM-bought ingredients.*

Disposition of Pies: Slices of pie will be given away to market visitors after the contest is concluded. Slices are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you have any questions, please e-mail: farmersmarket@oak-park.us.

*The staff running the contest reserve the right to have final say on acceptability of the pies upon official entry.

Register by filling out this form. Return it to the Information Booth at Market, or e-mail with the subject line "Pie Bake-Off" to farmersmarket@oak-park.us.

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