# Baked & Decorated Foods (Junior)

## COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

## FAIR CONTACT INFORMATION

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| **MARIN COUNTY FAIR \| FAIR OFFICE & EXHIBIT HALL** | 20 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael, CA 94903 |
| **WEBSITE** | www.marinfair.org |
| **EMAIL** | FairExhibits@MarinCounty.Gov |
| **REGULAR OFFICE HOURS** | Monday to Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm |
| **FAIR OFFICE HOURS** | July 1 (Wednesday) - July 5 (Sunday): 8:00 am - 8:00 pm |
| **MARIN COUNTY FAIR HOURS** | July 1 (Wednesday) - July 5 (Sunday): 11:00 am - 11:00 pm |

## COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS STAFF

### BAKED & DECORATED FOODS (JUNIOR)

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| **COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS MANAGER** | Jennifer Olvera |
| **ONLINE SUBMISSIONS COORDINATOR** | Carole Sanders |
| **DEPARTMENT COORDINATOR** | Lisa Lavagetto |

For a list of Sponsors, visit www.marinfair.org after June 1, 2026.

## COMPETITION CALENDAR

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| **ONLINE ENTRY FORMS DUE** | JUNE 26, 2026 – 11:59 pm |
| **ENTRY RECEIVING & DROP OFF EXHIBIT HALL** | JUNE 29 –8:00 am – 1:00 pm |
| **ENTRY RELEASED (POST FAIR)** | JULY 6, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm |

The full Competitive Exhibits Calendar is available on www.marinfair.org .

## REGISTRATION

To register for the 2026 Competitive Exhibits, please visit https://marin.fairwire.com/

## ENTRY DELIVERY AND PICK UP

Please refer to the Competition Calendar for exact dates and times.

Drop off is located at the Marin County Fair Exhibit Hall, located at **20 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael, CA 94903**. Follow the signage at the Exhibit Hall for the exact location.

Claim checks will be provided when exhibits are delivered and are required to pick up your entry on entry pick up date.

## DEPARTMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

Local and State Rules govern this competition.

1. **ELIGIBILITY** - Open to all California residents ages 5-18, as of January 2026.
    a. All Entries **MUST** be home prepared and canned and/or packaged **BY** the Exhibitor.

### ENTRY INFORMATION

2. **ENTRY FEES -** $3.00 per Entry
    a. Fees are NON-refundable.
3. **ENTRY LIMIT -** 1 Entry **PER** Class.
    a. The same Entry may not be entered in more than one class.
4. **ENTRY PRESENTATION –** All baked foods and decorated foods should be presented on a white compostable paper plate.
5. **ENTRY DIVISIONS -** For Baked Foods, enter Divisions 370 | For Decorated Foods, enter Division 374

6. **ENTRY REMOVAL -** Accepted Entries shall not be removed from exhibition until the Fair closes.
    a. Entries not collected on Release Day will be discarded.
7. **ENTRY RELEASE -** Entries must be picked up on release day. Entries will only be released by presenting your claim check, personal identification, or a signed letter of authorization from the exhibitor.

## DISPLAY RULES

8. Place Cookies, Cupcakes, Confections, and/or Cakes on a white disposable plate(s). Entries should be covered either in a resealable or with plastic wrap, foil, etc.
9. Name, Division, and Class should be nicely printed or typed on the bottom of the plate.

## PUBLICITY

10. The Marin County Fair reserves the right to photograph any work in the exhibition for educational, catalog, website, or publicity purposes.

## LIABILITY

11. The County of Marin, Marin County Fair, and/or its contractors will not be responsible for loss or damage which may occur from any cause. Any entries received damaged will not be juried.

# SCORECARD - BAKED FOODS

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| **APPEARANCE** | Baked Food should be uniform with a nice texture and color. | **30%** |
| **TEXTURE** | Should follow typical characteristic(s) for the Baked Food. | **35%** |
| **FLAVOR** | Flavor should be natural of the ingredient and delicate and pleasing. | **35%** |
| **TOTAL** | **TOTAL:** | **100%** |

# AWARDS

## AWARDS | DANISH SYSTEM | BAKED AND DECORATED FOODS | DIVISIONS 370 – 374

*Offered per Class at the Discretion of the Judges*

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| **FIRST PLACE** | **$5 & RIBBON** |
| **SECOND PLACE** | **$4 & RIBBON** |
| **THIRD PLACE** | **$3 & RIBBON** |
| **HONORABLE MENTION** | **RIBBON** |

### SPECIAL AWARDS

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| **BEST OF SHOW** | **$10 & ROSETTE** |
| **BEST OF DIVISION** | **$10 & ROSETTE** |

## DIVISION 370
## BREADS, CAKES, COOKIES, CUPCAKES, PIES, & PASTRIES

*Entry Fee - $3.00 per entry*

**For each class, specify the type of item you have baked on your entry form** (Example: Class 1 - Bread, specify type: Sourdough)

### CLASSES (Submission Categories)

1. **Bread** | ½ loaf, specify type.
2. **Cake** | ½ cake plus 1 slice, specify type.
3. **Cookies** | ½ dozen, specify type.
4. **Cupcakes** | Quantity 4, specify type.
5. **Muffins** | Quantity 4, specify type.
6. **Pastries** | Quantity 4, specify type.
7. **Pie** | 8" or 9" in size, specify type.
8. **Gluten Free** | Follow quantities listed above for baked food type(s). Please include a recipe.
9. **Vegan** | Follow quantities listed above for baked food type(s). Please include a recipe.

## DIVISION 372 | CONFECTIONS

*Entry Fee - $3.00 per entry*

**PLATE DISPLAY** - 6 pieces on a paper plate and should be covered with plastic wrap.

### CLASSES (Submission Categories)

1. **Fudge - Chocolate**
2. **Fudge - Any Other**
3. **Molded Chocolate**
4. **Nuts - Sugared**
5. **Nuts - Any Other**
6. **Peanut Brittle**
7. **Popcorn Balls**
8. **Sugar Free Confections**
9. **Toffee**
10. **Truffles**
11. **Turtles**
12. **Any Other** | Specify

## SCORECARD - DECORATED FOODS

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| **APPEARANCE** | Balance, color harmony, and consistency of pattern. | **45%** |
| **NEATNESS** | Texture of icing and the uniformity of repeated patterns. | **25%** |
| **ARTISTIC QUALITY** | Overall eye appeal and originality of design. | **30%** |
| **TOTAL** | **TOTAL:** | **100%** |

## DIVISION 374 | DECORATED CAKES

*Entry Fee - $3.00 per entry*

Entries must follow the guidelines listed below:

- A mix of styrofoam, cardboard, and/or other materials may be used for cake construction - providing that the shape could reasonably be achieved through baking.

## CLASSES (Submission Categories)

1. **Fair Theme – *Star, Stripes & Stories***
2. **Special Occasion Cake** | Such as a birthday or holiday, specify.
3. **Any Other - Decorated Cake | Specify**
4. **Cupcakes** | Quantity 4-6 with the same or similar theme

## DIVISION 375 | FAIR THEME - TASTE OF TRADITION

*Entry Fee - $3.00 per entry*

Step into the sweet and savory side of the fair and celebrate the cherished family recipes that have been passed down, reinvented, and loved for generations. The **Taste of Tradition Baked Goods Challenge** invites bakers of all ages to showcase their most treasured cookie & pie creations—whether inspired by family, heritage, culture, or a meaningful story.

Entries must follow the guidelines listed below:

- 1 Entry **PER** Class.
- Submit a photo and a story behind the recipe to FairExhibit@Marincounty.gov by June 29, 1:00 PM
- All foods must be submitted on a compostable white paper plate and should be covered in a resealable bag or plastic wrap.
  - **PLATE DISPLAY** - 6 cookies (3.5" maximum size) *Minimum of 6 pieces per entry.* **Pie & Cobbler -** Quantity 1, should be 8" or 9". **Tart -** Quantity 1, Large Tart **OR** quantity 4, Small Tarts

## CLASSES (Submission Categories)

1. **Cookies (any kind)**
2. **Pies (one or two dough crust, cobbler, crisp, tart(s))**

## AWARDS | AMERICAN SYSTEM | DIVISION 375 (JUNIOR) | TASTE OF TRADITION

Offered per Class at the discretion of the Judges

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| **FIRST PLACE** | **$10 & RIBBON** |
| **SECOND PLACE** | **$5 & RIBBON** |
| **THIRD PLACE** | **RIBBON** |
| **HONORABLE MENTION** | **RIBBON** |

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| **BEST OF DIVISION** | **$10 & ROSETTE** |