



The 21st Annual Chocolate Festival Pro/Am Bake-off



February 2, 2024

Do you think you have an amazing Chocolate Cake recipe? Are you ready to compete against the best bakers in Eastern NC?

Then we want you!

2024's Chocolate Festival Bake-Off is guaranteed to be fun and exciting AND rewarding for our contestants!

The Awards

\$250 for First Place / \$100 for Second Place
\$50 for Third Place *in both categories!*

Plus a **BONUS \$500** for the **most overall points** from either category!

The Rules

Please compete in the category that best describes you:

Pro - Someone whose livelihood is derived partially or fully from baking - a pastry chef, baker/owner, even someone who bakes from home but sells their products privately or at a vendor location like a Farmer's Market.

Amateur - Someone who bakes for personal consumption or for friends or family *only*.

You must submit two identical cakes!

One will be used for judging and sale to Chocolate Festival guests. The other will be auctioned off to raise funds for our charities.

Chocolate! Chocolate! Chocolate!

Each entry *must* feature chocolate as the primary ingredient

Each entry must be received by 4 p.m. on Friday February 2nd for judging. Each entry must include a detailed description of the cake on a 3X5 note card.

2024 Pro/Am Bake-Off Application

Please select a category

Professional _____

Amateur _____

Name: _____

Restaurant/Company Name (if applicable):

Address: _____

City: _____

Contact

#: _____

Email: _____

I understand that I am entering two (2) cakes for the Pro/Am competition. I may enter as many times with two (2) cakes each, up to three entries.

There will be two separate contests - one for Amateurs and one for professional bakers.

I understand that Chocolate should be prominently featured in the recipe.

We will be receiving applications until February 1. You will receive an acceptance email shortly after our receipt of your application. Remember, applications are received on a first-come basis, so please don't wait!

Please print, complete and mail application to:

Carolina Chocolate Festival P.O. Box 243
Swansboro NC 28584

2024 Pro/Am Bake-Off Rules Friday
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Rules and Regulations:

Competition is open to all NC residents at least 15 years of age.

Judging will be based on four criteria: presentation, taste, use of chocolate and creativity.

Plates will NOT be returned.

Each participant will receive ONE free ticket to the Chocolate Festival, a picture of themselves holding their entry and a certificate of appreciation.

Cakes will be received at the Crystal Coast Civic Center from 2:30-4:30 p.m. on Friday February 2nd.

Judging will begin shortly after 5:30 p.m.

First place will receive \$250, Second place will receive \$100, Third place will receive \$50 in each of the Professional and Amateur categories.

**** \$500 for most OVERALL POINTS in either category !!**

First, Second and Third place in each category will also receive a Carolina Chocolate Festival T-shirt.