WHO: One-day contests are open to amateurs only, unless otherwise stated. Home & Hobby contests are open to individuals 18 years of age and older, unless otherwise stated.

HOW: No pre-registration required. Bring your prepared item and the typed or printed recipe form found online at www.sdfair.com/contest. **We will no longer accept other types of recipe forms. No exceptions!** Deliver entries between opening time of the Fair and 12:45pm on day of specified contest to Home & Hobby exhibit located on the 2nd floor, west end of the Grandstand. Judging starts at 1:00pm and once the judging process starts, **no late entries will be accepted.** Your entry and entry contest form will admit you into the Fair for FREE. Exhibitors must personally deliver their entries.

PROCESSING FEE: None.

LIMIT OF ENTRIES: One entry per class, unless otherwise stated.

AWARDS: Ribbons will be awarded for First - Fifth place in each class (unless otherwise stated). Sweepstakes and Donated Awards may be offered in some contests.

RECIPES: A recipe may be entered in only one contest. Submit recipe with each entry at the time of delivery. Recipes must be typed or printed legibly only on the Home & Hobby Recipe form; no other type of recipe form will be accepted. Incomplete or illegible recipe forms will count against you at judging. All recipes become the property of the San Diego County Fair. Recipes need not be original.

What else do I need to know? It is advisable to provide a cooler for foods during transportation. Judges will be encouraged to disallow foods which have not been adequately protected. Physical damage, which may occur during transit or handling, will not be counted against the contestant. Garnishes are permitted. Items will be returned on the day of the contest unless otherwise specified.

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For questions, contact
Entry Office at (858) 792-4207, Monday – Friday, 10:00am – 5:00pm or entry@sdfair.com
The GREAT AMERICAN SPAM® CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, June 3

SUPER SIMPLE CRAVEABLE CLASSICS: Celebrate 80 Years of SPAM® products - SIZZLE PORK AND MMM - with your Tried & True, Totally Tasty, Super Simple Craveable Classic Recipes!

Adults: Ages 18 & Up

Local SPAM® Champion Prizes: 1st Prize $150; 2nd Prize $50; 3rd Prize $25 (Adults)

National SPAM® Champion Grand Prize: A Trip for Two to the 2018 Waikiki SPAM JAM® Festival in Hawaii Valued at $3,000 (Adult Grand Prize)

Judging Criteria: Simplicity (50%) + Taste (50%)

Contest Rules:
- Make any "Super Simple Craveable Classic" recipe with at least one 12-ounce can of SPAM® products any variety (Classic, Lite, Less Sodium, Hot & Spicy, or other) and up to 10 other ingredients. (Packaged items such as cake mixes and other timesavers are welcome and count as one/individual ingredient. Salt, pepper, cooking oil/butter, water and garnishes do NOT count.)
- Judging Criteria is to emphasize how easy the recipe should be and how great it tastes.
- Recipes should be named, original, unpublished, the sole property of entrant, and not used for another contest.
- Submit your entry with a clear/typed recipe (illegible recipes may be disqualified), a product label and your contact information. One entry per person.
- No SPAM® recipe contest 1st place winners from any fair in 2016 are eligible to win in 2017, nor are those who have won 1st place three or more times.
- All winning recipes become the property of Hormel Foods Sales, LLC, which has the right to publish or advertise the recipes and contestants without compensation.
- Judges are chosen by the fair; their decisions are final. Hormel Foods is not responsible for lost recipes, nor is the fair.
- All winners are required to sign a release provided by Hormel Foods. Winner awards will not be distributed until their releases are received.
- All contestants including fair winners, finalists and the national grand-prize winners shall not make any public appearances or give any interviews associated with this competition without the permission of Hormel Foods or the Blue Ribbon Group.
- Taxes on the prizes are the responsibility of the winner.
- Employees of Hormel Foods Corporation, its affiliates, subsidiaries and families of each are not eligible to participate.

National Judging & Grand Prizes:
- Fair contest supervisors forward 1st place winning recipes for national grand prize judging for both Adult and Kid Chef categories. Hormel Foods’ Test Kitchens judge recipes on the above criteria. Their decisions are final.
- For the National SPAM® Champion Grand Prize (adult: age 18 & up) one national grand-prize winner will be selected out of all 26 1st place recipes. He/she will receive a voucher to cover $3,000 in travel costs (airfare, hotel and food) for the 2018 Waikiki SPAM JAM® Festival in Hawaii. The national grand-prize winner may elect to accept a $3,000 cash prize instead of the trip (ARV $3,000).
- Both grand-prize winners will be notified by phone no later than Feb. 28, 2018. If Hormel Foods is unable to reach the grand-prize winners within 10 days of notification, an alternate may be selected. National winning recipes will be available by emailing statefairteam@blueribbongroup.net or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Blue Ribbon Group, c/o SPAM® Championship National Winner, 1120 South 2nd St #908, Minneapolis, MN 55415.
Yarn Blocks Contest

**Wednesday, June 7**

**Limit:** One entry per class

**What:** Using a 4-ply knitting worsted yarn, make a block 12” X 12” (must be exact) in combination of light blue, white, and/or light pink. The blocks will be donated to Stitches of the Heart Project.

**Judging Criteria:** Originality (40%); Workmanship (30%); Use of Materials (30%).

**Class**
1. Hand Knit
2. Machine Knit
3. Crochet

**Awards:** The first-place winner in each class will receive a $25 Award.

Help A Child Smile Contest

**Friday, June 9**

**Limit:** One entry per class

**What:** Make a soft animal, doll, toy or blanket. Each entry will become the property of the San Diego County Fair and will be donated to the Palomar Pomerado Health System, Child Abuse Program, at the end of the Fair. Through Social Services at the hospital, the program will share these stuffed animals, dolls and toys with children who have experienced a traumatic or difficult time.

**Judging Criteria:** Workmanship; Suitability of Article to Purpose; Beauty and Originality of Design; Harmony of Color and Materials.

**Class**
1. Sewn
2. Knitted
3. Crocheted
4. Professional, any item

**Awards:** The first-place winner in each class will receive a $25 Award.

West Coast BBQ & Brew’s Wild West Contest

**Saturday, June 10**

**Limit:** One entry per class

**What:** Think you’re the best BBQ person out there! Show us what you can do. Make your favorite short ribs or pulled pork using your favorite secret recipe!

**Judging Criteria:** Flavor, Appearance, and Texture

**Class**
1. Short Ribs
2. Pulled Pork

**Awards:**
1st Place: $50 gift certificate to West Coast BBQ & Brew
2nd Place: $25 gift certificate to West Coast BBQ & Brew
3rd Place: $15 gift certificate to West Coast BBQ & Brew
Quilt of Valor Block Contest

**Wednesday, June 14**

**Limit:** One entry per class.

**What:** Sew a quilt block with red, white and blue fabrics. Block must measure exactly $12\frac{1}{2}'' \times 12\frac{1}{2}'', with an unfinished edge. Each entry will become the property of the San Diego County Fair and will be donated to the Quilts of Valor Foundation. The mission of the foundation is to cover all war wounded and injured service members and veterans from the War on Terror with a wartime quilt, named a *Quilt of Valor*.

**Judging criteria:** Correct Size, Uniqueness/Creativity and Workmanship.

**Class**
1. Red, white & blue quilt block, machine- or hand-pieced
2. Red, white & blue quilt block, using appliqué technique

**Awards:** The first-place winner in each class will receive a $25 Award.

Pinterest Design A Horseshoe Contest

**Friday, June 16**

**Limit:** One entry per class

**What:** Have fun creating a horseshoe! Look around the Pinterest site and find ideas. Find the one you like and create it. You can design a real horseshoe, a paper horseshoe, a cardboard horseshoe, or several horseshoes together! Let’s see your creations!

**Judging Criteria:** Inspiration (40%); Creativity (30%); Execution (30%)

**Class**
1. Most Creative/Interesting Horseshoe
2. Most Beautiful Horseshoe
3. Best Creation of one or more horseshoes together
4. 

**Awards:** The first-place winner in each class will receive a $25 Award.
Ro Z's Sweet Art Studios
Calamity Jane’s Chocolate Contest

Saturday, June 17

Who: This contest is open to amateur bakers and decorators. The contest is intended for amateur bakers only. Professional bakers or those who earn an income from baking/decorating may not enter the contest.

Limit: One entry per class.

What: Entrants must bake and decorate with chocolate to create a unique, individual-sized dessert. Use of chocolate throughout the dessert. (i.e. 3" chocolate cake filled with chocolate filling and uniquely decorated with chocolate elements, this is an example only.) Use of chocolate in all forms is encouraged, and the use of chocolate fondant is permitted.

Recipe: Must submit completed recipe form found at www.sdfar.com/entry

Recipes must be original, unpublished, named, and the sole property of the entrant, and not previously submitted to any other contests.

Recipes must clearly list ALL ingredients with measurements, preparation instructions, cooking times, and number of servings.

All recipes become property of the San Diego County Fair and Ro Z's Sweet Art Studio. Ro Z's Sweet Art Studio reserves the right to edit, adapt, copyright, publish and use any or all of the recipes including for publicity, promotion and/or advertising with no compensation. Winner names, images and statements may be published.

Judging Criteria: Appearance (40%); Taste (40%); Creativity (20%)

Awards:
1st Place: Ro Z's Sweet Art Studio Gift Basket - $100 value
2nd Place: Ro Z's Sweet Art Studio Gift Basket - $50 value
3rd Place: Ro Z's Sweet Art Studio Gift Basket - $25 value

Tupperware’s Root Tootinest Cooking Contest

Wednesday, June 21

Limit: One entry per class

What: Create your favorite recipe using Tupperware products.

Judging Criteria: Originality, Presentation, and Taste

Class
1. Microwave meals using Tupperware products.
2. Most unique item using Tupperware products.

All recipes must be original and must specify the Tupperware products used to make the recipe. Recipes are required and entries must be delivered in or presented in a genuine Tupperware product.

Any current Tupperware consultants, or anyone who has been a consultant in the past two years, are ineligible to enter. Eligibility will be reviewed before prizes are redeemed.

Awards:
1st Place winner in each class receives a $100 gift certificate towards any Tupperware purchase.
2nd Place winner in each class receives a $50 gift certificate towards any Tupperware purchase.
3rd Place winner in each class receives a $25 gift certificate towards any Tupperware purchase.
Marie Callender’s Cowboy Cornbread Contest  

Friday, June 23

Limit: One entry per class.

What: Make your favorite cornbread recipe.

Judging Criteria: Appearance, Presentation, Aroma, Flavors, Body/Texture, Balance, and Finish

Class
1. Best Overall Cornbread

Awards:
1st Place $50 Gift Certificate to Marie Callender’s & a fresh tin of Marie Callender’s Cornbread
2nd Place $35 Gift Certificate to Marie Callender’s & a fresh tin of Marie Callender’s Cornbread
3rd Place $15 Gift Certificate to Marie Callender’s & a fresh tin of Marie Callender’s Cornbread
4th Place $10 Gift Certificate to Marie Callender’s & a fresh tin of Marie Callender’s Cornbread

Coco’s Prospectors Pie Contest  

Saturday, June 24

Limit: One entry per class

What: Pie Making

Judging Criteria: Creativity, Originality, and Taste

Class
1. Best Dessert Pie
2. Best Dinner Pie

Awards:
1st Place in each class: A $50 Gift Certificate to Coco’s Restaurant and a free pie
2nd Place in each class: A $25 Gift Certificate to Coco’s Restaurant
3rd Place in each class: A Free Pie from Coco’s Restaurant

Billy The Kid’s Baked Bean Contest  

Wednesday, June 28

Limit: One entry per class.

What: Make your favorite baked bean recipe!

Judging Criteria: Originality, creativity, and taste.

Class:
1. Best Tasting Baked Beans

Award: The first-place winner in each class will receive a $25 award.
Queso Diego’s Cheesemakers Rodeo Contest

Saturday, July 1

Limit: One entry per class

What: Homemade Cheese

Judging Criteria: Flavor, Originality, & Aesthetics

Class:
1. Fresh (cheese curds, chevre, Mascarpone, mozzarella, Queso fresco, cottage cheese, farmer’s cheese, ricotta)
2. Brined (feta, domiati, halloumi)
3. Bloomy Cow (brie, Camembert, Triple Crème)
4. Bloomy Goat (chevre styles both bloomy & ash rinded)
5. Blue Mold (Cambazola, Roquefort, Danish Blue, Stilton)
6. Soft/Semi-Soft (aged) (Gouda, Munster)
7. Cheddar & American Style (Cheddar, Dry Jack, Monterey Jack, Muenster, Colby)
8. Hard (aged) (Parmesan, Asiago, Romano)
9. Flavored Cheeses, Butter & Cultured Dairy Products (Yogurt, Crème Fraîche)
10. Open (smoked, washed rind, cheese spreads, anything that doesn’t fit elsewhere)

Awards:

Best Of Show: Custom crafter cheese table runner and inscribed cheese board
1st Place winners in each class will receive: A subscription to Culture Magazine (The Word on Cheese).
2nd Place winners in each class will receive: A Cheese Making Book.
3rd Place winners in each class will receive: A merchandise certificate to be redeemed at Curds & Wine in San Diego.

We provide a microwave to re-heat your entry.