

4-H & FFA

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CHERRY PIE CONTEST

Superintendents: Stephanie Langner & Barb Pierce

1. Members do not need to be enrolled in any specific project area to participate. A preferred time will be selected upon registration. Alternate times may be arranged with the Cherry Pie Superintendents
2. Each contestant shall make their own pie independently.
3. All 4-H members are encouraged to participate, especially those who have, or will, attend CWF, as this is the primary fundraiser for the Washington, DC trip.
4. For pie baking, participants are expected to wear clothing that is free of dirt and stains, and hair must be tied back. A 4-H club shirt, or other 4-H shirt, is preferred.
5. Participants must wear a club shirt, or a white short or long-sleeved shirt with an armband or chevron for the cherry pie auction. Shorts and skirts must be a respectable length. Respectable length is defined as being as long as, or longer, than the tips of the individual's fingers when arms are fully extended at their side.
6. Hats are not allowed during the auction and participants will be asked to remove them by the Cherry Pie Superintendents(s).
7. Participants should prepare cherry pie filling at home. Homemade filling is encouraged as its taste generally scored better. All cherries should be of the red, tart variety. Filling should be adequate for a 10-inch pie tin. Pie tins will be provided.
8. Crust must be prepared from scratch and consist of rolled top and bottom crusts that meet on the edge. Any cutouts or embellishments must be made from the same dough.
9. Crust recipes that include cake mix are not allowed.
10. Crust ingredients may NOT be pre-measured.
11. Please use fresh ingredients as expired or stale ingredients will affect the flavor.
12. Participants must provide all ingredients and equipment necessary to prepare their pie.
13. All pies will be baked by the Cherry Pie Superintendents at 425 degrees for 20-30 minutes, or until the Superintendent determines the pie is done.
14. Crust shields or other means of protecting the pie edge from over-browning are NOT allowed.
15. Pies will be judged based on the score card contained and will be rated Supreme, Excellent, Good and Fair. The pies with the two highest scores will be named Grand Champion and Reserve Champion and will be recognized at the beginning of the Cherry Pie Auction.
16. Graduated seniors may choose to make a cherry pie, eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion, or another type of fruit pie that will not be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion. These pies will be eligible for the Pie Auction.
17. Pies will be auctioned off according to the Fair Schedule. Each participant must be present to have his/her pie auctioned off, unless permission to be absent has been granted by the Fremont County 4-H Youth Committee.
18. All proceeds raised by the Annual Cherry Pie Auction are used to fund participation in Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), a civic awareness program that involves a trip to visit our nation's capital in Washington, DC.
19. Pies entered in this division are not eligible for State Fair.

Judging Criteria		Judge's Score	
A. External Appearance - 25 points			
Shape - uniform; free from unnatural bulges	20		
Browning - even, golden brown	5		
Judge's comments:			
B. Filling - 25 points			
Consistency - not too dry, not too juicy; fruit is well-cooked.	5		
Texture - free from pits; cherries are not too mushy or too tough.	10		
Taste - free from excessive sweetness/sourness & uncooked thickener.	10		
Judge's comments:			
C. Crust - 50 points			
Texture - tender, but not crumbly; crisp on the bottom and edge; not too thick or thin.	15		
Grain - flaky, surface rough, almost blistered in appearance.	15		
Flavor - rich, blended flavor of well-baked ingredients.	20		
Judge's comments:			
Total Possible Points = 100		Total Points Awarded	

100-94=Supreme

93-75=Excellent

74-51=Good

50 & below=Fair

SHARE THE FUN

1. This event provides an opportunity for youth to perform before an audience, purely for the sake of enjoyment; provides 4-H members an opportunity to share their skills and talents and to have fun and fellowship with other members; and to provide a program that will help broaden the image of 4-H, keeping current members enrolled and inviting new ones to “take a look.”
2. Members do not need to be enrolled in any specific project area to participate.
3. An individual 4-H member or a group of members may enter in this section. Only one (1) individual entry per member and no more than two (2) duet or group entries per member.
4. Skits, music (vocal or instrumental), stunts, short plays, dances, or other forms of entertainment will be acceptable.
5. All performances must be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.
6. Share the Fun skits may not exceed 6 minutes in length.
7. A team consisting of youth that are of mixed ages must be entered in the class of the oldest team member.
8. All performers must turn in a completed 4-H Share the Fun Report form at event check-in to confirm state setup, cue music, etc.
9. If the Share-The-Fun act involves a whole club, the following criteria must be applied to determine if the club can be entered in the Share-The-Fun Program at the Iowa State Fair. *At least 80 percent of the performing group must have completed 5th through 12th grade.
10. A maximum of three performances may be chosen to perform at State Fair, if judged worthy.

SPECIAL EVENTS CLASSES

- *Share the Fun – Solo*

WORKING EXHIBITS

1. This event provides an opportunity for youth to communicate and interact with an audience in an informal and experiential way.
2. Working Exhibits may be on any topic. The best subjects involve actions by the youth or involve the audience in some doing, tasting, smelling or judging.
3. Working Exhibits may be given by one or more 4-H members.
4. Each individual or group will furnish their own supplies. The youth should have enough supplies for 6 participants.
5. Many stages of the exhibit or product should be ready so that any step can be discussed. No set format should be used. Questions that might be asked as starters are:
 - a. Have you seen...?
 - b. Would you like to know how...?
 - c. May I show you how...?
6. Each presenter(s) will submit to judge(s) a completed Working Exhibit Report Form at time of working exhibit.
7. A maximum of four Working Exhibits can be chosen to attend the Iowa State Fair.

SPECIAL EVENTS CLASSES

- *Junior Working Exhibit*
- *Intermediate Working Exhibit*
- *Senior Working Exhibit*