

2012 Southwest Chocolate and Coffee Fest Chocolate Baking Competitions

This baking competition is sponsored by Edible Santa Fe and presented by the Southwest Chocolate and Coffee Fest.

Prizes to be awarded for
“BEST CHOCOLATE DESSERT”

Young Bakers – Saturday & Sunday, March 24-25, 2012
Bakers age 8-18 only

Open only to bakers age 8-18. In the spirit of the competition we request that all contestants create their submission with minimal assistance from any adult or guardian. All contestants are required to submit a 2-3 minute video in their kitchen either preparing the dessert or discussing how they plan to create it. Videos must be submitted no later than March 19, 2012.

Video formats: AVI, MPEG, MP4, MOV

Length: 2-3 minutes

Submit to youngbakers@chocolateandcoffeesfest.com either via email, www.YouSendIt.com or www.wesendit.com.

RULES AND GUIDELINES

- All bakers agree to create their dessert submission with minimal adult assistance.
- All bakers are required to deliver their entries to the Convention Center no later than 90 minutes prior to the competition time. Schedule TBD.
- All items must be delivered fully baked and completed at your home, but final presentation touches, not requiring a kitchen, can be done on site prior to the presentations.
- We will provide space for final presentation touches.
- For cakes, pies etc, you will be instructed to cut/portion your entry at the competition after the judges have seen your dish in its entirety.
- 12 small portions are required for each entry. Please prepare an item that can be portioned into at least 12 small servings.
- You are responsible for providing cutting/slicing/serve-ware for the item.
- We will provide plates and flatware for serving the judges.
- Bakers will be informed of their schedule no later than March 20, 2012
- Each round will be open for public viewing and videotaped.
- All entries will judged in the following categories:
 - Taste
 - Appearance/Presentation
 - Creativity
 - Use of local ingredients
- In each round, following the private tasting, the contestants will present their entries to a team of judges, explaining their dessert, ingredients and process.
- Submitted videos will be projected on the stage

- The judges will taste each entry, discuss the entry with the presenting baker, and then announce a winner from among the entries.
- Prizes to be announced, and will include coverage in Edible Santa Fe.
- Note: Public sampling is not allowed as per the Health Department. Please do not provide samples to the public without a permit to do so.
- Taxes on cash prizes are the responsibility of the winner.
- Edible Communities and the Southwest Chocolate and Coffee Fest are provided with full publication rights of any and all videos and recipes submitted. They retain the right to publish and advertise the recipes and captured media from the competitions, including photographs and video, without compensation.
- **All contestants are required to register and submit a recipe by March 14, 2012.**
- **All contestants must bring with them a signed copy of the release agreement.**

A note on “local”: We want you to deeply embrace the concept of “local.” The basic requirement of this competition is to use at least one locally grown or produced food. Local ingredients will be defined as those grown or produced in New Mexico.

If these products also use locally sourced food items, even better! Items you have grown or raised yourself are as local as you can get. In tallying bonus points these factors may come into play. Again, local food items will be defined as those grown/produced in New Mexico and additional points may come from purchasing these items at locally owned, independent businesses.