

# WELCOME TO THE 2024 DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR BAKED GOODS AUCTION!

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- You completed the Competitive Option with your Food & Nutrition project.
  - You received an “A” grade with the above project.
- You may not enter the Baked Goods Auction if you have another market animal project that will sell in the auction.

## PREPARE FOR THE FAIR:

- Paperwork and Forms:
  - Complete a W-9 ahead of time in case you are selected as Grand Champion. Fillable W-9s can be found here: [https://linktr.ee/delawareco\\_jrfairsale](https://linktr.ee/delawareco_jrfairsale) BRING THIS WITH YOU ON TUESDAY 9/17!
  - Upload a headshot of the exhibitor **by 11:59 PM on Saturday, September 7**, so the photo can be included on a placard for the buyer if you are selected as a Reserve Grand Champion or Grand Champion: [https://linktr.ee/delawareco\\_jrfairsale](https://linktr.ee/delawareco_jrfairsale)
  - Send letters to local businesses encouraging business owners to attend the auction as a potential buyer. You won't know if you will personally sell, but it helps keep baked goods selling for good prices.
- Apparel:
  - The Grand Champions of the Baked Goods Auction will sell in the winning entries in the auction. The Sale Committee has a rule for proper auction attire. To be prepared for auction, you must wear closed-toed shoes as well as appropriate clothing items that present a positive impression to the public. No sleeveless items, bare midriffs, skirts or dresses above mid-thigh, or shirts with logos/ads other than your 4-H club.

## DROP-OFF INFORMATION:

- Drop-off is between **1:00 and 2:30 PM** in the Ag Center on Tuesday 9/17. Please allow extra time for traffic and parking to ensure your baked good entry will be delivered within the drop-off time window.
- Bring the recipe to submit with your baked good at drop-off.
  - Your baked good entry will be disqualified if the ingredients include any item that is restricted within the rules as listed in the Fair Exhibitor's Guide.
- Your baked good entry must be covered to ensure food safety.

## JUDGING INFORMATION:

- A blind judging of the baked good entries will begin at 2:30 PM.
- The Top 4 exhibitors in each category will be chosen to interview with the judges between 3:30 and 4:00 PM.
- Please have the exhibitor available by 3:15 PM in the Ag Center and no later than 3:30 PM.
- We plan to announce the results as close to 4:30 PM as possible.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF I AM NOT SELECTED TO INTERVIEW?

- If you are not selected to interview and would like to leave, then a Food & Nutrition Committee member can retrieve your baked good entry for you.
  - You may also choose to donate the item to the Buyers' Dinner, which is much appreciated! You will receive your plate/basket/dish back as long as you have it marked with your name on the bottom.
- Your score sheet may not be available to you until a later time if you leave. You may pick up your score sheet after the fair at the Extension Office.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF I AM NAMED A RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION?

- Congratulations on being selected as a Reserve Grand Champion! Your item will be served immediately that evening at the Buyers' Dinner and purchased for \$50 by Cindy Dinovo, Delaware County Clerk of Courts.
- After a group picture with Mrs. Dinovo, we will leave as a group to the location of the Buyers' Dinner. You must carry your item (or have a parent with you to carry it). It is your responsibility to make sure it arrives safely! We are hoping to deliver the food by 5:00 PM.
- The Reserve Champions do NOT need to fill out a W-9 for the auction. However, you MUST complete a thank you note to her and deliver it to **Jr. Fair Office Mailbox** (on the fairgrounds) before October 31st. The thank you must be stamped and properly addressed, or you are at risk of losing your \$50. Your \$50 check will be mailed to you later in the fall.
  - Please mail your Thank You to the following:  
Cindy Dinovo,  
Delaware Municipal Clerk of Court  
70 N. Union Street  
Delaware, OH 43015

## WHAT HAPPENS IF I AM NAMED A GRAND CHAMPION?

- Congratulations on being selected as a Grand Champion! Your item will be auctioned off at Tuesday evening's sale. Baked Goods will be the first items auctioned on Tuesday evening this year.
- The committee will give you instructions on getting your item to the sale prior to the auction. Be prepared to move quickly as the sale starts at 6:00 PM!
- Meet all Sale Requirements:
  - You must be in line and ready to sell when the auctioneer calls your name or you will forfeit your right to sell. This means you will not receive any money for your item!
  - Complete a W-9 form to be submitted to the Senior Fair Office.
  - Wear clothing that follows the Sale Committee Guidelines (as mentioned under the Prepare for the Fair section above.)
- After you enter the auction ring to sell your item, you will immediately be escorted over to meet your buyer and have a picture taken. You need to give them the baked goods item, including the plate, basket, Tupperware in which it is contained. PLEASE make sure you get their business card so you can address a note to them.
- After the Fair:
  - Complete a thank you note to your buyer and deliver it to **Jr. Fair Office Mailbox before October 31.**
    - This special mailbox is located outside the Jr. Fair Office in the Ag Center during the fair and outside the Senior Fair Office after the fair.
    - The thank you must be stamped and properly addressed with the buyer's name & address along with your name & return address.
    - If the properly prepared thank you is not submitted by the deadline, you are at risk of losing your sale check. (Please see Junior Fair Sale Rules on pages 96-97 of the Exhibitor's Guide.)
  - 3% of your sale price will be automatically deducted to benefit future sales. The balance of your sale price will be mailed directly to your home later in the fall. Checks are mailed as soon as possible, but it takes 5-6 weeks for collection of funds and checks to be written.

Thank you for your participation and involvement with our Baked Goods Auction! If you have any questions or suggestions, please see a member of the Food & Nutrition Committee or e-mail Laryssa Hook at [hook.26@osu.edu](mailto:hook.26@osu.edu).

**GOOD LUCK and HAVE FUN!**