

Deerfield Township Harvest Festival Dessert Baking Challenge

Do you have a signature dessert that's better than anything else out there? Does everyone else love it, too? Then we've got a challenge for you. From cake and pie to cookies and brownies, we're on a hunt for your best, most tantalizing original dessert recipe. Saturday, October 8 is your chance to show off your culinary skills by entering your favorite dessert in the Deerfield Township Harvest Festival Dessert Baking Challenge.

"We decided to bring the baking competition back to the weekend again," said Tony Stanzione, publicity chairperson and one of the organizers of the festival. "We want to keep the agriculture and food theme as part of the festival and this baking challenge does that and revives a tradition of earlier Harvest Festivals which featured such an event."

The organizers didn't forget that there are young bakers, since a large focus of the festival is on bringing families together. There is no minimum age for entrants. A new category, for brownies, has been added this year. Categories for the competition include cakes, pies, cookies and brownies.

Entry forms are available online at dthf.org and at the Deerfield Township Municipal Building. Recipes & entry forms can be emailed as an attachment to harveyfest@dthf.org or sent to Harvey Fest, PO Box 350, Rosenhayn, NJ 08352. Deadline for entries is October 1st. If you have any questions or need additional information, send email to harveyfest@dthf.org or call Linda at 609-805-4679.

Desserts for the baking challenge may be brought to the Harvest Festival Information Booth Saturday, October 8, between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Due to lack of refrigeration, no entries that require refrigeration will be accepted. Entries are to be in nonreturnable containers. Your name should be on the bottom of your container for judging purposes. Entries become the property of the Deerfield Township Recreation Committee.

Entries will be judged on appearance, flavor, and creativity. First and second places in each category will be recognized. Awards will be presented on the festival stage. A sign indicating the presentation time will be visible on the "entry drop-off table." Winners will receive an award, certificate and coupons for free items from the Recreation Committee Food Booth.