



THE 31ST ANNUAL MUSHROOM FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 11 AND 12, 2016

2016 Amateur Mushroom Cook-Off

Theme: Breakfast!

Saturday, September 10, 10:30 am -- Kennett Square, PA

COMPLETE CONTEST RULES

PRIZES: 1st Prize – Golden Ticket to World Food Championship (\$1300 value and chance to win more prizes)
2nd Prize – Plaque, 3rd Prize - Plaque

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all amateur cooks eighteen (18) years of age or older, who are residents of the United States, except members of The Mushroom Festival Committee and their immediate families, agencies and consultants of The Mushroom Festival and their immediate families.

If selected as 1st prize winner, you must be able to travel to the World Food Championships in Orange Beach, Alabama, November 8-15, 2016 and compete in Recipe (Breakfast) category. If you cannot attend, the prize will go to the 2nd Place finisher.

DEADLINE: All entries must be received by **June 17, 2016**. Receipt of entries will not be acknowledged.

RECIPE ENTRIES:

- Must be an original recipe.
- May contain any variety or combination of varieties of fresh mushrooms cultivated in the United States.
- Mushrooms must be the dominant ingredient. Meat, poultry, seafood and vegetables may be used, but cannot dominate or overshadow the main ingredient—mushrooms.
- Must contain no more than 12 ingredients (including water, salt and pepper). Ingredients must be readily available.
- Must take no longer than 1 hour to prepare, including cooking time.
- The breakfast dish may be served hot or cold. The Festival will provide a double burner (stove top). Ovens are not provided. Contestants may bring a small toaster or household oven that will connect to 120v circuit. Contestants must provide extension cords to our power source.

JUDGING:

- Recipes will be judged on *Execution, Appearance, Taste and Most Creative Use of Fresh Mushrooms*.
- All entries will be screened and taste-tested by an expert panel, to select the cook-off finalists.
- Cook-off finalists will be notified by July 18, 2016. Non-finalists will not be notified.
- In the event that a selected finalist is unable to enter the cook-off, another finalist will be selected in his/her place. You may not have someone else prepare your recipe.
- The cook-off will be held at the Mushroom Festival on Saturday, September 11 at 10:30 am in the Special Events Tent. Here finalists will prepare their breakfast dish from start to finish.
- The Mushroom Festival will supply a double burner heating unit and a worktable for each contestant.
- The Mushroom Festival will provide the following fresh mushrooms: white button, crimini, portabella, oyster, shiitake, maitake, and royal trumpet.

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- The contestants must bring all other ingredients for at least 4 servings, preparation and cooking utensils as well as the dishes for presenting the finished appetizer to the judges.
- Final judging will be conducted by a panel of town officials, culinary professionals and Mushroom Festival Committee members. Panel of judges will not know the names of the finalists until the judging is completed.
- The winners will be announced immediately following the judging.

HOW TO ENTER:

- All recipes must be clearly printed or typed on a separate sheet of paper.
- Only one (1) recipe may be submitted per person, so send in your best!
- List each ingredient in order of use with the amount needed and clear directions for preparing the appetizer.
- Write your name, address, and phone number at the top of the recipe you enter.
- **New this year** – Include a photograph of the finished dish with the application

Return the application and recipe by mail, email or fax.

- ◆ Mail application and entries to:
Mushroom Appetizer Cook-Off Contest
The Mushroom Festival, Inc.
P.O. Box 1000
Kennett Square, PA 19348
- ◆ Email application and entries to: themushroomfestival@gmail.com (place Amateur Mushroom Cook-Off in the subject line). A typed name in the signature box indicates you understand and accept the rules of the contest.
- ◆ or fax entries to: 610-925-3374

All applications MUST be received by June 17, 2016 to be considered for a finalist position – no exceptions!

REGULATIONS:

- The Mushroom Festival is not responsible for late, lost, damaged or misdirected mail or faxes or illegible entries.
- Liability for applicable federal, state or other taxes will be the sole responsibility of the individual winners.
- Contestants are responsible for all travel expenses to and from the Amateur Mushroom Cook-Off.
- Only one prize will be given to an entrant.
- This contest is void where prohibited by law and is subject to all federal, state and local laws and regulations.
- Entries become the property of The Mushroom Festival, Inc. and cannot be returned.
- By entering the contest, all participants consent to the commercial use of their name, picture and recipe without additional compensation.
- Contestants agree to be bound to these official rules and the decisions of the judges.