



**ABOUT HOMEWOOD'S CHOCOLATE BAKE-OFF CONTEST**

Homewood's Chocolate Bake-Off is a spirited contest for professional and amateur bakers to compete for recognition as Home Sweet Homewood's Master Pastry Chef. A panel of judges samples each entry to select three winners. Once the winners are recognized, the public samples each entry in exchange for a small donation to benefit an area service group or local not-for-profit. Homewood's Chocolate Fest features children's activities, demonstrations, and vendor booths boasting delicious sweets, desserts, and gourmet baked goods. The event takes place on Saturday, February 20 from 11:00a to 2:00p in the H-F Park District Auditorium located at 2010 Chestnut Road in downtown Homewood. Free admission.

**CHOCOLATE BAKE-OFF CONTEST  
APPLICATION FOR ENTRY 2016**

(Check one) Professional: \_\_\_\_\_ Amateur: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Organization/Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN BY FEBRUARY 18:**  
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## BAKE-OFF CONTEST RULES 2016

### Who can enter?

- Contestants must represent an organization, not-for-profit, local service group or business.
- Amateur contestants should **not** be a food professional, such as a chef, food writer, culinary specialist or educator, or someone who creates recipes for pay.
- Professional contestant should be a food professional, such as a chef, food writer, culinary specialist or educator, or someone who creates recipes for pay.
- Recipes must contain chocolate.
- Desserts must be handmade, not created in a factory.
- Previous winners cannot duplicate winning recipes from previous years.

### How to enter?

- Contestants must have pre-submitted their entry form.
- Entries must be submitted in quantities to provide a small sample for judging and tasting of recipes for approximately 100 fest participants; *i.e. - if a contestant created 2 1/2 dozen (30) cookies, each cookie cut into four pieces would provide 120 samples.* Contestants must cut entries into sampling pieces before arriving.
- During the open tasting, contestants will serve their entries to the public.

### How will entries be judged?

- A panel of judges will sample each entry.
- Each entry will be rated according to Taste, Appearance, Creativity, and Consumer Appeal.
- Three placements will be awarded and announced at the event, with additional recognition in future Village of Homewood publications.

### Additional Information

Contestants in the Bake-Off do not automatically receive a vendor booth space for Chocolate Fest. Organizations and businesses that wish to have representation at the event to promote their services and restaurant must purchase a booth space for \$75. Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Contest Times

- Contestants Arrive at 11:00 AM
- Judging at 12:00 PM
- Open Tasting at 12:45 PM
- Winners Announced at 1:30 PM

For questions about the contest, please contact Event Manager Allisa Opyd at (708) 206-3393 or [aopyd@homesweethomewood.com](mailto:aopyd@homesweethomewood.com).

