

The **GREAT AMERICAN SPAM® CHAMPIONSHIP**

2018 Theme: Hawaii and Island-Inspired Recipes



ENTRY DEADLINE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2018

DATE OF CONTEST: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018

Two Categories: 1 for Adults (Lot 010) - 1 for Kids (Lot 011)

(Adults: Ages 18 & Up, Kid Chefs: Ages 7-17)

Local SPAM® Champion Prizes: 1st Prize \$150; 2nd Prize \$50; 3rd Prize \$25 (Adults)

Local SPAM® Kid Chef Prizes: 1st Prize \$60; 2nd Prize \$30; 3rd Prize \$10 (Kids)

Two National Grand Prizes:

- 1) National SPAM® Champion Grand Prize: A Trip for Two to the 2019 Waikiki SPAM JAM® Festival in Hawaii Valued at \$3,000 (Adult Grand Prize)*;**
- 2) National “SPAM® Kid Chef of the Year” Grand Prize: \$2,000 cash prize**

Judging Criteria:

Taste (30%) + Creativity (30%) + Easiness (30%) + Appearance (10%)

Contest Rules:

- Make any entry inspired by Hawaii, luaus, tiki parties, or island life in general. Anything tropical goes. Use at least one 12-ounce can of SPAM® products any variety (Classic, Lite, Less Sodium, Hot & Spicy, or other) and up to 10 other ingredients. (Salt, pepper, cooking oil/butter, water and garnishes do NOT count. Packaged items such as pre-made dough, jarred sauces, salad mixes, and other timesavers count as one/individual ingredient each.)
- Judging Criteria is to emphasize the 2018 theme and prioritize taste (overall flavor appeal and SPAM® product presence), creativity (how unique, imaginative, or trendy it is); and easiness (how simple and quick-to-make it is).
- Recipes should be named, original, unpublished, the sole property of entrant, and not used for another contest.
- Submit your entry with a clear/typed recipe (illegible recipes may be disqualified), a product label and your contact information. One entry per person.
- No SPAM® recipe contest 1st place winners from any fair in 2017 are eligible to win in 2018, nor are those who have won 1st place three or more times.
- All winning recipes become the property of Hormel Foods Sales, LLC, which has the right to publish or advertise the recipes and contestants without compensation.
- Judges are chosen by the fair; their decisions are final. Hormel Foods is not responsible for lost recipes, nor is the fair.
- All winners are required to sign a release provided by Hormel Foods. Winner awards will not be distributed until their releases are received.
- All contestants including fair winners, finalists and the national grand-prize winners shall not make any public appearances or give any interviews associated with this competition without the permission of Hormel Foods or the Blue Ribbon Group.
- Taxes on the prizes are the responsibility of the winner.
- Employees of Hormel Foods Corporation, its affiliates, subsidiaries and families of each are not eligible to participate.
- Entries from all states are welcome.

National Judging & Grand Prizes:

- Fair contest supervisors forward 1st place winning recipes for national grand prize judging for both Adult and Kid Chef categories. Hormel Foods' Test Kitchens judge recipes on the above criteria. Their decisions are final.
- For the National SPAM® Champion Grand Prize (adult: age 18 & up) one national grand-prize winner will be selected out of all 26 1st place recipes. He/she will receive a voucher to cover \$3,000 in travel costs (airfare, hotel and food) for the 2019 Waikiki SPAM JAM® Festival in Hawaii. The national grand-prize winner may elect to accept a \$3,000 cash prize instead of the trip (ARV \$3,000).
- One National SPAM® Kid Chef of the Year (kid chef: age 7 to 17) will be selected out of all 26 1st place recipes and he/she will receive a \$2,000 cash prize (ARV \$2,000).
- Both grand-prize winners will be notified by phone no later than Feb. 28, 2019. If Hormel Foods is unable to reach the grand-prize winners within 10 days of notification, an alternate may be selected. National winning recipes will be available by emailing statefairteam@blueribbongroup.net or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Blue Ribbon Group, c/o SPAM® Championship National Winner, 1120 South 2nd St #908, Minneapolis, MN 55415.

Instructions for Entry

1. To be a contestant, mail recipe to: Great American Spam Championship, NC STATE FAIR ENTRY DEPARTMENT, 1010 MAIL SERVICE CENTER, RALEIGH, NC 27699-1010, postmarked by October 1, 2018 or deliver recipes to the fairgrounds entry office.
2. WRITE AT THE TOP OF THE ENTRY IF YOU ARE ENTERING THE ADULT OR YOUTH CATEGORY AND THE AGE OF THE ENTRANT FOR THE YOUTH CATEGORY. Type or legibly write recipe on an 8½ x 11 sheet of paper with the contest name, your name, address, daytime and evening phone number and email address if available, in the upper right hand corner. Entries must be legible and include a phone number or you will be disqualified.
3. Fair committee selects judges; judges' decisions are final.
4. Entry will need to serve 6-8 judges.
5. No team entries, this contest is for individual competition. The cooking contest coordinator and/or contest sponsor reserves the right to make any changes or decisions prior to or during the contest as deemed necessary. Their decision will be final.
6. All winners are required to sign a 2018 W-4 Entry Form when dropping off their entry in order to collect any prize money.
7. By entering this contest, you are agreeing to the cooking contest purpose statement and code of ethics.

DAY OF CONTEST

1. Entries will be received from 9:00 - 10:00 AM in the Education Building. Please bring a copy of your recipe with you on the day of the contest.
2. Judging will begin at 10:00 AM.
3. Prizes will be awarded at 11:30 AM (or when contest is completed).
4. Contestants will be admitted into the Fair for free with prepared entry on the day of the contest through Gate 8, 11 or 12. These gates are near the Education Building and across from Carter Finley Stadium.
5. Entries may be brought in any type of container (preferably disposable); it is not the responsibility of the Fair to return any dishes.
6. Entries must be prepared at home and brought to the fair on the day and time of the contest.
7. Contact entry department if you have any questions at (919) 839 4515.

SPECIAL COOKING CONTESTS

Department SC1

SUPERINTENDENT: Lisa Prince, Contest Coordinator

INFORMATION FOR CONTESTANTS

Type or legibly write recipe on a 8½ x 11 sheet of paper and attach it to your entry form.

Entries must be legible and include a phone number or they will be disqualified.

All recipes submitted become the property of the North Carolina State Fair and the sponsor of the contest. By participating, contestants agree that we may edit, adapt, copyright, publish and use any or all of them including for publicity, promotion, or advertising in any form of media, including websites, without compensation to you. This includes publishing winner names, imaged and city/state of residence, in any form of media, including websites, videos, photographs, etc. See each individual competition for contest dates, rules, judging criteria, prizes, additional requirements and mailing instructions.

PURPOSE STATEMENT & CONTESTANT CODE OF ETHICS

The NC State Fair Special Cooking Contests encourage the continued advancement of and love for cooking. Contests help to promote local and national products as well as North Carolina commodities. In the spirit of traditional State Fair competitions, our Special Cooking Contest sponsors encourage as many entries as possible to compete for a blue ribbon. The Special Cooking Contests are meant to be fun, family-friendly competition, and while cash prizes are awarded, the contests are not intended to be profitable ventures for anyone.

While the live-action nature of these contests may include spectators and supporters, all Special Cooking Contest participants and their family members are expected to conduct themselves with honesty, good sportsmanship, and show respect for fellow competitors and judges at all times. Any overtly displeased participants who display out-of-line or rude behavior towards other participants, coordinators or judges will be excluded from further competition. The cooking contest coordinator and/or contest sponsor reserves the right to make modifications to any part of the contest as necessary. Decisions of the coordinators and sponsors are final.

Any participant who wishes to comment on a contest must do so in writing by sending an e-mail to: Lisa.Prince@ncagr.gov, or mail a copy of the written comment to:

NC State Fair
Special Cooking Contests
1010 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1010

For Fair Use Only
Exhibitor Number

2018 ENTRY FORM SPECIAL COOKING CONTEST

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

STEP ONE

Enter your Social Security Number if you want to win money.

PARENTS: Do not list your Social Security Number on behalf of your children.

STEP TWO

Enter your legal name and address.

Exhibitor's name must match the name associated with Social Security Number in order to pay premiums.

STEP THREE

List the contest(s) you are entering.

Important IRS information:
Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations require that we have the Social Security Number (SSN) or Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) which corresponds to the name to whom the check or prize money is written. If we are notified by the IRS that the SSN or TIN does not match the name of record, we will have to backup withholding taxes and you may be subject to a \$50 penalty by the IRS. A separate form should be used for each SSN/TIN. You must provide this information to be eligible for prize money. Also IRS regulations state that any prize money totaling \$500 or more in a calendar year must be reported on a Form 1099.

EXHIBITOR'S LEGAL NAME

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

EXHIBITOR'S LEGAL ADDRESS

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

County

Email Address

CONTESTS:

1. Exhibitors will be allowed to register without disclosing a SSN.
2. Exhibitors are fully aware that choosing NOT to disclose their full SSN at the time of registration, even if the the exhibitor has submitted an entry form in the past, forfeits any and all premium monies they were entitled to.
3. State Fair staff will not contact winning exhibitors following the fair who did not submit their SSN at the time of registration, and will not have access to or reference Social Security Numbers submitted in previous years.
4. State Fair staff will not accept any calls/emails/etc. from winning exhibitors who choose not to disclose their SSN at the time of registration.
5. Prizes such as ribbons, medals, rosettes and plaques will be awarded to winning exhibitors who do not disclose their SSN at the time of registration.

Manager, N.C. State Fair - Please accept the following entries, subject to the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Fair, as listed in the online Premium Book, by which I agree to be governed in exhibiting. All statements made in connection with said entries are true.

I agree to abide by published official release time for removal of exhibits.

Signature

INFORMATION AND GENERAL RULES FOR EXHIBITORS AND PATRONS

Exhibitors and patrons are encouraged to make constructive criticism and other helpful suggestions toward improving any part or department of ***Your State Fair***.

Please report any discourtesies by gatemen, concessionaires, showmen or others connected with the Fair. If, for any reason, there is a misunderstanding about admission at gates or elsewhere, please pay the admission price asked, take a receipt for same, and come directly to the Manager's office. Please do not block traffic and delay others by prolonged arguments with ticket-sellers, gatemen and ticket-takers who are working on strict orders from the management and are not allowed to vary from them.

Concessions and attractions are granted privileges on the grounds to supply the necessary wants, comforts, conveniences and pleasures of the patrons. The management will not accept or knowingly allow the continuance of any concession, show or other attractions of a questionable nature or a demoralizing tendency nor will any concession be permitted where the business is conducted in other than a legitimate and legal manner.

Drunkenness, quarreling or the use of profane or obscene language will not be allowed on the grounds. No begging will be permitted.

No peddling, hawking or selling of any kind will be allowed in the buildings or on the grounds except by special license obtained from the Manager.

All dining halls, lunch stands, refreshment booths and other places dispensing food and beverage must be substantial in structure and neat in appearance. They must meet all health regulations and must sell only good, wholesome food and pure honest goods at reasonable prices which must be approved by the Fair management and displayed in a prominent place. No soft drinks may be sold in bottles.

Parties owning buildings upon the State Fair grounds must notify the manager thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the Fair as to whether they desire to occupy the same or not, and if so, make arrangements with the superintendent of the department for such occupancy. Failure to comply with the provisions of this rule will cause the forfeiture of the use of such building or buildings by the Fair management.

Any party or parties, firm or corporation owning buildings or material upon the State Fairgrounds, without lease, or

whose lease has expired, who shall fail to remove same upon order of the Manager within the time specified, shall forfeit all claim thereto, which expense of claim must be paid before material is released to the owner.

The management of the State Fair reserves the right to amend, add to and interpret the foregoing and following Rules and Regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all questions and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the Fair. In the event of conflict between the General Rules and the special rules which appear as headnotes of the various divisions and departments of the Fair, the latter will take precedence.

Disregard of any rule, misrepresentation on the part of the exhibitor, concessionaire or patrons will forfeit all premiums won, privileges granted, fees paid and rights to further participation in the Fair.

ENTRIES

Exhibitors are encouraged to make all entries early. The right is reserved to reject any entry or entries. Entries received after all space is taken must be rejected. Exhibitors: Please read the rules and regulations for each department as there have been some changes this year.

You will find the closing dates for entries set out in the Rules and Regulations and the general headings of each of the various departments. These dates vary with the special requirements of the specific department. Check these closing dates carefully.

Request the Entry Department to supply you with an adequate number of entry forms. Competition is open to the world in the Horse Show and some livestock departments.

In most other divisions and departments competition is limited to residents of North Carolina.

All entries (with exceptions noted in the Livestock Division for group classes) must be made in the name of the owner, breeder, manufacturer, grower, producer or one whose skill the exhibit represents. A firm, to be entitled to exhibit as such, must have been organized not less than 30 days prior to the closing date for entries and such firm must have been organized as a bona fide firm for the purpose of producing or buying and selling the articles or animals

it proposes to exhibit in the name of such firm. A firm will be regarded as one exhibitor.

Official printed forms or copies of forms must be used in making applications for entry. Make sure to use the appropriate entry forms for each department. Be sure to fill out the application form completely, accurately and legibly. Give your rural route number, post office box number or apartment number, city street address, zip code +4, telephone number and e-mail address if available. Exhibitors will be allowed to register their exhibits without disclosing a SSN. Exhibitors are fully aware that choosing NOT to disclose their full SSN or TAX ID at the time of registration (paper entry forms or online), even if the exhibitor has submitted an entry in the past, forfeits any and all premium monies to which they were entitled.

REMEMBER: No article or animals will be entitled to exhibition space until proper entry has been made. No entry will be accepted after the closing date listed for each department. Once the deadline has past an entry cannot be changed except where it is improperly classed or a mistake has been made during processing, in which event the changes can be made only with the permission of the Department Superintendent or the Competitive Exhibits Coordinator. If the records are altered and do not conform with the information on file in the Entry Department, payment of premiums will be withheld. No person except personnel of the Entry Department will be allowed to see the entries or have access to the entry books, until after the awards are made. The same article or animal cannot be entered in more than one lot number (except as otherwise stated in the Special Department Rules and Regulations). Collections and displays must be made up of specimens, other than those entered in single (individual) classes unless otherwise noted.

Entry fees are not required in most departments - poultry and certain livestock exhibitors must include payment of stall, pen, and coop fees with their applications for entry - Dept. H, Arts and Photography has entry fees in the professional and amateur categories, as well as Dept. A, Commercial Wine entries, Dept. AB Beer, Dept. B, Cheese Contest entries and Dept. H, Horticulture Pumpkin/Watermelon Weigh-off entries.

Additional application forms are available upon request. Call (919) 839-4515. Livestock entries must be submitted online at www.ncstatefair.org or mailed to the address below. No faxes will be accepted. Entry forms for entries other than livestock can be completed online at:

www.ncstatefair.org or mailed to:
N.C. State Fair Entry Department
1010 Mail Service Center
Raleigh NC 27699-1010

EXHIBITS AND EXHIBITORS

The dates on which your exhibits must be in place at State Fair vary from one department to another. These dates are set out in the Department Headings and Rules and Regulations. Check these dates carefully so you can get your exhibits in place at the proper time to be judged.

Unclaimed exhibits from competitive departments will be considered abandoned if not called for within one week after the official closing of the Fair and may be disposed of as the Manager of the Fair sees fit. See special rules for the Culinary and Horticulture Departments.

Remember! All exhibits must be officially entered in the Fair on official printed forms provided for that purpose or online, before the closing date for entries in the department. No article or animal will be entitled to space or considered in the judging until proper entry has been made. Removal of exhibits before the date and time specified will be cause for forfeit of all premiums won, all fees paid and the right to further participation in the Fair.

In all but livestock departments, entries and exhibits will remain in place through the entire fair. Release times are scheduled for the day following the fair due to the lack of parking available nearby for those to pick up entries or exhibits and in an effort to keep vehicles off the grounds during crowded conditions. The regulation will also assure those attending the fair during the evening of the final day of seeing the same exhibits and entries as those attending earlier.

All exhibits will be numbered and recorded in the books of the proper department and class and exhibit tag with corresponding numbers will be issued. This tag must be securely attached to the exhibit and must remain on the exhibit throughout the Fair (except that exhibit tags issued for livestock and poultry may be conspicuously displayed upon the stall, pen or coop). Entry tags may be mailed out, but will also be available at the Entry Department booth in the Education Building before the fair.

Once the exhibit is numbered and tagged, it should be delivered to the Department Superintendent or Director who will allocate space and either personally arrange the exhibit in a suitable and attractive display or direct such action by

the exhibitor. The State Fair assumes no responsibility for the incorrect tagging of exhibits.

All exhibitors are urged to personally bring their exhibits to the Fair and enjoy the educational and recreational advantages of the annual exposition. Entries may be shipped via UPS or Fed Ex (signature required) to:

N.C. State Fair, Attn. Entry Department
1025 Blue Ridge Rd, Raleigh, N.C. 27607

Entries will be carefully handled, officially entered, tagged, and otherwise treated in the same manner as previously described. They will be given the same consideration with regard to display and judging as entries personally delivered. All exhibits shipped or mailed must be prepaid. No transportation charges for express, postage, freight will be paid by the Fair. Shipments should be carefully labeled, accompanied by a bill of lading, and properly identified inside and outside the package as to the department, class and premium number under which they have been previously entered. They should be shipped or mailed at least a week or 10 days prior to the opening of the Fair.

The management will not be responsible for delayed shipments which arrive at the Fair too late to be considered in the judging. All reasonable care will be given to all exhibits; however, exhibits are entered at the exhibitor's risk. The Fair and staff are not responsible for damage or loss at any time. If the exhibitor desires insurance coverage, this coverage should be secured from a personal insurance agent prior to entry and the policy written to cover the period of exhibition and transportation.

Division Directors and Department Superintendents will have full authority over allocation of space, and will have direct supervision of all exhibits which are considered on exhibition as a part of the Fair's attractions, subject to use as these Directors and Superintendents see fit to add to the educational values of the Fair. Livestock able to be led or driven, or which will follow, must participate in parades and group exhibitions as directed by the Department Superintendent.

All livestock must be cared for by the exhibitor except as noted in the Junior Dairy Cattle and Market Cattle shows. All stalls and pens (except entries in Special Exhibits) will be well bedded one time by the Fair, free of charge. Thereafter, exhibitors will be required to furnish their own bedding and keep all stalls and pens clean. Feed and straw will be sold on the grounds at prevailing prices.

When exhibit tags are issued by the Entry Department for each article entered, a stub will be given the exhibitor to serve as his claim check to recover and secure the release of his exhibit. Claim checks should be guarded carefully, since Department Superintendents and Directors are not allowed to release any exhibit without presentation of the exhibit tag stub. If the claim check is lost, such loss should be reported promptly and it will be necessary for the exhibitor to furnish the Department Superintendent or Competitive Exhibits Coordinator proof of ownership of the article on exhibit.

Exhibits entered in competitions which are not claimed within one week after the close of the Fair will be considered to have been abandoned by the exhibitor and will be disposed of as the Manager of the Fair sees fit. Other exhibits, materials therein, including concession booths, which are not claimed by the exhibitor or concessionaire within 30 days after the end of the Fair will be considered to have been abandoned and will become the property of the State Fair.

The Fair management reserves the right to reject any exhibit which does not reflect merit and which would not be a credit to both the exhibitor and the Fair. Also, the right is reserved to reject exhibits which are deemed objectionable or unsuitable for exhibition. All entries are accepted conditionally pending inspection of the article or animal to be exhibited. Any article or animal which proves to be misrepresented or falsely classed will be rejected and the right of the exhibitor to further participation in the Fair will be denied.

Division Directors, Department Superintendents, and/or Judges must report disqualification of entries to the Manager of the State Fair immediately after such action is taken. Under no circumstances will judging be considered official and premiums paid in a class where disqualification is recommended until approval of the disqualification(s) is obtained from the fair manager.

Promiscuous advertising is strictly prohibited. Exhibitors may advertise and distribute literature and free samples from their place of exhibit only, but may not sell any article or animal from their exhibit space without a permit from the manager. The distribution of advertising matter which conflicts in any manner with a concession sold by the Management is prohibited.

Commercial exhibitors and concessionaires are responsible for keeping the space in and around their exhibits, including unused space, aisles and roadways, clean and free of rubbish. An area of 10 feet around each exhibit booth and concession stand must be thoroughly cleaned by the exhibitor or concessionaire at the end of each Fair day. Failure to do so will be cause for cancellation of contract. No exhibit space assigned may be shared or sublet without permission of the Fair manager.

JUDGING AND AWARDS

Decision of the judges will be final and no appeal will be considered except in cases of protest in writing, with strong evidence of fraud or violation of the rules of the Fair. Protests must be in writing and filed with the State Fair Manager within twenty four hours of the day following the award and must be accompanied by a protest fee of \$5.00 which will be retained by the Fair if the protest is not sustained. The State Fair Manager will appoint a committee to consider the protest and all interested parties will be notified of the time of the hearing and will be given an opportunity to be heard. The rules of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions governing appeals will be those of the North Carolina State Fair.

Judges will not award premiums to any article or animal because of its mere presence. It must be individual worthy. It is not the policy of the Fair to encourage indifferent production of any kind or to distribute premiums equally among exhibitors. No premium will be awarded to any exhibit that does not possess high intrinsic merit.

No exhibitor may accompany judges during their deliberations except such attendants as are necessary to handle and show livestock and other such exhibits. Any exhibitor attempting to interfere with the judges during their adjudications or who publicly expresses disapproval of the decision of the judges, will be excluded from further competition and any premiums previously won will be forfeited.

Fraud or deception as to breeding or in any other form, will be exposed and exhibitor guilty of such violation will be excluded from further participation in the Fair and all premiums previously won will be forfeited. Premiums will be paid only on the basis of the records of the judging reports, which will be signed by the judge and by the Department Superintendent or Director. Ribbons will be securely attached to the articles upon which they were awarded, if possible, but the ribbons have no value in the payment of premiums since they may become detached and find their way on to the wrong exhibit.

Entries made in wrong classes may be moved to the proper class by the Competitive Exhibits Coordinator before the entry deadline (September 15).

Judges, when requested, may give the reasons for their decisions embracing the value and desirable qualities of the exhibits to which they have awarded premiums.

Judges will not award premiums or ribbons to any article or animal that does not qualify for one of the classes in the State Fair Premium List.

Premium checks will be mailed to all exhibitors no later than 60 days after the fair. Errors in premium statements will be corrected until January 31, 2019 after which time the books of the 2018 Fair are closed.

Photographs of exhibits and winners will be taken by official photographers of the NC State Fair. Exhibitors hereby grant the NC State Fair permission to utilize photographs, images, or likenesses in whole or in part for use in official NC State Fair publications and promotions.

The following colors of ribbons will be used to designate awards:

Grand Champion.....	Purple
Reserve Champion	Lavender
First Premium	Blue
Second Premium	Red
Third Premium	White
Fourth Premium	Pink
Fifth Premium	Yellow
Sixth Premium	Dark Green
Seventh Premium	Light Green
Eighth Premium	Tan
Ninth Premium	Gray
Tenth Premium, and above	Light Blue