

Hay Creek Apple Festival offers Baking Contest

Granny Smith, Macintosh, Jonathan, Winesap – these are just a few of the many delicious baking apples available each fall in Berks County. Traditionally grandma would use these well-known varieties to bake her heavenly pies and dumplings, while today there are many new juicy apple varieties that add to our favorite apple recipes.

On Saturday October 10th the Hay Creek Apple Festival invites you to “pick” your own variety of apple and enter your famed creation into our annual apple dessert contest.

The contest has five (5) Apple Categories: , Breads/Cakes, Cookies, Pies, Miscellaneous, and a Youth category for our bakers under 18.

Baking Contest rules:

- There is NO AGE RESTRICTION
- Entries MUST contain apple
- Entries MUST be homemade
- Only (1) entry per category per person
- Entries MUST be dropped at the Baking Contest Booth between 8 am & 9 am on Saturday, October 10th.
- A complete recipe must be submitted with the entry
- Judging will take place after 10am, winners to be announced during the day Saturday
- You do NOT have to be present to win.

All baked items will be sold at the festival with the proceeds going toward the Joanna Furnace restoration efforts.

Apple Festival Prizes

First Place winners in each apple category will receive \$30.00. A non-cash prize will be awarded to our youth category winner.

Certificates will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners plus receive 2 complimentary tickets to Hay Creek’s “Christmas” at Joanna” event scheduled for December 4th – 6th, 2026.

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