



**Shield-Bearer Counseling Centers
2022 Dessert Bake Off
November 5, 2022**

Who can enter?

Any and all people are welcome to enter the inaugural Shield-Bearer Counseling Centers 2022 Dessert Bake Off! Children and adults of any age are welcome to participate.

Both experienced and inexperienced bakers are eligible to enter, but all baked goods must be made in a home kitchen and be your original recipe (box mixes are NOT allowed).

Contestants may work individually or with a team. Prizes awarded to 1 member/team only, NOT each individual of a team.

What are the prizes?

Three finalists will be selected for each category. One finalist will receive a blue ribbon, and then the others will receive a second and third place accordingly. Certificates may be given for runners-up.

What are the categories?

All baked entries must fit one of the four category descriptions:

- **Cake:** intended for baked cakes. Cakes may be single or multi-layer.
- **Pie:** intended for baked pies (fruit, custard, etc.).
- **Cookies & Bars:** intended for individual cookies and dessert bars.
- **Other Desserts:** intended for puddings, cobblers, cinnamon rolls, loaf bread, etc.

How do I enter?

Registration must be done in advance of the event, and no later than Friday, October 28, 2022, at 5 pm. Visit shieldbearer.org and click on the Family Fall Fest link. Click on Register/Sponsor and choose Dessert Contest Entry. Complete the form and list your category (Cake, Pie, Cookies & Bars, Other). Please enter your name, email and cell phone.

Does it cost to enter?

Yes, there is a non-refundable/non-transferable entry fee (donation to Shield Bearer Counseling Centers) of \$25 per entry.

How much do I need to bring?

All entries are to be submitted as a whole (i.e. complete pie, complete cake, complete loaf, etc.). Cookies, bar treats or other dessert items are to be submitted in two dozen quantities.

Can I enter more than one dessert?

Yes, but you must complete a separate registration and payment/donation for each entry.

What other details must I know?

DO NOT use peanuts.

LABEL the item with any potential allergens (i.e. milk, eggs, type of nuts, coconut, type of fruit, etc.).

Check in at the event is 10:00 am to 11:00 am. All entries must be received by 11:00 am to participate. Winners will be announced at approximately 1:30 pm on the main stage.

Participants may enter any recipe and by honor, it must be your original recipe and no box mixes. A copy of your recipe does not need to be submitted.

DO NOT submit anything that needs to be refrigerated, as the event held outdoors.

In the event of rain, the event will still occur. If for some reason the event is canceled due to an unforeseen emergency, the entry fee is considered a donation to Shield Bearer Counseling Centers and will not be refunded.

Emails may be sent with any changes in event details, and we are not responsible for email delivery or verifying that you check your emails.

We are not responsible for any containers, boards or plates used to submit your entry. Please use disposable or show up at the close of the event to pick up your items.

How are entries judged?

Entries are judged on appearance (10 points max), flavor (10 points max), texture (10 points max) and aroma (10 points). A maximum of 40 total points possible, averaged between an odd number of judges. Judges will not know the identity of the entrant. Judges are required to observe and taste all entries and complete a judging sheet.

How are winners announced?

Finalists are called to the stage at approximately 1:30 pm and notified by text 30 minutes before winners are announced. Winners will be announced on stage and presented a certificate for runners-up, a ribbon for third place, a ribbon for second place and a blue ribbon for first place. One ribbon or certificate per winner and for each category.

Entries and winners may be photographed at any time during the event, from submitting your entry to the stage. Any photographs may be used for promotional materials, websites or video and your entry gives permission to do so.