Gillespie County Pecan Bake-Off and Pecan Show Rules

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Thank you for your interest in entering in the Gillespie County Pecan Bake-Off. Residents of Gillespie and surrounding counties are welcome to enter. Please see the following for rules.

- Items should not require refrigeration.
- To anonymize entries, plates will be provided with a number assigned.
- Entries need to have been made by the person entering.
- Items will be judged upon flavor, appearance and amount of pecans used in recipe.
- Pecans used in the recipes do not have to have been grown by you. Need to use at least ½ cup of pecans in the recipe.
- Entries will be separated into kindergarten through sixth (ages 5-11), 7th – 12th grade (ages 12-18) and adults.

Categories and amounts to enter include the following:

Candy (6 pieces)
Cookie/Bar (1/2 dozen)
Pies (2 slices)
Other (6 pieces/2 slices/2 cups)

Prizes will be given for first place as well as Bake-off Champion. The Bake-off Champion will be selected from the first place winners of each category. Adults and youth will both compete to be the Bake-off Champion.
Entries will be accepted starting at 7:00 AM on November 16th. Entry deadline is 10:00 AM and judging will begin soon after. To enter it will be $5 dollars for first entry, second and additional entries free.

Please contact Beth McMahon or Jessica Faubion at the Gillespie County Extension office at 830-997-3452 with any questions.

Pecan Show Rules

Entries accepted until 10:00 AM on November 16th. Entries accepted between November 1st to November 16th. Entries should be dropped off in a clean brown paper bag, labeled with the variety name and grower. Please leave contact information at the office.

- Exhibitors are limited to one entry of each named variety they grow.
- The grower may enter as many seedlings, known hybrids or natives as he or she wishes.

- Sample entries from one orchard **cannot be entered in two county shows**. Pecans should be entered in the same county they are grown. If your county does not have a show, enter the nearest county which does.
- The exhibitor must be the grower.
- An entry consists of a minimum of 40 pecans, 42 is preferred. Samples with insufficient nuts may be disqualified at any level—county, region, state.
- Entries containing more than one variety are disqualified.
- A single entry may be composed of nuts from more than one tree, provided they are the same variety and grown by the same individual.
- Nuts which are cut, sanded, polished, or otherwise altered will be disqualified.
- Pecans exhibited must be from the 2026 crop.