2017 IMPORTANT DATES

In-Person Entry Help Days ....................... Wednesday, May 31 & Thursday, June 1, 11 am - 6 pm
Honey Entry Deadline .............................. Wednesday, July 19 by Midnight
Honey Contest ...................................... Saturday, July 22
Sensational Salsa Entry Deadline........... Wednesday, July 26 by Midnight
Sensational Salsa Contest ......................... Saturday, July 29
Spam Entry Deadline .............................. Wednesday, August 2 by Midnight.
Spam Championship ............................... Saturday, August 5

*Online registration opens March 1st.*

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RULES

1. **Local** and **State Rules** govern this competition.

2. Exhibitors are responsible to read the Competition Guidelines and to abide by them.

3. If assistance is needed to determine the Division and/or Class, please contact the Culinary Department at (714) 708-1621 or email culinary@ocfair.com. Inquiries will be responded to within 72 business hours. Personal assistance is also available on Help Days; see “Help with Entering” on page 3.

4. **Entry fees are non-refundable.**
   There will be no refunds for any reason. By entering the competition you are confirming that you accept the no refund policy.

5. **Entries previously exhibited at the OC Fair are not eligible.**

6. **Refrigeration and/or heating facilities will not be available.**

7. Judges and/or the Program Coordinator have the option of reassigning an entry to a more appropriate division or class.

8. Final acceptance of the entry will be left to the discretion of the Program Coordinator.

9. Items selected to be put on display are the decision of the culinary staff.

10. Food items will be discarded after each show or when they become deteriorated.

11. Due to the family-oriented theme of the OC Fair, no work dealing with drug use, obscenity, defamatory statements, violence or gang activity, satanic or cult themes or other offensive or objectionable content will be accepted. This is at the discretion of the OC Fair staff.

12. Although reasonable efforts will be undertaken to safeguard exhibitors’ property against loss, damage or theft, neither the State of California nor the OC Fair & Event Center will be responsible for any loss, damage or theft of exhibitors’ property brought on the premises during the period of the OC Fair. Every precaution will be taken in the handling and exhibiting of entries.
SPECIAL CULINARY CONTESTS

HOW TO ENTER

Online Entry Deadlines: Honey - Wednesday, July 19 by Midnight
Salsa - Wednesday, July 26 by Midnight
Spam - Wednesday, August 2 by Midnight

1. Review individual Contest Rules and OC Fair Guidelines.
2. Enter online using the following links:
   - Honey Contest: ocf.formstack.com/forms/honey_contest_form
   - Sensational Salsa Contest: ocf.formstack.com/forms/salsa_contest_form
   - Spam Contest: ocf.formstack.com/forms/spam_contest_form
3. For additional assistance see the “Help with Entering” section below.

Exhibitor Name
- Entries must be made under the name of the individual who prepared it.
- Do not use business or fictitious names.
- All entries must be made by an individual, not a group or family.

Entry Confirmation
- An email notification and confirmation will be sent immediately after your online payment is received.
- If the email confirmation does not arrive shortly after submitting payment, please check your Spam/Junk folder before contacting the OC Fair.

Entry Fees
No entry fees for special culinary contests.

HELP WITH ENTERING

Phone: During office hours at (714) 708-1621
E-mail: culinary@ocfair.com
Click here for additional help: FAQs

In-Person Help Days
- May 31 & June 1 (Wednesday & Thursday), from 11 am - 6 pm
  - Located in the OC Fair Administration Building.
  - Park in Lot F located inside Gate 4 off Arlington Drive.
  - Click here to view a map.

ENTER GATE 4
SPECIAL CULINARY CONTESTS

ELIGIBILITY
Adult Categories: All contests are open to California residents, ages 18 or older.
Youth Categories: Only the Spam Contest is open to youth ages 7-17 (by August 5, 2017) who live in California.

ENTRY LIMIT
• SPAM Contest: 1 entry  • Salsa Contest: 3 entries  • Honey Contest: 2 entries
Check each individual contest for rules on how many entries can be submitted per class.

PRE-REGISTRATION
Deadlines are on the Wednesday before the contest. In order to receive one free OC Fair admission, you must pre-register. Pre-registration is not required to enter, but is required to receive a free admission ticket. If you have not pre-registered, please bring your entry to our Express Entry Drop-Off on the day of the contest to participate. Exhibitors who did not pre-register will need to purchase an OC Fair admission ticket to get to the contest stage and area.

OC FAIR EXHIBITOR TICKET
• Exhibitors will receive one (1) 2017 OC Fair admission ticket, at time of entry delivery.
• One (1) ticket per exhibitor, not one per entry.
• Tickets are valid any day the Fair is open.
• Exhibitor must be present to receive ticket.

ENTRY DELIVERY
Honey Delivery Date: ..... Saturday, July 22, 11 am - Noon
Salsa Delivery Date: ........ Saturday, July 29, 11 am - Noon
SPAM Delivery Date: ..... Saturday, August 5, 11 am - Noon

Deliver to the Express Entry Drop-Off
• All Special Contest Entries will be accepted at the Express Entry Drop-Off area only.
• Entries will not be accepted at the stage.
• Enter through the Main (Blue) Gate located off Fair Drive, and proceed to the passenger pickup/drop-off area. Park temporarily and take your entry to the drop-off table.
• Contestants must check-in their entry between 11 am and Noon on the day of competition. The table will close promptly at Noon.
• For a map on where to go on the Entry Delivery Days, click here.
• Entries must be submitted in disposable containers. Containers will not be returned.
• Exhibitors may not touch entries once they are turned in.
• Each pre-registered exhibitor must be present to receive an admission ticket. Entries may be delivered by another person, however to receive the free Fair admission ticket the entrant must be present.
• After your entry is checked in, please proceed to the nearest parking lot and enter the Fair through a public entry gate and walk to the OC Promenade for the contest and judging.
• OC Fair staff will transport entries to the OC Promenade Stage for judging.
• Have your 3-inch by 5-inch ingredient card and/or any required documents (see specific contest rules) ready when checking in your entry.
SPECIAL CULINARY CONTESTS

JUDGING

• Live judging will begin promptly at 1 pm on the OC Promenade stage and is open to the public.
• Due to Orange County Health Department food restrictions, items will not be publicly sampled.
• Judges and/or the Program Coordinator have the option of reassigning an entry to a more appropriate division or class.
• Classes or divisions may be combined to create an adequate judging pool.
• After judging, food will be transferred into appropriate display containers and all entries will remain on display (as long as possible) with exhibitor’s name and award placing. Entries will not be returned to the exhibitor after judging.
• Salsa entries will not be displayed.

Judging System

• Entries will be placed using the American Judging System where exhibits are ranked 1st through 10th place against the other.
• 1st Place winners will compete for Category Winner. Category Winners then compete for Grand Winner.
• See SPAM Contest Rules for additional places specific to that contest.

Comment Sheets

• Comment sheets will be provided for each entry submitted.
• Comment sheets are notes from the judges on the entry’s performance in the competition.
• They are available for pick up any day of the fair. The Final Pickup Day is Monday, August 14, 7 am - Noon.

Disqualified Entries

If an entry is disqualified after judging is complete, the judge will not change the status of awards given for other entries.

Judging Results

• All accepted entries, except salsa, will be displayed in the OC Promenade with any awards received.
• Results may be available online at ocfair.com/results.
• Please do not call or email for competition results.

AWARDS

Ribbons

• Ribbons are awarded for 1st Place to 10th Place in each category, as well as Special Category Awards and Grand Winners.
• No cash premiums are offered. Additional prizes may be offered.
• You may pickup your ribbon at the conclusion of the judging on the OC Promenade Stage as your name is announced or at the culinary information booth adjacent to the promenade stage any time during the open days of the OC Fair.
From snacks and sweets and entrees, the possibilities are endless!

- Entry Deadline: Wednesday, July 19
- Enter Here: ocf.formstack.com/forms/honey_contest_form
- Entries must be made at home and from scratch. No ready-made, store-bought entries allowed.
- Recipes must contain HONEY as the only sweetener.
- Include an ingredients list with each entry on a 3-inch by 5-inch card. Do not include your name.
- Entries must be submitted in disposable containers. Containers will not be returned.
- Enter by Category: Sweet or Savory.

AWARDS:
In addition to prize money (premiums), each winner will receive a jar of honey, compliments of the OC Beekeepers Association

Sweet: 1st place - $40, 2nd place - $30, 3rd place - $20
Savory: 1st place - $40, 2nd place - $30, 3rd place - $20

CATEGORIES

SWEET HONEY
(e.g. honey nut bars, baklava)

SAVORY HONEY
(e.g. honey cornbread, chili)
SPECIAL CULINARY CONTESTS

SENSATIONAL SALSA CONTEST

ELIGIBILITY Open to California residents, ages 18 or older.

ENTRY LIMIT 3 entries per exhibitor, 1 per category

CONTEST DAY Saturday, July 29

- Entry Deadline: Wednesday, July 26
- Enter Here: ocf.formstack.com/forms/salsa_contest_form
- Choose a category based on the dominant ingredient.
- Submit 2 cups per entry.
- Entries must be made at home and from scratch. No ready-made, store-bought entries allowed. No pre-made dip mixes.
- Do not include crackers, chips or vegetables for dipping.
- Enter each entry on a separate online entry form.
- Include an ingredients list with each entry on a 3-inch by 5-inch card. Do not include your name.
- Please bring entries in disposable containers. Containers will not be returned.
- Entries will be judged on appearance, texture and flavor.
- No refrigeration available.
- Read the complete set of Special Contest rules on pages 1-4.

CATEGORIES
RED SALSA
GREEN SALSA
FRUIT SALSA
OTHER
(e.g. corn, cream, bean, avocado)

ENTER HERE
SPECIAL CULINARY CONTESTS

THE GREAT AMERICAN SPAM CHAMPIONSHIP

ELIGIBILITY
Adult Category: Open to California residents, ages 18 and older.
Youth Category: Open to youth ages 7-17 who live in California.
*For youth: Entries must be made by the exhibitor with minimal to no parental assistance.

ENTRY LIMIT 1 entry per category
CONTEST DAY Saturday, August 5

- Entry Deadline: Wednesday, August 2
- Enter Here: ocf.formstack.com/forms/spam_contest_form
- Read the complete set of SPAM® contest rules below and information on pages 1-4.

SUPER SIMPLE CRAVEABLE CLASSICS: Celebrate 80 Years of SPAM® products - SIZZLE PORK AND MMM - with your Tried & True, Totally Tasty, Super Simple Craveable Classic Recipes!

TWO CATEGORIES: 1 FOR ADULTS - 1 FOR CHILDREN:
- 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:
- National SPAM® Champion Grand Prize: A Trip for Two to the 2018 Waikiki SPAM JAM® Festival in Hawaii valued at $3,000 (Adult Grand Prize)*;
- National “SPAM® Kid Chef of the Year” Grand Prize: $2,000 cash prize

Judging Criteria:
Simplicity (50%) + Taste (50%)

Contest Rules:
- Make any “Super Simple Craveable Classic” recipe with 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. (Packaged items such as cake mixes and other timesavers are welcome and count as one/individual ingredient. Salt, pepper, cooking oil/butter, water and garnishes do NOT count.)
- Judging Criteria is to emphasize how easy the recipe should be and how great it tastes.
- 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 2016 are eligible to win in 2017, 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.
Special Culinary Contests

The Great American Spam Championship

- 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.

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 2018 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, 2018. 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.

ENTER HERE