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### Upcoming Cooking Contests

Do you enjoy cooking and receive rave reviews on your holiday recipes? We have Cooking Contests that might be right up your alley. By entering your sweet and/or savory “Holiday Favorite” dishes in the contests, you will receive free entry into the Georgia Mountain Fall Festival and a chance of winning prize money, ranging from \$20 up to \$100.

This year is the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Cooking Contests, sponsored by the GMF, and will take place Saturday, October 14. Dishes will be accepted from 1 – 3 pm, at the fair office. Awards will be presented at 5 pm and followed by tasting of all dishes entered. Please have the entry form and recipe sheet completed when you bring your dish.

The winners of the 2016 contests were:

Adult Savory: 1<sup>st</sup>: Laurie Wright, Pumpkin Chili; 2<sup>nd</sup>: LaRanda Mauldin, Broccoli Salad; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Cindy Stephens, Italian Macaroni.

Adult Sweet: 1<sup>st</sup>: Libby Dayton, White Chocolate Oatmeal Cranberry Cookies; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Linda Curry, Merry Cherry Holiday Dessert; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Cathy Peters, Crunchy Top Pound Cake.

Youth Savory: 1<sup>st</sup>: Laura Mauldin, Grandma’s Chicken Casserole; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Abby Rosa Mauldin, Chicken and Corn Casserole; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Anna-Grace Ayer, Nanny’s Holiday Sausage Balls

Youth Sweet: 1<sup>st</sup>: Olivia Ayers, Nutty Chocolate Rolled Dates; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Abby Rosa Mauldin, Shredded Apple Pie; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Laura Mauldin, Italian Sweet Cream Cake.

Congratulations winners and thank-you to all who participated.

Is it your turn to be a winner at this year’s contests? You can’t win if you don’t enter.

Complete description including contest rules, entry form, and recipe format sheet can be found at: <http://www.georgiamountainfairgrounds.com/events/fall-festival/cooking-contest> or by stopping by the GMF Fair Office. Recipes will be judged on taste, ease of prep, appearance, nutrition, and originality.

These relaxed, informal contests give home cooks a fun, low pressure chance to share their favorite recipes with others while potentially winning money for dishes they so loving make for their family and friends. We hope you will share your skills with us.

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Attached is a Flier you may prefer to us to help us advertise these annual contest.