

Rotary Club of Rutland

Mac & Cheese Cook-off Rules

- Mac & Cheese Cook-off is open to all ages. Please register your mac & cheese entry prior to Friday, May 24, 2024, by emailing kwfranzoni@gmail.com or by calling 802-558-4644. The number of Mac & Cheese cooks is limited due to space.
- Contestants can be one person or it can be a team.
- Contestants must be willing to eat their own Mac & Cheese.
- Mac & Cheese must be prepared in advance, from ingredients assembled by the contestants. Bring your macaroni & cheese “ready to eat” in a heated crockpot, or catering tray to meet food safety standards. Electricity will be provided but contestants are responsible for supplying all of their own serving utensils.
- Contestants must be present or provide a volunteer to serve their Mac & Cheese during the contest.
- Spoons and cups for the public will be provided.
- Please bring enough mac & cheese for 30 people to have 4 oz tasting (120 ounces or roughly a gallon of mac & cheese). All entries must be in place by 10:50 am.
- Use your favorite recipe!
- You may add items to your mac & cheese: veggies, meat/seafood or vegan.
- Must have a list of ingredients used for allergy purposes. If your recipe contains food allergens (fish, shellfish, dairy, soy, tree nuts, peanuts, wheat, eggs, sesame) please highlight this on your ingredient list.
- Please have your recipe and name on a piece of paper to hand to the Official Scorekeeper at the beginning of the cook-off.
- You **MAY NOT** use boxed or store bought mac & cheese.
- Each contestant is responsible for watching over their area and at the end of the cook-off is responsible for cleaning up and taking all of their personal items home.
- This is a blind competition; each contestant will be given a number to display by their mac & cheese. The judges and public patrons who come to taste the mac & cheese will be given a scorecard for each entry and will rate the mac & cheese on four characteristics.
 - Texture and consistency: cheese should be smooth and not clumpy, noodles cooked al dente, etc.
 - Flavor: The mac & cheese should have good overall flavor.
 - Aroma: This is a personal preference, but you definitely want to draw people to your mac ‘n cheese with their noses!
 - Appearance: The mac ‘n cheese should look appetizing.

- The scorecards will be tallied for each entry and the top three mac & cheeses will receive a prize.

Please arrive promptly at 10 am on Saturday, June 22 to set up for the cook-off. The public will be allowed in at 11 am to start the tasting and judging. Any questions, please contact Keri Franzoni at 802-558-4644 or kwfranzoni@gmail.com
Teams will compete for 2 awards: Judges' Choice and Peoples' Choice.

OFFICIAL JUDGING Each team will be supplied with an Official Tasting Cup with your team number on the bottom. Do not alter the cup in any way as this is a blind tasting. Your Cup will be picked up at promptly 11 am by a Rotarian. Only the Judging Committee will have the Master List of which team number matches the cup on the Judging Tables.

CHOICE JUDGING This is where you want to encourage your friends, families and customers to come out and vote for you. Each member of the public will be given three (3) Voting Tokens to vote for his/her favorite mac & cheese.

Peoples' Choice Award is given to the Mac & Cheese Team that receives the most votes via the public's Voting Tokens placed in the peoples' choice voting collections. All voting will stop at @ 1:15 pm.

AWARDS We will provide our first, second and third place winners in each category with a special macaroni-inspired award. The awards for Judges' Choice and Peoples' Choice will be presented at 1:45 pm. For each First Place winner, a \$100 donation will be awarded to the head Chef. Chefs will be given the opportunity to have their winnings donated to a non-profit organization of their choice. The non-profit selected must align with one of Rotary's seven areas of focus: peace and conflict prevention/resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, economic and community development or the environment.

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