California STATE FAIR

Culinary School Cooking Challenge

Represent your Culinary School in a live cooking challenge at the California State Fair. Teams of two will use a mystery ingredient to prepare a 3-course meal in front of a live fair audience and a panel of qualified Judges, in our new Cooking Theatre. Space is limited, apply today!

APPLICATIONS DUE: May 30, 2016, applications accepted on a first-come-first-served basis

DATE & TIME: Sunday, July 24: 12:30pm-2:30pm
LOCATION: The Cooking Theatre, California's Kitchen, Building B

QUALIFICATIONS: Any team of two currently-enrolled students from the same Culinary School. Student chefs only.

AWARDS: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place winners will receive a California State Fair Rosette

AVAILABLE EQUIPMENT:

- Electric range & oven, microwave, mini-fridge, sink and electrical outlet.
- Tools and small appliances typically found in a home kitchen are also available.
- Teams are encouraged to bring their own knives or any specialty equipment needed.

AVAILABLE INGREDIENTS:

- A mystery ingredient will be provided and MUST be featured in 1 or more dishes.
- The pantry is stocked with a variety of common ingredients for cooking and baking.
- Teams may not bring any outside food or spices into the competition.

JUDGING CRITERIA

30% **Taste**: Complimentary courses, seasoning, flavor, temperature/doneness
25% **Presentation**: portion size, harmonious use of garnish, color, slicing/placement
20% **Skill Level**: Difficulty of dish, cooking & knife skills, use of ingredients, creativity
15% **Use of Mystery Ingredient**: Prominence in meal, good use of ingredient
10% **Work Habits & Showmanship**: Food safety and sanitation, organization of work area, professional and courteous, communication with MC and Judges during competition

Significant Points Deductions:

- Mystery ingredient not featured in any dish (-30 points)
- Food not safe to eat (undercooked) (-20 points per item)
- Less than 3 courses presented (-20 points per absent course)

CHALLENGE FORMAT:

1. Arrive **30 minutes prior** to your start time to be fitted for a microphone and to sort out any last minute details.
2. **Start Time**: The MC will introduce the challenge, competitors and Judges. The mystery ingredient will be revealed then the MC will start the competition.
3. **5 minutes**: to "shop" for food carts in front of kitchen set. More ingredients are available behind the set throughout the competition.
4. **10 minutes**: to prep and set up kitchens: preheat ovens, boil water, organize equipment, etc. No cooking or food prep is allowed at this time.
5. **60 minutes**: to cook and plate your meal, which is immediately presented to Judges upon completion.
6. **Judges Evaluate** the dishes behind the scenes while teams distribute any remaining food as samples and clean the kitchens (Fair staff will also help clean).
7. **Judges Announce the Winners** and ribbons will be presented.

ADDITIONAL RULES & REGULATIONS:

- **No alcoholic beverages may be consumed** either in front or back of the set; however, it may be used as an ingredient. Failure to follow this rule may lead to disqualification.
- Kitchens will be assigned randomly before each round begins.
- No open flame is allowed, including torches and lighters (CA Fire Marshall Regulations).
- Please prepare enough food for 4 standard servings so that food will be available for fair guests to sample.
- Only participating team members may be backstage (space limitations and food safety).
- Teams are encouraged to wear chef jackets or aprons representing their school.
- Each participating team member will receive 1 Admission Credential and 1 parking pass to enter the Fair the day of the Challenge. 2 additional credentials will be given to each participating team member for guests.

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Cooking School Challenge Application

APPLICATION DUE DATE: May 30, 2016

SUBMIT TO: Michelle Johnson
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Contact Name	
Phone Number	Cell phone Number *(for day of Challenge)*
Mailing Address	
City	State, Zip Code
Email Address	

Teammate Name

Culinary School Represented

I hereby certify that all of the information submitted with my application to compete in the Firehouse Cooking Challenge is true and correct, and that I have the permission of my instructors to represent my school in this challenge.

I hereby certify that I have read the competition information and rules, and I will accept and comply with rules as written, and accept the decision of the Judges as final.

Challenge Accepted!

Signature _____ Date: _____

CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION AND STATE FAIR
CALIFORNIA'S KITCHEN
Letter of Understanding

This Letter of Understanding is between CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION AND STATE FAIR, hereafter referred to as "Cal Expo" and _____ hereinafter referred to as "Demonstrator". (your full name)

Under this agreement, Demonstrator will participate as a competitor in the Cooking School Challenge in California Building B on Sunday, July 24, 2016 from 12:30pm to 2:30pm.

Demonstrator will provide to Cal Expo: a completed Megan's Law compliance form listing all team members.

Cal Expo will provide: 1) mystery ingredient, basic pantry ingredients, tools, and demonstration kitchen; 2) credentials for Fair entry and parking for above dates.

Demonstrator and all participants agree to indemnify, defend and save harmless the State of California, California Exposition & State Fair, its officers, agents and employees from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any and all contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, laborers, and any other person, firm or corporation furnishing or supplying work services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of this Agreement, and from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any person, firm or corporation who may be injured or damaged by the Demonstrator and/or the Demonstrator's paid or volunteer assistants in the performance of this Agreement.

_____ Date: _____
Demonstrator's Signature

California Exposition and State Fair

_____ Date: _____
Heidi Turpin, Contracts Manager

CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION & STATE FAIR
MEGAN'S LAW FORM

Department Issuing: **CSF Programs**
Cal Expo Contact Person: **Michelle Johnson, 916.263.3189**

POLICY: One of the fundamental responsibilities of the California Exposition & State Fair (Cal Expo) is to protect the public. In 1998, Cal Expo implemented a policy requiring that all persons conducting business with, employed by, or volunteering at Cal Expo shall provide the necessary personal information to enable their names to be searched through the Department of Justice's Megan's Law files. This file consists of records of individuals convicted of specific sex offenses who are required by Penal Code Section 290 to register as sex offenders.

This form must be completed legibly, with all information requested, or it will not be accepted. Typewritten forms may be substituted but must contain the same information in columnar form and be attached to this form and including names of the person/company, on each page. Submit the information promptly to the Cal Expo Personnel Office prior to the event.

Company/Organization/Applicants Name Submitting:

Product/ type of service provided: **Demonstrator** | Contact Telephone #

Type of Business/Group/Position (Check one) ☐ Contractor ☐ Consultant ☐ Concessionaire ☐ Exhibitor ☐ Tenant **X Volunteer**

I certify that this is an accurate listing of all persons scheduled to work/volunteer for listed organization/business with Cal Expo. Failure to comply will be cause for rejection of the entire application.

X _____ _____

Signature of Submitting Party Date

Full Name (First, Middle & Last)	**Date of Birth**	**Driver's License/ID # and Issuing State**	**Residential Zip Code**