



GRILLED CHEESE SHOWDOWN

Sunday October 13, 2024

Dear Cheese Lovers,

Welcome to the 2024 Grilled Cheese Festival! This year, your sandwich will be judged by representatives from the Cheese Lady Sisterhood for the Judge's Choice, and by the general public for the People's Choice award. Prizes for each category are as follows:

Judge's Choice: \$150 Gift card, \$100 Cash, Trophy, Original painting by Reb

People's Choice: \$100 Gift card, \$75 Cash, Trophy, Original painting by Reb

NOTE: In the unlikely event of a tie, teams will split the winnings

Kent County Health Department Requirements: The license allowing you to serve samples to the general public is granted by the Kent County Health Department. The Cheese Lady has included your team under their Temporary Food Establishment license. Your "facility" will be inspected by the health/sanitation department prior to the competition. Any deviance from the rules and regulations could result in disqualification of your team, no refunds will be provided. Apart from what is provided by The Cheese Lady (outlined below) you are responsible for all other requirements. **Teams MUST BE READY FOR INSPECTION BY 11AM. You may begin cooking prior to inspection if necessary.**

GENERAL RULES and REGULATIONS:

The competition is a Grilled Cheese Competition so your primary ingredient should be Cheese.

Ingredient Definitions

Bread - Any leavened or unleavened, flour-based and baked thing that looks like and is considered to be "bread" by any cultural or ethnic interpretations.

Butter - For the purposes of simplicity, all sandwich-grilling lubricants will be hereafter referred to as "Butter." You can use oils or margarines if you prefer.... but why!!!!

Cheese - Made from milk, goat, cow, lamb, buffalo, soy, or nut-derived.

You may have up to 3 non-cheese/bread ingredients.

Herb/Herb Blend (multiple herbs are considered one ingredient)

Meat

Sauce

Fruit

Vegetables

Condiments

You must also have enough sandwiches to **provide about 60 samples for the festival attendees** to sample for the People's Choice Award. People's Choice judge samples don't have to be huge; it should be at least .5 to 1" square or larger. The People's Choice Award will be determined by the number of ballots turned in with "Your" Team Name listed.

WHAT IS PROVIDED:

- 10x10 space
- Hand washing station
- Sanitary gloves
- Sanitizing towel and water bucket
- Up to 1 pound (\$25) of cheese

WHAT CONTESTANT SHOULD BRING:

- Cooking ware and equipment/tools for cooking, including power and or fuel
- Tables
- Tent
- Anything you need to make for your sandwiches
- Plates/napkins

WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN:

You will be directed to your assigned area to set up your station when you arrive and check in at the HQ table. When it comes time for you to compete, you'll report to your cooking station and get ready. We will give you fair warning when they are ready to sample your creation. You will present your entry to them at a designated place and time. You will have 5 minutes to talk to the judges about your entry.

People's Choice sampling is only prohibited after Professional judging is complete. **Please do not give samples to the general public during or before judging.**

- Entrants to the competition are required to abide by the competition rules.
- The organizers of this event are not liable for any loss or damage, whether direct, indirect, consequential or otherwise arising from any cause whatsoever, which may be suffered by the entrants participating in the competition.
- Complete attached registration form along with non-refundable \$50.00 registration fee.
Registration Fee: \$50.00



CHEESE LADY GRILLED CHEESE COOKING COMPETITION
Registration Form

Team name _____

Members Names _____

Contact Person _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Return form with \$50.00 Registration fee to:

The Cheese Lady Grand Rapids
315 Fuller Ave NE
Grand Rapids Mi. 49503

Questions: grandrapids@thecheeselady.net