



Fire Ant Festival Committee

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Strawberry Cookoff Rules

Fire Ant Festival 2026

March 28, 2026

3:30 p.m.

- Strawberries will be supplied by Calhoun Produce, limited to 1 quart per entry. Call 229-273-1887 for strawberries.
- Categories:
 - Youth: Desserts
 - Adult: Desserts
 - Adult: Other (including savory dishes, sauces, breads, etc.)
- Each entry must use at least 1 cup of strawberries
- Entry Fee: The entry fee is \$10 per entry. Late entries received after March 25, 2026, will have a \$15 entry fee. Payment must be made using the method selected on your application, either by PayPal invoice or check. If paying by check, make all checks payable to Fire Ant Festival and mail them to PO Box 2864, Ashburn, GA 31714. All checks must be received by March 22 to allow time for the payment to clear the bank.
- Entries are limited to the first ten per category.
- The recipe must be included with each entry form. The festival reserves the right to use recipes in promotional efforts.
- Entrants must follow food safety measures. Refrigeration is the responsibility of the entrant. There is no refrigeration on site at the Fire Ant Festival.
- Entries must be on site by 3:15 p.m. Late entries will be disqualified. It is the entrant's responsibility to get their entry on the table.
- Entries must be made available for spectators to taste after judging and the presentation of awards.
- Judging will begin at 3:30 p.m., with awards presented at 4:00 p.m.
- Entries will be judged on
 - Appearance (25%)
 - Presentation (25%)
 - Taste (50%)
- Judges will score entries on a scale of 1-10, with 10 being the highest score.
- There will be a prize for the most creative use of the festival theme.
- Entry forms are available: <https://forms.gle/kabEag5PcuWUNwnK6>
- For questions, email Sue Mastrario at smastrario@gmail.com.