



2026 Cache Valley Cheese and Dairy “Master of Mac” Macaroni & Cheese Contest

Prepare your best homemade Mac and Cheese recipe and enter for a chance to win.

Contest Date: Friday, April 17, 2026

Entry Drop-Off: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Location: Cache County Event Center, 490 South 500 West, Logan, Utah

All prepared Mac and Cheese entries will be taste-tested beginning promptly at 6:30 PM. The judging process will be closed. Judges will provide a feedback card for each entry. Feedback cards may be picked up with your crock pot on Saturday between 11:00 a.m. and 12 p.m. or 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Contest Definition

For this contest, Mac and Cheese is defined as macaroni noodles combined with cheese as the primary ingredient. Cheese is provided courtesy of **Cache Valley Creamery** and **Dairy Farmers of America**.

Each contestant will receive 16oz of cheese for their recipe:

Cheddar Cheese or Monterey Jack Cheese

These cheeses must make up the majority of the dish. Additional ingredients may be added at the discretion of the cook.

Cheese Pickup

Contestants may pick up their cheese and complete an entry form at the Cache County Event Center, 490 South 500 West, Logan.



Monday – Thursday | April 13–16

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Preparation Rules

- The dish may be prepared using any cooking method.
- No boxed mixes or frozen commercial products may be used.
- Contestants must prepare **6–8 cups (2 quarts)** of Mac and Cheese.
- Entries must be delivered **hot in a crock pot or food warmer**.
- A written copy of the recipe must be submitted with the entry. This information will remain confidential and is required only for allergy awareness and safety.



Eligibility

Participants must be Cache Valley residents, amateur cooks, and at least 8 years of age.

Youth Division: Ages 8–17

Adult Division: Ages 18 and older

Judging Criteria

Taste / Flavor

Texture

Appearance

Aroma

Awards

Awards will be presented in both age divisions.

Youth Division (8–17)

1st Place • 2nd Place • 3rd Place

Adult Division (18+)

1st Place • 2nd Place • 3rd Place

The **1st Place Adult winner** will also receive the title “**Cache Valley Master of Mac.**”

Award Presentation

Winners will be publicly announced and awards presented:

Saturday, April 18 at 12:00 PM from the Festival Stage.

Winners must be present to receive their award and prize.

Legal Stuff: For purposes of these Official Rules, Individuals entering the contest shall collectively be known as “Entrants.” By participating in this contest, entrants agree to be bound by these official rules and to the judges’ decisions, which are final and binding on all matters relating to the contest. Entrants must enter as an individual. The contest is open to all ages 8 years and older, however all entrants under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian sign their submission at the time of entry.

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