



2026 Cache Valley Cheese and Dairy “Best Cheesecake in the Valley” Contest Rules

Celebrate the rich dairy tradition of Cache Valley by entering your homemade cheesecake for a chance to be crowned “**Best Cheesecake in the Valley!**” Whether you are a seasoned home baker or simply love creating sweet treats, this fun annual contest is your opportunity to showcase your best cheesecake recipe.

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

To ensure a fair and delicious competition, cream cheese will be provided to all contestants courtesy of Schreiber Foods, giving every baker the same starting ingredient.

Each contestant will receive **two (8oz) packages of cream cheese** for their recipe.

Cream Cheese Pickup

Contestants must pick up their cream cheese and complete an entry form at the
Monday – Thursday | April 13–16
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM



Eligibility

Contestants must be amateur bakers, residents of Cache Valley, and at least 8 years of age.

Divisions

Youth Division: Ages 8–17

Adult Division: Ages 18 and older

Cheesecake Requirements

Your cheesecake must measure between 6–8 inches in diameter. A container for the cheesecake entry will be provided. Cheesecakes will not be returned after the contest.

Cheesecakes must be made from scratch (no boxed mixes). Contestants must also provide a list of ingredients when dropping off their entry for allergy purposes.

Judging

Judging will be closed to ensure a fair and unbiased process. Each entry will receive a judging feedback sheet with comments, which will be emailed to contestants by 5:00 PM on Monday, April 20.

Judging Criteria

Taste/Flavor – 30 points

Texture – 25 points

Originality – 25 points

Appearance – 20 points

Total – 100 points

Awards

Adult Division

1st Place – “Best Cheesecake in the Valley”

2nd Place

3rd Place

Youth Division

1st Place

2nd Place

3rd Place

New Category: Classic Cheesecake

This category recognizes the best traditional cheesecake in both the Adult and Youth divisions. The “Classic” style cheesecake must be prepared au naturel with no added flavors, toppings, or mix-ins. Only the traditional ingredients used in a New York–style cheesecake are allowed. One award will be presented in each division.

Saturday, April 18

12:00 PM: Winners Announced and Awards Presented at the Festival Stage.

Contestants must be present to claim their award and prize.

Legal Stuff: 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. Entrants under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian sign their submission at the time of entry.

Judging courtesy of



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