

YWCA CAKE-A-PALOOZA 2012

The YWCA of Quincy welcomes you to the Cake-A-Palooza Cake Competition at the Quincy Mall on Saturday, February 11, 2012. The theme this year is, *“Love is...”* This themed competition will be open to the public with various levels of skill and age from the PROFESSIONAL Division to the fun “WHAT THE HECK AM I DOING?” Division. Each entry will have its own interpretation of the Valentine inspired theme. In addition to providing an opportunity to showcase your cake decorating skills, we have planned fun activities to introduce children to the wonderful world of cake decorating and have arranged for numerous awards to be given. All proceeds to benefit the YWCA programs for homeless women and children; and our Future Woman of Achievement scholarship for a low-income student breaking the cycle of poverty by furthering her education. The silent auction will take place from 12:30-3pm.

SILENT CAKE AUCTION/CAKE COMPETITION! 12:00-3:00pm

This year we are providing a total of nine divisions for pre-decorated cakes. All cakes will be donated to highest bidder in a silent auction. All cakes will be judged by a select panel at 12:00pm with awards at 1:00. **First, Second and Third place** ribbons for **Judges Choice** will be given for each category. **That’s not the only way to win bragging rights:** The public will be able to vote (monetarily) for a **People’s Choice** winner of each category. Decorators MAY collect monetary donations on their own in advance for People’s Choice votes. People’s Choice awards will be given at 3:30. The cake that brings in most donations (Auction and People’s Choice Votes) will receive a \$100 gift certificate from the Quincy Mall. In addition there will be a **Decorator’s Choice** award. Your entry will be judged by your peers. All contestants will be allowed to vote for their favorite entry from each category.

EXTREME LIVE CAKE COMPETITION! 1:00-4:00pm

In addition to the cake auction, the YWCA is hosting an **EXTREME LIVE CAKE COMPETITION!** This will begin at 1:00 pm at the Fountain Court area of the Mall. Several teams are competing for the CAKE-A-PALOOZA Traveling Trophy to proudly display at their business establishment!! KHQA-TV will emcee this event so it is a great way to market your talents. These beautiful cakes will be donated to five area homeless shelters, soup kitchens and the Veteran’s Home. Join the excitement and watch this fun competition.

Children’s Activities and Games 12:00-4pm

Loads of cupcake fun is provided for the little ones! Games and activities will be held at the east end of the Mall by Sears. You may even get your picture taken with the Famous Cupcake Girls! Expect some creative, cake-themed Valentine crafts!

Cake-A-Palooza Costume Parade/Contest 2:00pm

Watch the kiddos dressed up in cake themed costumes as they parade up and down the mall. Who will win???

YWCA Raffle and Information 12:00-4pm Visit our YWCA table and learn about our BIG RAFFLE!

We will also have information about our how we *“Eliminate Racism Empower Women”* and how you can get involved.

Pre-Decorated Cake Divisions:

Children's Division - Age 10 and under - Cakes or 1 dozen decorated cupcakes. (Decorating with edible items such as candy and marshmallows, in lieu of icing design is allowed.)

Tweens and Teens Division- Age 11-18 Cake

What the Heck am I Doing? Division- Adult –Cake. (Just for the beginner! No experience necessary! In fact, if you've never turned on an oven, you are perfect for this division! It's all in fun.)

Special Dietary Needs Division- Adult – Cake (These cakes are for those who have special dietary needs. example: sugar-free, gluten free, vegan, lactose free etc)

Intermediate Division- Adult- Cake (Anyone who decorates as a hobby, HAS NOT taught any type of cake decorating class, and HAS NOT worked as a cake decorator can enter this division. Open to experienced or accomplished decorators who have never been paid as a decorator or instructor.)

Advanced Division- Adult –Cake (Anyone who has worked or been paid as a professional cake decorator or has taught any type of cake decorating classes must enter this division.

Business Professional – Bakery or a Restaurant – Cake (A great way to advertise your business.)

Cake Pops – Open to all ages – a display of 1 dozen cake pops

Non-Edible Gift Cakes – Open to all ages - (Popular as shower gifts. It looks like a cake but it's NOT. Google "non edible cake showers" for ideas. Examples: a Diaper Cake or a Towel cake.)

Divisions will be judged at noon

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Our Website is www.ywcaquincy.org

Decorating Tips and Guidelines

Please note that electrical outlets are not available for your display.

Entries should be presented on an appropriate display. They must be completely covered in a see through container or box. The cake containers may be purchased at your local grocer or bakery. Cake Pops and Non-Edible Gift Cakes may be wrapped in a clear cellophane gift bag. The non-returnable base or board should be covered with, decorative food-safe paper, colored foil or something that enhances the entry. Cakes must fit on a 14" x 14" or smaller base or cake board. Maximum height should be no more than 20 inches tall. This measurement is from the bottom of the base to the tallest decoration.

Cakes must be real (excluding the Non-Edible Gift Cakes)

Edible decorations are preferred. Plastic decorations (doll picks, pillars, etc.) or other non-edible decorations and purchased flowers may be used but will not be judged as part of the display.

All entries must be made specifically for CAKE-A-PALOOZA and must not have been entered into another contest or have been previously placed on display.

JUDGING -Cakes will be judged promptly at noon using the following criteria:

30% Use of Theme; 20% Creativity; 20% Neatness and attention to detail; 20% Cake decorating skills and level of difficulty; 10% Following guidelines of the competition. Please be advised that the Show Committee and/or Judges have the right to raise your entry level. 1st, 2nd and 3rd awards will be given for each division including the **Judge's Choice, People's Choice, Decorator's Choice.**

A \$100 dollar gift card will go to the CAKE-A-PALOOZA Winner (cake that raises most donations for the YWCA: this is the sum of silent auction bid plus People's Choice total).

Reminders:

YOU must bake and decorate your own cake. You may have guidance and support of others, but they cannot physically help (exception: Children's Division, an adult will need to help with oven and mixer). Follow the Adams County Health Department Guidelines attached.

Cake mixes, store-bought frosting and fondant are allowed.

You may decorate your cake with other edible items such as cookies and candy etc.

You may use non-edible items for decorations- they cannot be returned and they will not be judged.

The theme, **Love is...** Must be incorporated into the cake.

You must include ALL INGREDIENTS on a card and attach to bottom of cake base along with your name. If you used a mix or canned frosting simply cut the ingredients from the boxes and containers in a sandwich bag.

REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEES

All entrants must sign a registration and release form. Forms must be received by Monday February 5, 2012. Pre-registration helps in the planning placement of cakes. Due to limited space, pre-registration is highly recommended. We will sell Cake-A-Palooza T-shirts for \$10 dollars. To purchase a T-shirt, please **mail** your registration and check made payable to the YWCA of Quincy. T-shirt orders are subject to a 1/25/12 deadline. Thank you.

Entries will be accepted at the actual Cake Division Tables at the Quincy Mall on Saturday, February 11 between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00pm. Entries can be brought to the competition by a person other than the entrant if applicable forms have been signed and presented to the Show Committee prior to the show. All entrants will be required to sign a photo-release form so that we may submit photos to various publications. Cakes will be judged promptly at noon. You as a decorator will be able to vote for your favorite cake at each Division Table. Decorator's Choice voting will be from noon-1pm. Cakes will go up for Silent Auction immediately after judging. Cakes must remain on display and cannot be removed before 3:00 p.m. The highest bidder of each cake may pick up the cakes from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

All work must be the sole work of the participant. This generally includes Children's entries with the following exceptions. For all children 10 years of age and under, note the following additional rules:

Parents/adults are allowed to bake cakes and prepare icing only.

Youth must color icing and complete all decorations.

Both parent/adult and youth must sign entry forms signifying that they have read these rules and guidelines from the ACHD and will abide by them.

Children Activities and a cupcake decorating center will be loads of fun for the kids!

All proceeds to benefit the YWCA programs for homeless women and children.

All of our Extreme Cakes will be donated to Quanada, Madonna House, Salvation Army Shelter, New Horizons Soup Kitchen, New Start Mission and the Veteran's Home.

If you would like to volunteer at Cake-A-Palooza 2012

Call the YWCA 217-221-9922

Please contact us at amykhalil@ywcaquincy.org



CAKE-A-PALOOZA 2012 February 11

Cake Competition Entry Form

(One form for each entry please)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Age (If under 18): _____

Email: _____

What flavor of cake are you entering: _____

IF YOU WISH TO ORDER A Tee shirt, please mail your entry form and check for \$10 made payable to YWCA of Quincy, 639 York St., Room 202, Quincy IL 62301. Must be received by 1/25/12

No entry fee required but if you would like to order a souvenir tee shirt, please enclose \$10.00 and specify size: _____ Checks may be made to YWCA Quincy - Pick up that day at YWCA table

Cake Division you are entering:

Children's Division Cake Pops Division Non-Edible Gift Cake Division

Special Dietary Needs Division (What restriction?) _____

Tweens and Teens Division Intermediate Division Advanced Division

What the Heck am I Doing? Division Business Professional Division

I have followed all the rules as stated above and complied with the guidelines of Cake-A-Palooza 2012 and the Adams County Health Department. By signing this, I agree to have my cake photographed and my name posted by the YWCA in the media, YWCA website, social networks (Facebook, Twitter) or on television.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature if under 18 _____

Please FAX form to YWCA 221-9926 or email us amykhalil@ywcaquincy.org

or mail to: YWCA Quincy 639 York St. Suite 202 Quincy, IL 62301 Phone: 217-221-9922

Registration Forms MUST be received by Monday February 5, 2012 5pm

Adams County Health Department Division of Health Protection

330 Vermont St. Quincy, IL 62301 217 222-8440 Ext 123,124,125

GUIDELINES/ BAKED GOODS from the ACHD

1. DO I NEED A PERMIT FOR MY GROUP'S BAKE SALE? No, you do not (if it's a one-time event).

2. WHAT TYPE OF ITEMS CAN WE SELL?

You can sell non-potentially hazardous foods such as: cookies, brownies, fruit pies, cakes, breads and breakfast-type rolls.

3. ARE THERE ANY ITEMS WE CANNOT SELL?

You cannot sell potentially hazardous items such as: pumpkin pies, sweet potato pies, cream pies, meringue pies, cream-filled pastries, etc.

4. HOW SHOULD WE DISPLAY THE BAKED GOODS? Individually pre-wrap them (plastic wrap, plastic bags, etc.). Don't have open foods on the tables— everything must be packaged.

5. DO WE NEED TO LABEL THE ITEMS, AND IF SO, WHAT SHOULD BE ON THE LABELS?

Yes, you need to label the items. The labels should include what the item is and the baker's initials (example: Cinnamon rolls JD).

On a separate index card, state what the item is, the ingredients in decreasing amounts, the baker's full name, and address and phone number. This would help Public Health trace the baked goods (in case of illness or injury), or help inform customers in case they have food allergies. We suggest the person in charge of the bake sale also have a copy of all ingredient cards.

6. WHAT IF A BROWNIE, CAKE OR COOKIE MIX IS USED?

On the ingredient card, list the baker's full name, address & phone number. Attach the ingredient information panel from the box (including any added ingredients like eggs, oil, nuts, etc)

7. OTHER DO'S AND DON'TS? No eating, drinking, or smoking in the area. Wash hands after using the restroom.

8. IF I HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, WHOM SHOULD I Call? Contact any of the Sanitarians at the Adams County Health Department, (217) 222-8440.