

The Great Buckingham Youth Bake Off

Saturday 25th February 2017

Register at: www.projectstreetlife.org.uk

Introduction:

Can you whip up a brilliant Victoria sponge?
Do you make a mean ginger and carrot cake or Chocolate cake?
Do people dribble over your lemon drizzle?
Will your brownies stand out from the rest?
Do your cookies disappear before they're cold?
Are your flapjacks flipping delicious?

Fancy having a go? Then why don't you enter the Great Youth Buckingham Bake Off?

Entry is free – just register at www.projectstreetlife.org.uk

If you are aged 10-18 then you can enter the Great Youth Buckingham Bake Off. We have two age groups 10-13; 14-18. Each age group will take part at the same time.

This year's competition will take place on one day only **Saturday 25th February 2017**. We will be running the competition in conjunction with the Buckingham Food Fair in the Community Centre: Buckingham Community Centre Cornwalls Meadow Buckingham MK18 1RP. You must pre-register to assist us to organise the day. You will not be able to just turn up on the morning of the competition.

Signature Bake

This year's competition will be running within the Food Fair (10.00am until 3.00pm). You can drop your cake off and start decorating at any time from 09.30 in the morning and the judging will take place at 1.00 pm (you can leave your cake on display once decorated and do not need to stay until the judging).

You will need to be able to answer questions about your cake and how you baked it. The cake you bring should not be decorated. Should you want to decorate it, then you will be given up to 90 minutes in the hall to do so. You will need to bring your own ingredients and tools to decorate it. You can choose any theme you want to for the cake (you don't have to decorate or choose a theme if you don't want to).

Your 'cake' can be sweet or savoury but should be a baked dish with pastry, cake or biscuit mix as the main ingredient. The main criterion is that you must have baked the dish yourself. You will be expected to have the recipe with you to show to the judges and be able to answer basic questions on your dish, its preparation and baking. For further details including rules and guidelines please see Appendix 'A' below.

Appendix 'A'

Competition Signature Bake

Our definition of 'bake' :-

To make food, such as bread and cake by preparing a dough, batter, biscuit, cake mix etc. and cooking it in an oven using dry heat.

- You are able to bake whatever you like as long as it meets the criteria or definition of 'bake' above. If you have any questions on the definition then please contact the organiser of The Great Buckingham Youth Bake Off. The decision of the organiser or their representative or one of the judges is final.
- We have two age groups: 10-13; 14-18. You must be between these ages on the day of the competition. Both age groups will compete on the same day.
- You must bake it yourself (it is acceptable to have help in developing your signature bake, but we will expect you to know and be able to demonstrate how it was made and answer questions to support this).
- The cake or bake must not be decorated prior to bringing it to the competition on Saturday 25th February.
- If you would like to make your cake Gluten or wheat-free, that's fine. Make sure you identify this to the judges or organisers.
- We do not have refrigeration at the community centre and your cake or bake will need to withstand room temperature for several hours.
- Please do not use fresh cream fillings or frostings that use raw or lightly cooked eggs.

Cake Decoration

- You will decorate your cake or bake at the Community Centre. You will need to bring all the ingredients and tools with you.
- This year we have decided that you can't prepare or make any of the decorations at home beforehand they must all be made during the competition.
- You will be required to bake the cake beforehand and bring it with you to decorate on competition day.
- The cake must be a standard cake size of either 21 or 25 cm (8" or 10"). You can choose the type of cake (e.g. fruit, sponge, chocolate etc.)
- You will be able to decorate the cake in whatever way you choose.
- You must bring all your own equipment
- You will bring all the ingredients / toppings from home. We are unable to provide any toppings.
- You will not be able to re-bake the cake in an oven – you must take this into account.
- Your cake will be tasted by the judges.
- You will have up to 1 ½ hours (90 mins) to decorate and complete your cake.

- If you require any additional items during the 1 ½ hours you can bring them into the hall but the 1 ½ hours will be included and the time will not be extended.
- Should you make a mistake you can scrape off and start again – but you must use the original base.
- In catastrophic circumstances (e.g. should the cake be dropped) then the organiser, their representative or one of the judges **may** allow the base to be replaced. This will be at their discretion.
- Any ruling of the organiser, their representative or one of the judges will be final.
- Every entrant will be re-imbursed £5 in cash on the day of the event to go toward the cost of the ingredients.
- The judges will ask questions as to what and how you chose to decorate your cake.
- The prizes will be £30 voucher for the winner in each age group.
- Please note there is no microwave oven at the Community Centre for melting chocolate etc.
- If you have special and/or specific educational needs please let us know at registration and liaise with the Project Coordinator so that we can provide you with the support you need.

All judging will be undertaken within a sense of encouragement rather than criticism. All young people should expect to receive comments on how they might improve their bake. One winner and two runners up will be selected from each age category.