



The 72nd Annual
ROANOKE FALL FESTIVAL

Cake/Cookie Contest and Auction

Saturday, September 12, 2026

Dear Cake & Cookie Bakers,

The Roanoke Fall Festival Committee would like to extend an invitation to participate in the fall festival's **Cake/Cookie Contest and Auction**. This annual fundraising event's proceeds go to the Roanoke Fall Festival Committee, to distribute to various community events at the festival and beyond. We thank you for partnering with us!

As always, we will have three cake categories within each division: **Most Delicious, Best Decorated Baker's Choice Theme** and **Best Decorated Festival Theme**. *Our 2026 Theme is "Celebrating America's 250th"*. For the 7th year in a row, we will also have a **Cookie Contest**.

Divisions are **Adult Division** (ages 19 and up), **Jr. Division** (ages 11-18), and **Kid's Division** (ages 5-10).

Please see page two for the updated description of rules and requests for each category.

There will be a 1st place, 2nd place and 3rd place winner in each category/division. We will again have a **Grand Champion over-all cake!** We will also have a **People's Choice Award** (we will have one voting box for each person that enters a product). The People's Choice award winner will receive a prize. Encourage your family and friends to "vote" with their change and dollars. You may enter more than one cake, but must choose a different category. Only one entry of cookies per participant. Prizes are as follows in all categories: 1st place- \$30, 2nd place- \$20, 3rd place- \$10. (The cake that is chosen Grand Champion over-all by the judges will earn an extra \$20!)

Please pick up your ribbons and winnings in the afternoon, or at the auction if at all possible.

Judging will be on **Saturday, September 12th**. **Cakes and cookies need to be delivered to Seminary United Methodist Church, 285 Seminary, Roanoke** (just up Seminary by the park) **between 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.** The baked goods will then be on display until the judging at 11:30 a.m. The judging will be closed to the public. We will then again open the room at the church from approximately 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. for all to see. After this, we will prepare the baked goods to be moved down the sidewalk to the Main Tent in the park for the Auction. The Auction will take place at 6:00 p.m. Please encourage your favorite businesses to come and bid on your product! We also encourage you to attend, so you can walk your product around during bidding.

Attached is a form for you to fill out and return as soon as possible so we can plan for space and awards. Entries WILL be accepted on Saturday morning, but your entry form and recipe card must be with the product. You can also email your form to the chairman.

Good Luck to all of the participants, and enjoy the festival! Sept. 10-12, 2026.

**Roanoke Fall Festival Cake/Cookie Contest & Auction Chairman
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Find us for updates on Facebook: www.facebook.com/RoanokeFallFestival

Please share our Roanoke Fall Festival Facebook page! Cake pictures will be on it.

Description of rules, categories, and special requests. Please read all!

Recipe cards: All most delicious cakes and the cookie category require recipes. These products are tasted by the judges. The Best Decorated Baker's Choice theme and Festival Themed cakes will not require a recipe, but we request that you take that recipe card and write a little bit about your decorated cake. There have been a few that we did not know what you were "baking" about, so an explanation would be nice.

Travel boxes: Each baked good should come in a box that we can easily take your product to the park in either the back of a vehicle or a golf cart. We appreciate you helping us with this matter to assure your baked good makes it to the park in one piece for the auction. NO container or decoration will be returned to the baker.

Cake bases: Please be sure and place your cake on a base that is bigger than the cake itself (not the same exact size). If you don't want to purchase a regular cake base, cut cardboard (doubled) and covered with foil should work fine.

Important note: Cakes & Cookies that require refrigeration are not accepted. If you are building a tall decorated cake, be sure you add wooden rods, stick pretzels or something to support the height so they don't topple over in transit.

Cake– Most Delicious. This category speaks for itself. The most delicious cakes will be tasted by the judges. Recipes are required. Decorations are not required, but in attempt for them to choose a winner, neatness certainly will count.

Cake– Baker's Choice Theme. The baker has a choice on how they want to decorate their cake. These cakes are not tasted by the judge, but are visually judged. Technique, neatness, and use of different types of decoration and skills are noted in the judging process. The judges in the past have enjoyed that everything you put on your cakes is edible. Use your recipe card to describe your cake.

Cake– Best Decorated Festival Theme. Back by popular demand, we will choose a theme each year for this category. In 2026, the Roanoke Fall Festival will be celebrating their 72nd year! All cakes must be decorated in the theme, "Celebrating America's 250th". Let Google and Pinterest help you out with this. We are excited for the theme this year. We hope you enjoy! Again, with this category, the cakes are not tasted but judged on technique, neatness, use of different types of decoration and skills, and use of the "Celebrating America's 250th" theme. Use your recipe card to describe your cake.

Cookie Contest. This is our 7th year for the cookie contest! Recipes are required because the judges taste your product. Bakers are asked to bring 12 cookies in a display of some sort, possibly with the festival theme, "Celebrating America's 250th". Be creative! A 13th cookie is required (in a Ziploc bag) so the judges have one to share for tasting so they don't have to dig into your display.



Entry for the Roanoke Fall Festival Cake/Cookie Contest and Auction- September 12, 2026

Entry
number

Please use an additional form if entering another category. Please print.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email _____

_____ Adult Division (19 & up) _____ Junior Division (ages 11-18) _____ Kids Division (ages 5-10)

_____ Dozen Cookies in a display (13th cookie for judges to taste) _____ Most Delicious Cake

_____ Best Decorated Bakers Choice Theme _____ Best Decorated Festival Theme

_____ I will enter my baked good(s) between 9 a.m. –10:30 a.m. on Sept. 12th at the Seminary Church, 285 Seminary Street, Roanoke, IN. (Just up the sidewalk from the park).

_____ I will bring my recipe card filled out for Most Delicious Cake and/or the Cookies category, OR my description of my decorated theme cake will be entered on my recipe card.

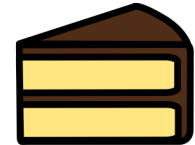
_____ I will provide my own box with a lid for the product to travel to and from the auction.

**All decisions are final by our panel of judges.*

Mail to: Roanoke Fall Festival: Cake Contest PO Box 86, Roanoke, In 46783

Or you may email your info to: leeannsmith824@gmail.com

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RECIPE CARD for ALL ENTRIES

Name: _____

Category _____ Division: Adult _____ Junior _____ Kids _____

Recipe name: _____

(If entered in one of the cake themed categories, please use this card for your cake description).