**2017 NC Muscadine Festival**

**Cooking Contest**

**Friday, September 29, 2017**

**Duplin County Agriculture Center**

**165 Agriculture Drive**

**Kenansville, NC 28349**

The thirteenth annual cooking contest welcomes amateur or professional cooks to submit entries. Recipes are required to contain at least one cup of Muscadine grapes, juice or wine to qualify for entry in one of the following five categories.

**CATEGORIES:**

1. Salad and appetizers
2. Breads, muffins
3. Dessert (cobblers, cakes, pies, pastries, etc.)
4. Jams, jellies, preserves
5. Entrees and main dishes

**RULES:**

1. Entries are accepted between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Friday, September 29.
2. All cooked entries must be prepared at home and brought to the kitchen of the Cooperative Extension Office in the Agriculture Building, 165 Agriculture Drive, Kenansville, NC 28349 where judging takes place.
3. A written copy of the recipe, including preparation details and cooking instructions, must accompany the entry and list the participant’s name address and phone number.
4. No fee to enter.
5. Only one entry per category per entrant.
6. ***USE DISPOSABLE DISHES*** for your presentation.
7. Please pick up your food from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. **All leftover items will be discarded after 4 p.m.**

The Muscadine Festival and its representatives will not responsible for unclaimed dishes at the end of contest day.

**JUDGING CRITERIA:**

Judging takes place between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Friday, September 29. The entries are judged on creative use of Muscadine grapes (35%), taste/flavor (35%), texture (10%), ease of preparation (10%), and general appearance (10%).

Additional contest information is available from the Cooperative Extension Service office 910.296.2143.

**PRIZES AND RIBBON FOR EACH CATEGORY:**

Each category offers a first, second and third place prize

$50 first place

$25 second place

$15 third place

Winners announced at the festival the next day.