

2026 Scout Expo

Dutch Oven Cook-Off Official Rules & Guidelines

Event Overview:

The Dutch Oven Cook-Off is a fun and friendly culinary competition designed to showcase creativity and skill in Dutch oven cooking. Entries must fall into one of the following **three categories**.

Categories:

- **Breakfast**
- **Main Course**
- **Dessert**

Competition Divisions:

- **Den/Patrol Division:**
Cooking is completed by a group of youth participants in a den or patrol. Adult leaders may advise but may not participate in the actual cooking process.
 - **18+ Division:**
Cooking is completed by a single or duo individual, age 18 or older.
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General Rules & Requirements:

- **Supplies & Equipment:**
Participants are responsible for bringing all necessary food items, cooking supplies, and equipment. **Charcoal will not be provided and must be off the ground.**
- **Signage Requirements:**
Each entry must include a clearly visible sign (maximum size: 8.5" x 11") that:
 - Displays the name of the dish.
 - Lists any ingredients that may trigger common allergies (e.g., peanuts, shellfish, dairy).
- **Cooking Guidelines:**
 - All dishes must be prepared **exclusively using Dutch ovens**.
 - All a majority of food must be cooked **on-site**.
 - The use of electrical outlets or electric kitchen appliances is NOT permitted.
 - Participants must provide their own method of keeping perishable ingredients properly chilled.
- **Site Conduct:**
 - Cooking stations will be assigned by the event coordinator
 - Only those actively involved in food preparation may be in the cooking area.

- All participants are expected to practice **good sportsmanship** and conduct themselves in a respectful manner.
 - **Food Safety & Sanitation:**
 - Proper hygiene and food safety practices must be observed at all times.
 - Hands, surfaces, and utensils should be kept clean throughout food preparation.
 - Use **disposable utensils** for tasting and adjusting seasonings.
 - Participants must clean up their cooking area upon completion.
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Event Schedule:

- **9:00 AM** – Cooking area opens; setup may begin (no early access permitted)
 - **5:30 PM** – All tasting and judging begins
 - **7:00 PM** – Awards presentation at campfire
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Awards & Judging:

- Awards will be presented to the **top three entries** in each division and category, as determined by a panel of three judges.
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Final Notes:

While this is a judged competition, the primary goal is to have fun, share great food, and learn new techniques. We look forward to seeing your creativity in action!

For Flyer: Still need to find someone to do the design.

Dutch Oven Cook-Off

Show Off Your Skills. Share Your Flavor. Compete to Win!

Location: 2025 Scout Expo

Date: October 25, 2025

Start Time: 9:00 AM

Categories

- **Main Course**
- **Dessert**

Divisions

- **Den/Patrol:** Youth teams (with adult guidance only)
- **18+:** Individual adults

Rules Overview

- For a complete list of rules go to the 2025 Scout Expo page
<https://www.scoutinglvac.org/scoutexpo/>

Event Schedule

- **9:00 AM** – Setup begins (no early entry)
- **1:00 PM** – Main Course Judging
- **3:00 PM** – Dessert Judging
- **7:00 PM** – Awards Ceremony

Awards & Judging

- **Top 3 Entries** in each Division & Category

Come for the cooking. Stay for the fun. Learn something new and enjoy great food!

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