**2019 IHPA Annual Conference Contest Rules**

Contest will be Friday, November 8th, 2019. Entries need to be in place by 10:00 am.

**Cooking Contest**

**Youth:** 15 years and under

**Adult:** 16 years and older

* Honey must be the only sweetener used
* Entries will be judged on 1. Presentation and overall appearance of entry, 2. Best use of honey, and 3. Flavor and texture of entry. Judges reserve the right to determine how to best judge the entries.
* Can only enter **ONE** item in each category
* You must supply the recipe with your entry. Your name must be on the back of the recipe. Contest coordinator will keep the recipes to be included in the “Buzz”newsletter.
* Bring enough samples for judging as well as tasting during the Friday Evening Social Sampling before the banquet.

The categories to enter will be:

-Breads

-Cookies and Bars

-Muffins, Cupcakes and Brownies

-Snacks and Appetizers

-Sauces, Jams, Jellies and Butters (Items entered in this category **must** be accompanied by a bite size food item to sample with)

The Holiday Inn has been gracious enough to allow us to have our cooking contest and bring outside food into the venue, we must follow some simple rules for our social sampling time. 1. Food must be broken down into bite size pieces. (After the judging!)

2. Drink samples must be in extra small cups. This would be why the above categories were selected.

There will be a First, Second and Third place ribbons given in each category for each division.

**Rules for “People’s Choice” Photo Contest**

**Youth:** 15 years and younger

**Adult:** 16 years and older

* Any size photo will be accepted
* Photo must be matted but not framed
* Your name must be on the backside of the photo to be entered.
* Photo **MUST** be of a Honey Bee!
* Photo can not have identifiable persons, animals or labels.
* Photos will be judged by the Annual Conference attendees.
* **ONE** entry per category

Categories to be entered are:

-Bee on flower

-General Beekeeping

-Extracting Honey

-Specific photos pertaining to honey.

There will be a First, Second and Third place ribbon awarded to the top three in each category of each division.

**Rules for the “People’s Choice” Painted Hive Body**

**Youth:** 11 years and younger

**Youth**: 12 years to 16 years

**Adult**: 17 years and older

* The use of Stenciling is not allowed
* Hand painted design to cover a minimum of one side of the hive body
* Theme of your choice

Painted Hive Body (cont.)

* Name and category entered must be written on a 3x5 notecard
* Entries will be judged by Annual Conference attendees.

There will be a First, Second and Third place ribbon awarded in each division.

**Rules for Mead Making:**

* Supply at least **TWO** bottles of mead per category entering.
* Bottles must be 12 oz. or larger with all labels removed.
* Your name and category entering must be written on a 3x5 notecard.
* Judges reserve the right to combine categories when the number of entries is insufficient.
* Judges decisions are final.

Mead will be judged on:

\*Alcohol Strength

\*Sweetness

\*Carbonation

\*Temperature

\*Taste

\*Presentation

Categories to be submitted will included:

-Traditional Meads

-Molemel (Fruit Meads)

-Metheglyn (Spiced Meads)

There will be a First, Second and Third place ribbon awarded in each category.

Bring extra bottles to share at Social Time Sampling Friday Evening before the banquet.

**Rules for “People’s Choice” Black Label Honey**

* 1 pound plastic bottle with a flip top lid of **this year’s** honey. Jars and bottles without a flip top lid will not be accepted for entry.
* Bottle must be completely covered with **aluminum foil** so that you can not see the honey but lid is still accessible.
* Due to the space available in the contest room, this contest will be limited to the **first** **25 entries.**
* When entered your bottle will be assigned a number for identification purposes.
* Honey will be judged on taste alone by Annual Conference attendees.

There will be a first, Second and Third place ribbon awarded to the top three honeys.

Good Luck to all who enter the contests! I look forward to seeing all the creative variety. If you have any questions about the contests, contact Keri Kenoyer at 515-490-2011 or kenoyerfarms@gmail.com.

**Honey Swap**

A lot of you missed this fun opportunity to swap honey with other fellow beekeepers so we have brought it back. These are the guidelines for the swap:

* Bottle(s) need to be 12oz. or 1 pound size filled with this year’s honey.
* Bottle(s) can be unlabeled or you may have your personal label on them.
* You can bring more than one bottle
* You will be given one ticket for each bottle you bring to the swap (limit of 5). You then at anytime can exchange said tickets for another participants honey.