



## The Cookie Contest



Get ready to showcase your baking talents in the ultimate Christmas Cookie Contest! Whether you're a seasoned baker or just love spreading holiday cheer, this is your chance to whip up your most delicious, decorative, and creative Christmas cookies.

Categories: Bars, Drop, Molded or Pressed, Refrigerated, Rolled and Cut, Candy (all types) and the regional favorite for the state of Virginia, the Cherry Blossom Surprise.

Enter as many categories as you wish. For each entry, please submit one dozen (12) cookies and the recipe. Cookie contest kits will be available at the registration desk and may be returned there for entry. First and second place prizes will be awarded in each category.

### FAQ:

Why a dozen? We ask for a dozen cookies in each entry because: There are eight judges. A dozen shows you can make a consistent cookie time after time.

How do you keep it fair? All cookies are blind-judged. We do not know who baked each entry until after the final numbers have been tallied.

What are cookies judged on? Cookies are judged in four categories, each worth 1–5 points:

1. Christmas Appeal: does it look like a Christmas cookie? In other words, something special.
2. Appearance and Freshness: Uniform size, freshness, no burned edges.
3. Texture/Mouth Feel Is it dry? Are the ingredients fresh?
4. Overall Taste: Is it a good cookie? Are the ingredients well-balanced?

If two entries tie in points, the decision comes down to who scored higher in Overall Taste. Let's get baking!

Questions? Reach out to your cohosts at [GGCPNorfolk2026@gmail.com](mailto:GGCPNorfolk2026@gmail.com)