

2020 CAKE DECORATING FACT SHEET

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Project Numbers

✂ 492 -Cake Decorating Project

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Evaluation, Time & Place

Food Project Judging will be at **EHOVE on Tuesday, July 28th at 9:00am.** Detailed schedule will be posted in July.

Announcement of results will begin when they are available. The Outstanding Food Awards will be announced at Fair Awards.

General Information & Requirements

Project check-in: Bring your exhibit to the fairgrounds on Monday, August 10, 2020 between 5-8pm.

Project check-out times are:

Supervised - Sunday, August 16, 2020 from 7-8pm

Unsupervised - Sunday, August 16, 2020 from 8-9pm

Monday, August 17, 2020 during the day, after that projects will be at the Extension Office until September 18.

✂ Designates projects that are eligible for the state fair, if member is selected.

✂ Denotes Small Project Auction eligibility for first place winners.

1. Completed project books and Member Project Guides are required at all judgings. If the book and/or guidelines are not complete or present, the letter grade will be lowered and the member is not eligible to place.
2. Appropriate attire for judging is required. Appearance should be neat, clean, and respectful. No shorts, tank tops, tube tops, halter tops, midriff tops, or low rise jeans should be worn for judging.
3. All projects displayed at the fair must be identified with name, age, and project.
4. Junior division includes ages 13 and younger. Senior division includes ages 14 and older as of January 1 of that judging year.
5. Read the State Fair guidelines for your project judging. It's easier to document your project while you are doing it, rather than after the fact. Guidelines can be found here: <https://ohio4h.org/nonlivestockguidebook>
6. Small Project Auction: Food items offered for sale must be baked, such as: breads, cookies, brownies, cakes, candy or fruit pies. You may not sell creamed items (including creamed pies and cheesecakes), canned foods or other products that require a food license. Read Small Project Rules. **Sign up by August 7, 2020.**

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No checks from the Livestock Sale or the Small Project Auction will be mailed! All checks will need to be picked up at the Erie County Fair Sr. Fairboard Office on Saturday, October 17, 2020 from 9am to 1pm. Checks can be picked up by the exhibitor or immediate family member with a valid form of ID. If the exhibitor or an immediate family member cannot pick up, anyone presenting a signed letter from the exhibitor or the exhibitor's legal guardian can pick up the check. All checks will require a signature of the person picking up the check. All sale checks must be cashed by November 25th of the current year or funds are forfeited. This includes issued checks and checks held for not meeting requirements, i.e. Thank you notes or poultry cards not submitted. No exceptions allowed.

Judging Requirements:

✂️📖 **492 & 492R (both a&b) Cake Decorating Project and Record Book***—Track your learning as you gain new skills and showcase your cake decorating talent. Complete this project and record book every year a cake decorating project is taken. Use with 492R Cake Decorating Resource Handbook.

Beginner: Bring 9 x 13 flat cake iced and decorated with homemade butter cream frosting (NOT STORE BOUGHT) on a reinforced piece of cardboard (like from a cardboard box) that is 1" bigger all around than the cake (11 x 15). Cover board with plastic wrap. Must include the following: a) Have a border on the top and bottom of the cake. b) Have decorations of stars, flowers and/or leaves of your choice) c) Have an inscription (best wishes, happy birthday, congratulations, etc).

You should master the minimum number of required items as listed in the *Skills and Techniques Record 492 (b)* before moving on to the next level. You may stay in a level for more than one year if you have not mastered the required skills.

Intermediate: One two-layer cake or cake baked in a specialty pan. Your choice of homemade butter cream or royal icing. Include a border, writing, at least 3 different flower styles, 2 different leaf styles, and side decoration in your decorating scheme.

You should master the minimum number of required items as listed in the *Skills and Techniques Record 492 (b)* before moving on to the next level. You may stay in a level for more than one year if you have not mastered the required skills.

Advanced: Prepare a tiered cake with at least three levels. Use homemade buttercream frosting, fondant or royal icing. Use a combination border and side decoration, at least two nail flowers, and at least one special effect from the *Skills and Techniques Record 492 (b)* (page 10).

** This project goes to State Fair with Creative Arts, not Food projects.

FAIR EXHIBIT & VOUCHER:

A picture of you and your cake will be taken at judging. That photo will be placed on display with the other youth projects. You can pick up your fair voucher at project check-in Monday, August 10 from 5-8 pm with the other still projects or up until Sunday of Fair in the Jr. Fair Board Office which is open daily from 8 am – 5 pm. After Sunday of the fair vouchers can no longer be cashed and you forfeit our premium money.