



TASTING COMPETITION INFO SHEET

Celebrate the taste of apricots by entering your delicious specialty! The Los Altos History Museum will be highlighting the apricots that gave birth to our community at its 2018 Apricot STEM Fair with a Tasting Competition in the courtyard on Sunday, June 24 from 11am to 3 pm.

Located in one of the few remaining apricot orchards of Silicon Valley, the museum attracts families seeking to learn more about the agricultural roots of the “Valley of Heart’s Delight” and how it blossomed into today’s Silicon Valley. The food-tasting contest will awaken memories of family and favorite apricot recipes and provide opportunities to indulge in current local delights!

In addition to the specialty tasting, the Apricot STEM Fair will also feature orchard-themed games, as well as Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) hands-on activities presented by many of the valley’s outstanding and most innovative STEM programs. It will be a fun day with a little bit of everything for the young at heart of all ages!

WHAT TYPE OF APRICOT SPECIALTY MAY I ENTER?

We invite you to enter your apricot specialty in one of the following categories:

- Appetizers and Preserves (finger foods, jams, jellies, dips, sauces, etc.)
- Entrees (hearty salads, hot-dishes, crepes, couscous, wraps, curries etc.)
- Fruits and Desserts (fresh or dried apricots, pastries, candies, etc.)

Specialty categories will be offered for tasting and judging, staggered throughout the day. Appetizers and preserves will be displayed and judged from 11am to noon; entrees from 12:30pm to 1:30pm; fruit and desserts from 2:00pm to 3:00pm. Each contestant will be asked to provide at least 40 bite-sized samples.

WHO CAN ENTER?

Contestants may include museum members, organizations (youth groups, senior circles, cooking classes, volunteer groups) and businesses (restaurants, bakeries, groceries, fruit vendors).

HOW WILL MY FOOD BE JUDGED?

The Best of Contest in each competition category will be selected by a panel of local Celebrity Judges. Visitors to the Fair may also join in selecting People’s Choice winners by purchasing a \$5 Judge’s Badge per category to vote for their favorite entries. Winners in each category will be announced at the conclusion of each judging period.

HOW WILL CONTESTANTS BENEFIT FROM PUBLICITY?

Giving back to your community is a great way to spread good will, make new contacts and strengthen relationships. All participants will be acknowledged at the Fair. Sponsors will be acknowledged on the Museum website, at the Fair and in the Apricot STEM Fair thank you ad in the Los Altos Town Crier.

Contestants will be encouraged to announce their entries via their own social media networks and invite their followers to participate in the People’s Choice judging. You may choose to have your entry highlighted on the Museum’s Facebook page. Winners will be interviewed for an article in local media and the museum’s *Under the Oaks* newsletter.



APRICOT SPECIALTY TASTING COMPETITION ENTRY Due by June 1, 2018

DATE: Sunday, June 24, 2018

TIME: 11am – 3pm

LOCATION: Los Altos History Museum
51 S. San Antonio Rd. Los Altos

NAME:

MUSEUM MEMBER

NON-PROFIT ORG

BUSINESS

TEL:

ADDRESS:

CITY/ZIP:

CONTACT:

EMAIL:

APRICOT ENTRY NAME/DESCRIPTION:

TASTING CATEGORY: (Please check one.)

Appetizers or Preserves – 40 bite-sized servings (JUDGING: 11:00 am – noon)

Entrée - 40 bite-sized servings (JUDGING: 12:30pm - 1:30pm)

Fruit or Dessert – 40 bite-sized servings (JUDGING: 2:00pm - 3:00pm)

SPONSORSHIP OPTION: \$150 sponsorship acknowledged on our website, at the event, and in our thank you ad in the *Los Altos Town Crier*.

PUBLICITY OPTIONS (check as many boxes as apply)

If LAHM provides me event promotional details, I will utilize my social media network to promote the Apricot STEM Fair, apricot specialty tasting, and support for my entry as a People's Choice winner.

You may highlight my entry on the LAHM Facebook page or in a news release preceding the Fair; I will provide a photo of my entry in jpg format with a short description of my entry.

Return completed form to: Education@losaltoshistory.org