

Sweet Potato Pie Eating Contest

The sweet potato pie eating contest will take place on the Second Street stage at 1:15 p.m., Saturday, May 4 during the 35th Annual Smithfield Ham & Yam Festival.

Contest Rules:

- The first person to finish his/her entire slice of pie and stand up will be declared the winner.
- In the event of a tie, there will be an “eat off.” The contestant that finishes a second slice of pie the fastest will be declared the winner. If no contestant is able to finish their slice, the judge will determine who ate the most and will declare the winner.
- Hands cannot be used!
- No one may assist you.
- Any visible signs of sickness will cause disqualification.
- A completed registration/waiver form must be signed by each contestant prior to the start of the contest. Forms must be submitted in person at the Second Street stage by 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 6.
- Participants under 18 MUST have a parent or guardian’s signature on their registration form.
- Ten participants will be selected through a contest held on the Ham & Yam Festival Facebook page: www.facebook.com/HamandYamFestival. Should participants selected through the contest not be at the Second Street stage at 12:45 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, alternate participants may be selected from festival attendees.
- The winner will be awarded \$100.

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Registration/Waiver

Acknowledgements of Risks and Waiver of Liability:

I know that eating a pie in one sitting and at a fast rate of consumption is a potentially hazardous and uncomfortable activity. I should not enter and eat unless I am physically and medically able to do so. I agree to abide by any decision of the contest officials and abide by any and all contest rules. I assume all risks associated with eating in this event including, but not limited to, choking, death, gastrointestinal problems, indigestion, contact with other contestants, sickness, hospitalization, allergic reaction(s), etc. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of the Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation accepting my entry, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive, and release the Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation, its board members, employees, and representatives, pie bakers, and festival sponsors from all claims of liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event, including personal injury or property claims. I also understand that certain foods can cause allergic reactions and I represent to the Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation that I have not experienced any adverse effect from eating sweet potatoes or sweet potato pies in the past, been diagnosed with food allergies that would preclude me from eating sweet potatoes or sweet potato pies, nor have I experienced or been diagnosed with any other condition which would make participating in this or any eating contest unwise. I understand people have become extremely ill and have even died from participating in eating contest(s) and/or binge eating.

Release of Photographic Likeness:

I, the participant, hereby consent to and grant unto the Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation all rights and interest in any and all photographic images, video or audio recordings, or other media made during the event. Further, I hereby grant the Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation the authority to use my likeness in any print, electronic, or other media without payment or other consideration to me, the participant.

Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I have read the above acknowledgements of risks and waiver of liability and release of photographic likeness and agree to all terms stated therein.

Contestant Name (print)

Contestant Name (Signed)

Date

Parent Name (print)

Parent Name (Signed)

Date

Note: If this form is for a participant under the age of 18, a legal parent or guardian must sign for the minor child participant. Parents/Guardians, with your signature, you are releasing the Downtown Smithfield Development

Corporation, its board members, employees, and representatives, pie bakers, and festival sponsors from responsibility on behalf of your minor child (participant) as previously stated on this form.