

#### 4-H blueberry pie baking contest happening this month

"Ode to Blueberry Pie"

*Oh, blueberry pie with your golden-  
brown crust of perfection*

*A temptress to my nose with your  
seductive scent*

*Salvation to my salivation, comfort  
to my midsection*

*For you, I ache for you in such a  
way, that I could never be content*

*Oh, I do not deny, I only have an eye  
for blueberry pie*

*No other pie can hold a candle*

*Most love apple, or pecan, but not  
I*

*Blueberry pie can never be too hot  
to handle*

*To have not had blueberry pie is  
to not have known bliss*

*There is no feeling better than  
its savory, purple-stained kiss*

*Oh, I cannot resist you, why  
would I even try?*

*My love for you I cannot deny,  
sweet blueberry pie*

-Cyan Tiffic

In honor of National Blueberry Month, Jackson County 4-H is having a blueberry pie baking contest during the month of July! The contest will start after a farm tour and pickin' at Thomas Berry Farm two days prior (to join the tour, give us a call), so that participants can have the option of using farm-fresh blueberries!

Here are the juicy details:

- **Who can participate:** Jackson County youth ages 5-18
- **What you're making:** homemade blueberry pie! Make your pie however you want, as long as blueberries (local or store-bought) are within it.
- **When:** contest starts July 21, and pies are due July 24! Pie judging (done by local business owners, farmers, and community members) and the announcement of winners happens on July 25!
- **Where:** bake 'em at your house, your Aunt Clara's house, in that old turquoise Hotpoint, wherever you want. But they are due at our office (876 Skyland Drive in Sylva) by 4:30 on July 24.
- **Why:** for Jackson County kids to get their baking on and have fun doing it!
- **How:** with help from friends, family, and even a little online advice. But it needs to be physically created by the youth participant!

First, second, and third place winners will receive a 4-H ribbon. And if participants enjoy the contest, remember you can enter your pie (a re-make) into the Swain County Fair, which is on August 19.

Please call our office at 828-586-4009 to register for the contest! The deadline to register is July 19.

Participation in this program is free. However, if you need help purchasing the ingredients needed for your pie, we got you! Jackson County 4-H will cover the cost of any ingredients that you need. We will purchase them, and all you have to do is come pick them up on July 21! All of this will be worked out in a handy Google Form that you will fill out upon registration (or over the phone, if technology is not your friend).

I look forward to trying... ahem... I mean, seeing all your wonderful pie creations!

Kayla Thomas  
Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development  
Jackson County Center  
NC Cooperative Extension