

2026 Mountain Mandarin Festival

Recipe Contest

Questions? Recipe@mandarinfestival.com | 530-5-ORANGE

Alternative / Accessible Submission. This form is for entrants who are unable to submit online. Print or save this file, complete all fields, attach your typed recipe, and either **email a scan** to Recipe@mandarinfestival.com or **bring it in person** to the Cooking Stage check-in window (11:30 AM – 12:15 PM, Sunday Nov 22, 2026). For assistance, call **530-5-ORANGE**.

Key Dates

Entry deadline (email)	Saturday, November 21, 2026 by 12:00 Noon
Dish drop-off	Sunday, November 22, 2026 — 11:30 AM to 12:15 PM
Judging begins	Sunday, November 22, 2026 — 12:30 PM
Awards presentation	Sunday, November 22, 2026 — 3:30 PM
Location	Cooking Stage, Garden Room @ The Grounds (atthegrounds.com)

Contest Rules (Summary)

- bullet One entry per person per category.
- bullet Dish must use **canned or fresh (preferred) Placer-grown mandarin oranges or juice** as a primary ingredient. The judge's definition of primary is final.
- bullet Original recipes only.
- bullet **NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED** — allow extra time for parking and walking to the stage.
- bullet Food must be prepared and ready to serve. No heating or cooling facilities available.
- bullet Entries must serve 6 (sample size).
- bullet All entries and recipes become the property of the Mountain Mandarin Festival and may be featured on the festival website or in festival-related publications.
- bullet Please collect all dishes, display items, and other materials immediately following the Award Presentation.

Judging Criteria

Category Entries

Overall Presentation	10
Creative Use of Mandarins	20
Flavor	20

Grand Prize (Best of Show)

Overall Presentation	40
Use of Mandarins	40
Taste	20

Awards

bullet **Best of Show:** 5-piece Stainless Steel Cookware set — valued at \$2,200

bullet **1st Place:** \$100

bullet **2nd Place:** \$75

bullet **3rd Place:** \$30

Official Entry Form

Complete all fields in ink. Attach your TYPED recipe. Email or bring in person.

Full Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

Email Address: _____

My recipe is an Original Recipe: Yes No *(check one)*

Signature: _____

Entry Category (check one)

- Mandarin Entrée
- Mandarin Side Dish
- Mandarin Salad
- Mandarin Dessert
- Mandarin Cocktail (Adult Beverage)

Before Submitting, Confirm

- I have attached my TYPED recipe to this form.
- I have emailed the form + recipe to Recipe@mandarinfestival.com — OR — I am bringing this form in person.
- My dish will serve at least 6 (sample size).
- My dish is prepared and ready to serve (no heating/cooling available at the venue).

OFFICE USE ONLY

Entry Number: _____

Thank you for entering! The Mountain Mandarin Festival looks forward to tasting your creation.