

Americana 250th Celebration

Signature Iced Coffee Challenge

Official Contest Guidelines

Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary with creativity, fellowship, and great coffee! Whether your recipe is a longtime family favorite or a brand-new creation, we invite everyone to join the fun. No professional experience is required—just bring your best Signature Iced Coffee and enjoy a friendly competition decided by the people!

Eligibility

- Contest is open to all amateur coffee enthusiasts.
 - Participants may enter **one (1) Signature Iced Coffee**.
 - Entries must be homemade and prepared in advance.
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Coffee Requirements

- Coffee must be served **cold over ice**.
 - Coffee must be the primary ingredient and flavor.
 - Any brewing method is welcome, including drip coffee, cold brew, espresso, French press, pour-over, Keurig, or other home brewing methods.
 - Dairy and non-dairy milks are permitted.
 - Homemade or store-bought syrups, flavorings, spices, sweeteners, cold foam, whipped cream, and other garnishes are welcome.
 - **Alcohol is not permitted.**
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Entry Requirements

Each contestant must provide:

- One (1) gallon of their Signature Iced Coffee.
 - A creative name for their coffee.
 - A simple ingredient list for allergy awareness.
 - An optional one- or two-sentence description of the inspiration behind their recipe.
 - Their own serving container.
 - Their own voting jar.
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Check-In

- All entries must be checked in by **1:00 PM**.
 - Each coffee will be assigned a contestant number during check-in.
 - Contestant numbers will be displayed for voting.
 - **Do not place your name, logo, business name, or any identifying information on your serving container, decorations, or voting jar.** Entries will be identified only by their assigned contestant number.
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People's Choice Voting

This contest will be decided entirely by **People's Choice**.

- Public tasting begins at **1:30 PM**.
 - Guests are encouraged to sample as many entries as they wish.
 - Each guest will receive **one (1) voting ticket**.
 - After sampling, guests will place their ticket into the voting jar of the coffee they enjoyed the most.
 - One vote per guest.
 - The entries receiving the highest number of votes will be declared the winners.
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Awards

Awards will be presented for:

 First Place

 Second Place

 Third Place

★ Honorable Mention(s)

Americana Theme

Our Friends & Family Day celebrates **America's 250th Anniversary!**

Participants are invited to embrace the Americana spirit through a patriotic-inspired coffee name, festive presentation, or creative serving style. Participation in the theme is completely optional and is simply another way to join in the celebration.

Allergy Awareness

Please provide a simple ingredient list with your entry to help guests identify common allergens such as dairy, tree nuts, coconut, soy, oat milk, or artificial sweeteners.

Helpful Tips

- Keep your coffee well chilled until serving.
 - Beverage dispensers, insulated gallon jugs, drink coolers, and large thermoses work well.
 - Creative garnishes are welcome and may be added before serving.
 - A fun and memorable coffee name adds to the experience and makes your entry stand out.
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Suggested Voting Etiquette

To help keep the contest fun and fair for everyone, please vote for the coffee you genuinely enjoyed the most. One vote per guest helps ensure every contestant has an equal opportunity to earn the People's Choice Award.

Contest Spirit

This contest is about fellowship, creativity, and celebrating together as a church family. Whether your recipe is simple or gourmet, everyone has an opportunity to participate and have fun. Bring your favorite Signature Iced Coffee, enjoy tasting the creativity of others, and celebrate America's 250th Anniversary together! ☕🇺🇸