



2026 Aledo Rhubarb Fest Cook-Off



Rhubarb Cook-Off Contest Divisions

DIVISION 1

Pies

Division 1A: General

Division 1B: Junior (15 years and younger)

Division 1C: Professional Cooks and Bakers

DIVISION 2

Cakes, Crumbles and Crisps

Division 2A: General

Division 2B: Junior (15 years and younger)

Division 2C: Professional Cooks and Bakers

DIVISION 3

Random Rhubarb Baked or Cooked

Division 3A: General

Division 3B: Junior (15 years and younger)

Division 3C: Professional Cooks and Bakers

(Includes muffins, jams, jellies, toppings and cookies)

DIVISION 4

Beverages and Non-Baked or Non-Cooked Item

Division 4A: General

Division 4B: Junior (15 years and younger)

Division 4C: Professional Cooks and Bakers

Contestants

Contestants are responsible for dropping off their entries at the
Old Aledo Railroad Depot – 204 SE 2nd Ave., Aledo, IL 61231

Drop off from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 6, 2026.

Once the entries are registered and numbered, they become the property of the Aledo Rhubarb Fest.

Please have your item in a disposable pan or container.

Prizes

Prizes, in the form of gift cards to the Rhubarb Fest Souvenir Booth, will be awarded for 1st and 2nd places in each of the 12 divisions.

New Prize Category: Best in Show

Chef Stephanie Godke (“Chef Steph”), our beloved Rhubarb Cook-Off Chair for many years, passed away earlier this year. A talented chef, passionate culinary instructor, and generous community volunteer, Steph brought joy, creativity, and warmth to everyone she met through her love of food and the Aledo Rhubarb Fest. In her honor, we are proud to introduce a new Best in Show award. This special prize will be given to one overall winner chosen from all entries submitted across every division.

Winners will be announced at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 6, 2026, on the Bandshell Stage.