

2026 California's Kitchen Trivia Information



Your Produce Man, Michael Marks, challenges YOU to prove your culinary cognition with a morning of California's Kitchen Trivia. Gather your team of up to 4 fabulous food experts and join us in the California's Kitchen Cooking Theatre. If you and your kitchen table think tank prevail, you'll proudly procure a pretty blue ribbon!

REGISTRATION: A maximum of 10 teams are booked for each event on a first-come-first-served basis. Register early to receive free fair admission for your team. Any remaining slots are open for registration 30 minutes before each event. There is no cost for registration.

DATES & TIMES: California State Fair - July 17 - August 2, 2026
Friday, July 17 11am **California's Kitchen Trivia**
Friday, July 31 11am **California's Kitchen Trivia**
Saturday, August 1 11am **BBQ Trivia**
Sunday, August 2 11am **Canning & Baking Trivia**

LOCATION: SMUD Energy Efficient Cooking Theatre
Save Mart California's Kitchen, Bldg B
Cal Expo 1600 Exposition Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95815

PRIZES: Each member of the winning team will receive a State Fair Ribbon, and a Cal Expo Monorail ride ticket for a victory lap around the fairgrounds. Each event has only one winning team.

CREDENTIALS: **Early Bird Special!** Teams registered before July 15 will receive 1 free admission credential for each listed team member. Parking fees apply.

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2026 California's Kitchen Trivia Rules

TRIVIA RULES:

Trivia Format: There are 20 questions at each event. Answers are revealed onstage while answer sheets are scored backstage.

Teams: The maximum team size is 4 individuals. Teams are encouraged to choose fun, food-related team names.

Scoring: Team trivia answer sheets will be collected from teams, and not returned. All answers will be read aloud by the MC to all teams. Team scores will be announced, then the winning team will be recognized.

Phones: Any team spotted using a cell phone or other "smart" device for any purpose during the trivia session will be disqualified from being designated the "Winning Team." It is recommended players turn off their phones during the competition to avoid temptation. Disqualified teams will be notified upon collection of answer sheets, and no score will be announced.

Ties: Ties are settled with a single, difficult question. "Closest answer" will win.

Check In, Late Arrival & Stand-By Lists: Preregistered teams must check in at the Cooking Theatre stage in Building B, 15 minutes before start time. At five minutes before the start time, any teams not checked in will forfeit their registration to teams waiting on the Stand-By List.

Eligibility: Participants may not be staff members of Cal Expo or the California State Fair.

Monorail Tickets: Cal Expo Monorail ride tickets are good for any day of the 2026 California State Fair. Use of tickets is subject to the operational hours of the monorail, and to unexpected closure due to repairs. Monorail tickets are not redeemable for cash or refund.



2026 California's Kitchen Trivia Sign Up Form

Team Name
Team City, County or Organization (if applicable)

Team Captain Contact Info *Who is the most responsible? The Team Captain will be designated as the sole individual approved to pick up admission tickets for their team (photo ID required).*

First Name	Last Name
Phone Number	
Email	

Team Members *Max Team Size is 4 members, including the Team Captain.*

Team Member #2 First Name	Last Name
Team Member #3 First Name	Last Name
Team Member #4 First Name	Last Name

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I agree to check in with all my team members 15 minutes before the trivia start time, to abide by the California's Kitchen Trivia rules, and to play fair at the Fair.

Team Captain Signature

Date

Before July 15, **Early Bird Special including admission**, submit form to:

Michelle Johnson, Cal Expo Administration
1600 Exposition Blvd
Sacramento, CA 95852
Or to cakitchen@calexpo.com

After July 15: Register on-site and in-person starting 30 minutes before each event.