

Rules for 4th Preston County Buckwheat Cake Eating Contest

The contest will take place on **Wednesday, September 28, 2022**, during the Preston County Buckwheat Festival, at 6:00 p.m. It will take place in the Community Building/Mill Room. Contestants must arrive by 5:30 p.m., or they will be disqualified. The decision of the Preston County Buckwheat Festival and the Kingwood Volunteer Fire Department will be final.

1. **Pre-Registration is mandatory.** You must sign up electronically to be a contestant by 11:59 p.m. on September 27, 2022. The link to the signup will be located on the Preston County Buckwheat Festival webpage (www.buckwheatfest.com) **(The contest is limited to 12 participants on a first to sign up basis.)**
2. An entry fee of \$10 cash will be collected from each contestant at 5:30 p.m. on September 28, 2022.
3. You must be 18 years or older on September 28, 2022, to participate.
4. The Buckwheat Cake contestants will sit at a table and a countdown of 1, 2, 3, GO will be given. Each contestant will be given 12 buckwheat cakes. Whomever consumes the 12 buckwheat cakes in the quickest amount of time will be declared the winner. They must raise their hand and open their mouth to prove all cakes are swallowed. The cakes will vary in size, but the bakers will do their best to have them the same circumference.
5. Contestants may not TOUCH their Buckwheat Cakes until signaled to start.
6. Forks and knives will be provided but not required to be used.
7. A bottle of water and coffee mug will be provided to each contestant.
8. Butter and syrup will be provided but not required to be used.
9. If, at any point during the contest you regurgitate your buckwheat cakes, you will be disqualified.
10. All contestants agree to be filmed, photographed with publication on our festival webpage and Facebook page and/or local newspapers and/or tv stations.
11. All contestants agree to release and hold harmless Kingwood Volunteer Fire Department/Preston County Buckwheat Festival and all others involved of any and all liability, for their participation in this event.
12. I know that eating large amount of Buckwheat cakes is potentially hazardous and is an uncomfortable activity. I should not enter and eat unless I am medically capable. I realize that this is in good fun and I agree to be a good sport. I agree to abide by any decision of the contest officials and all the contest rules. I assume all risks associated with eating in this type of event, including but not limited to: indigestion, that stuffed feeling, contact with other contestants, and a general dislike for buckwheat cakes after I am done.
13. **By signing up for this contest online** I verify that I have read and understood the contest rules and agree to abide by them.
14. The 1st place winner receives the entire purse that was collected as the registration fee of \$10, and bragging rights! And will be invited to participate in the Friday Parade, September 30, 2022, that begins at 2:00 p.m. The 2nd and 3rd place winners will receive one complimentary buckwheat cake ticket to be used at the Community Building.

Questions are to be directed to the General Chairman, Nick Taylor at e-mail info@buckwheatfest.com or (304)698-9991. Leave a message and we will get back with you.