



Volunteer Hours for Baking and Cooking Policy

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Volunteer baking:

Total Volunteer hours: 25 or \$1,200 (**each volunteer hour is worth \$48**)

13 out of 25 hours may be covered by baking

Cookies: **1 hour** for **1 recipe** (minimum 2 dozen, **between** 2.5" to 3.5" diameter).

Squares: **1 hour** for **1 recipe** (minimum 9 x 13 size pan, 2 dozen x @2.25" x 1.75" square) – please do NOT cut the squares

Loaves: **1 hour** for **1 recipe** (standard 1 lb. loaf pan size or 3 mini loaves) – please do not slice the loaves

Muffins: **1 hour** for **2 dozen** standard sized muffins

*Note: For each of the above, earn another 0.5 hour **when we ask** that the baked goods be cut or wrapped individually in **clear wrap**; do not use plastic bags.*

Desserts: **2 hours** for **1 recipe**

EXAMPLES:

Pie – with **homemade** pastry – 9" or 10"

Cheesecake – baked or unbaked, 9" x 13" or 10" round

Layer cake - iced & decorated – 8" or 9" round, 2 layers

Torte – 9" x 13" pan

Cake - iced and decorated – 9" x 13" pan

Bundt cake, iced, decorated, round

Fruit Crisp – 9" x 13" pan

Cupcakes – 24, homemade, iced, decorated

Volunteer cooking:

Soup or Salad: **2 hours** – **minimum 12 servings**

Chili, Casserole or Stew: **2.5 hours** for large crockpot- **minimum 12 servings** ; 9" x 13" dish – **minimum 12 servings**

Important reminders:

- All baking **MUST** be nut-free i.e., mini-M&Ms cannot be used.
- Product that we cannot use because it does not qualify (e.g., is overdone, underdone, store-bought, broken, or crumbled) will be returned and not count for hours.
- **Not acceptable:** cake, cookie or any other kind of commercially available pre-made mixes.
- Any containers that are sent in that a volunteer desires to have returned must be clearly labeled (i.e., with a Sharpie or a label that will not wash off). Labelled containers are washed and returned to the families by way of their children at school the day following the event. When sending in containers, especially a crockpot, **label all parts.**
- Please send baking to school in a container, NOT in a Ziploc or plastic bag.
- PLEASE do not send baking to school when it is still warm.
- All baking/cooking must be brought/sent to TDChristian the day before the event unless otherwise indicated.