



Gift Basket Exchange

State Gift Baskets have become a popular tradition of the National DOG since 2007. If you wish to participate, bring a basket with items that represent your state or local area. You may also include items in your basket that are applicable to Dutch oven cooking. Below are some basic guidelines on the basket exchange:

1. If you bring a basket (or more), you will go home with the same number of baskets that you brought.
2. It doesn't have to be in a basket, you can place your items in any container that you choose, paper sack, gift wrapped, etc.
3. So that the exchanges will be somewhat even, each basket is to be put together around the value of \$20.00. If you put in more in your basket, you just need to realize what you could be getting back.
4. Avoid bottled or jarred liquids with tops that can explode, such as soda and wine. Avoid items that could spoil, need immediate refrigeration, or could make a mess and melt if the temperature is warm. Wrap fragile/volatile items separately in plastic so as to protect the rest of the basket contents if an accident occurs (and all is not lost!).
5. The baskets will be on display for everyone to see, so baskets should be attractive and nice.
6. Baskets can contain things from your state, hometown, and surrounding areas, as good will ambassadors from your Chamber of Commerce. These baskets will represent your home pride, so please give your baskets some thought.
7. When you check-in at registration, be sure to collect three tags per basket that you've brought. The basket drop-off will be done later on, separate from registration. Have the tags filled out with your information at the time of basket drop-off.
8. On Saturday afternoon, we will have a time set aside to exchange baskets, and this will give everyone a chance to meet who is taking their basket home.
9. Efforts will be made that you don't get a basket from your own area.

This basket exchange is optional, but it is sure fun to go home with one!