



## Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

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### ***Faux* Food Fight! Online Contest for Kids ages 6 – 14 Clermont & Staatsburgh State Historic Sites**

(Staatsburg/Germantown – 6/28/21) Have you ever seen fake food that looked so real, you could eat it? Many historic house museums use *faux* (or fake) food as props, to help visitors imagine the time when the house was still a home, and a place for eating, sleeping, playing and working. Two local historic houses, Clermont and Staatsburgh State Historic Sites, have delicious-looking *faux* food made of materials that don't attract bugs or go rotten. This July, they are presenting an online contest for kids, ages 6-14, called "*Faux* Food Fight," challenging kids to create their own culinary concoctions, and to be as imaginative as they want! You could make something that looks *super*-delicious to you and your family! Or you could make something your parents would never let you eat! Or maybe even something you would never *want* to eat! Enter your *faux* culinary concoction by August 1 for a chance to win a prize.

Create a *faux*-food dish out of any materials you want, it can be 2-dimensional or 3-dimensional; create a recipe on how to make it that includes the list of all ingredients and the instructions on how to combine them into your culinary masterpiece. No prior culinary experience required! You can also include serving instructions if you'd like to.

Take a photo (or several from different angles if you wish) and send the photos, recipe and instructions by email to: [emily.robinson@parks.ny.gov](mailto:emily.robinson@parks.ny.gov) The contest entry form can be found at <https://millsfriends.org/virtual/family-fun/>, <https://www.friendsofclermont.org/faux-food-fight>, and [www.parks.ny.gov](http://www.parks.ny.gov) (on the pages for Clermont and Staatsburgh State Historic Sites)

Our panel of expert fake foodies will announce 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in three age categories: ages 6-8, 9-11 and 12-14. Winners will receive their own chef hat and apron, a must-have for every culinary *maestro*! Winners will be announced on August 12, 2021.

Entries will be judged on their creativity, artistic merit, and effort in composing a recipe and fake foodstuff. Each child's fake food photo and recipe will be featured on the social media and websites of Clermont and Staatsburgh. Recipes can be hand-written or typed.

Clermont State Historic Site is located at 1 Clermont Avenue in Germantown, off Route 9G. Staatsburgh State Historic Site is located on Old Post Road in Staatsburg, off Route 9 between Rhinebeck and Hyde Park. The historic sites are among 6 sites and 15 parks administered by the Taconic Region of New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. For more information, visit [parks.ny.gov](http://parks.ny.gov).

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation oversees more than 250 individual parks, historic sites, recreational trails and boat launches, which were visited by a record 78 million people in 2020. A recent university study found that spending by State Parks and its visitors supports \$5 billion in output and sales, 54,000 private-sector jobs and more than \$2.8 billion in additional state GDP. For more information on any of these recreation areas, call 518-474-0456 or visit [parks.ny.gov](http://parks.ny.gov), connect on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com), or follow us on [Twitter](https://twitter.com). The free New York State Parks Explorer mobile app is available for iOS and Android devices. To download, visit: [Google Play Store, NY State Parks Explorer App](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.ny.parksexplorer) or [Apple Store, NY State Parks Explorer App](https://apps.apple.com/us/app/ny-state-parks-explorer-app/id1488888888).

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