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A chocolate lover getting her fix

THE CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL returns to celebrate the sweet sensations of that cocao and sugar combination, in a benefit, 1 to 5 pm this Saturday at the Civic Auditorium.

The godly nectar takes a myriad of heavenly forms in treats supplied by Buckhart's, Gayle's Fine Pastery, India Joze, Cynthia's Patisserie, Chocolate Bar, Piece of Cake, Coco Bean, Fro'yo Shop, Dorothy Wilson Catering, Kelly's Bakery, Chocolate Raoul, MaryAnn's Ice Cream, and more.

Besides tasting to a true chocolate lover's content, you can also compete in the dessert contest. (Bring any entries desserts to the Civic Center from 10:30 to 12:30, \$3 entry fee). Local luminaries (including GOOD

TIMES' Christine McGeever) will judge. First prize is a Cuisinart food processor.

For those whose chocolate urges run to flights of fantasy, photos or paintings that look "good enough to eat" will be displayed in the lobby as part of an art competition. All entries should arrive no later than 10 am. A \$10 entry donation is requested.

To top off a ritualistic gorge, chocolate's film epic, "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" is being shown at 1:30 and 3:30 pm.

Admission to the festival is \$4.50 adults, \$2 seniors, \$1.50 children under 12. All proceeds go to the Elder Day Center a nonprofit organization run by the Golden Age Nutrition Program of Santa Curz.

- Katherine Kressman