

Cooking Corner Tips To Help You

Free Award-Winning Rice Recipe Brochure!

(NAPSA)—There's more than a grain of truth when people say that they like to cook with rice. So when America's greatest home cooks mailed their favorite rice recipes to the USA Rice Federation's 6th annual "Rice to the Rescue!" contest, a team of rice experts went to work judging them. The winning recipe came from Lisa Renshaw of Kansas City, MO. Here it is:

Smoky Mountain Chicken and Rice Casserole

- Vegetable cooking spray
- 2 cups sour cream
- 1 (10¾-ounce) can condensed cream of chicken soup
- 2 chipotle peppers in adobo sauce, finely chopped
- 1 tspn salt
- 1 tspn pepper
- 3 cups cooked rice
- 2 cups shredded cooked chicken
- 2 cups shredded smoked cheddar cheese.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Lightly coat a 13x9x2-inch baking dish with vegetable cooking spray. In large bowl, stir together sour cream, soup, chipotles, salt and pepper until well blended. Stir in rice, chicken and cheese. Spoon into baking dish. Bake uncovered in preheated oven 20 to 25 minutes, until edges of casserole are bubbly. Turn oven to broil setting and lightly brown casserole. (Makes eight to 10 servings.)

The USA Rice Federation's 6th annual "Rice to the Rescue!" recipe contest open to home cooks, received nearly 2,000 entries from consumers nationwide, a record



An easy-to-prepare rice dish to put your taste buds on simmer.

high.

A total of \$11,000 in cash prizes was awarded to the top six finalists. The grand prize winner received \$5,000 and five finalists received \$1,000 each. New this year: \$1,000 was given to the best whole-grain rice recipe. Winners also get All-Clad® cookware.

Recipes were judged on taste, ease of preparation, creativity, overall appearance and the ability to be made in 30 minutes or less with no more than six ingredients.

Other winning recipes included: Crepes Stuffed with Grand Marnier Rice Pudding; Caramelized Onion, Smoked Gouda and Pecan Rice Tart; Rio Bravo Rice-Stuffed Poblanos; and Bangkok Rice and Shrimp Salad.

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