

Woo Hoo! It's time! Get your name in the 8th Annual Super Bowl Candy Bowl!

Deadline for submission is midnight PST on Thursday, January 26. The deadline is early this year because we will be out of town the week before the Super Bowl and I need to get this all put together and mailed out before I go. Once the grid is full, no more entries will be accepted, so do not delay. The number of participants we have will determine how many squares each person will get, and if we have extra squares left over, they will be assigned to participants in the order we hear from you.



If you are new this year to the Cottle Candy Bowl, here is the rundown: The object of this game is to win candy bars. To do this, you will be assigned a square on a grid which corresponds with a possible game score. If the numbers for your square match the game score, you win. The Candy Bowl is similar to a common office pool with the following major exception: Participants don't buy squares or send in any money. They just get the chance to win. A candy bar is won each time the score changes.

To add to the Candy Bowl excitement, we will again include **Sweet Spot**. This is a contest to see who is most accurate in predicting the final score. As in golf, less is more in this game. For those who participate, your objective is to have the lowest score. **How to play:** You will predict the final score for both teams. One point will be added for every point you are off. So if you predict the score will be New England 14 and Giants 7, but the score actually turns out to be New England 13 and Giants 10, you take one point for being off on

the New England score (14-13=1, of course) and you take 3 points for being off on the Giants (10-7=3). You'd end up with 4 points, and if your score is lowest, you win. We will award candy to the **top three players**.

To play, just send an email, a message through facebook or post on our blogs, telling us what your favorite candy is and you'll be entered into the pool. For Sweet Spot, include in your response what you predict the final score will be. If you'd like, you can send a couple of candy bar choices; in the event you are a lucky winner of multiple candy bars, you can have a variety. (To

you Canadian fans, please try to give a name of a candy bar we can get in the States.)

We will continue to take entries until the grid is full, or we reach the deadline, whichever comes first. Last year we had 17 different people winning a total of 30 candy bars.



The Candy Bowl is great because it makes it fun to watch the game no matter which team wins. We'll send out a grid showing everyone's numbers as soon as it is full. **Then watch Super Bowl XLVI on Sunday, February 5**th, and hope for a high scoring game so we have lots of winners!

The fine print:

How it works: The pool is displayed on a 10 x 10 grid with numbers along both the top and left side of the page. The top row of numbers represents one team and the side row represents the other team. Square assignments will be made randomly. Once the participants' names are filled in, the numbers are drawn at random and placed left to right along the top of the grid, and top to bottom down the side of the grid.

Every score change is worth a candy bar, regardless of how many times the score has changed during the quarter, and the extra point after a touch down does count as a score change.

For the Sweet Spot feature, submit your prediction for the final score. One point will be added for every point you are off. So if you predict the score will be New England 14 and Giants 7, but the score actually turns out to be

New England 13 and Giants 10, you take one point for being off on the New England score (14-13=1, of course) and you take 3 points for being off on the Giants. You'd end up with 4 points, and hope you have the lowest score. Whoever is closest to zero wins a candy bar.

Deadline for entry is midnight PST on Thursday, January 26, 2012. Once the grid is full, no more entries will be accepted regardless of the date. If this happens, an update will be posted on the blogs. **If it turns out we have extra spaces left on Friday, January 27th,** those spaces will be assigned to those who got their responses back the quickest, in the order we received them. So there is a benefit to being prompt: A potential bonus square.

No submission of candy bars or funds is required.

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