

# 4-H CUPCAKE WARS COMPETITION

**Registration: Due by July 16, 2025**

**What is Cupcake Wars:** A contest where 4-H members compete to create something great! Each team of 4-H members will bring materials needed to design and decorate cupcakes according to designated theme for the first round. Materials will be provided for the top qualifiers to compete in the final round. This contest is intended to be fun for the 4-H member and allow their creativity and skills to be admired by all.

**When: Wednesday, July 23, 2025 in O'Connor Fieldhouse beginning at 3pm.**

**Who:** Any enrolled 4-H member in good standing within Canyon County:

1. Teams are required to submit a registration and a \$10.00 registration fee, (per team), to the Canyon County Extension Office by the deadline. Register at <https://forms.office.com/r/bkcUv6ZMAP>.  
**Registration forms and fees must be received by July 16, 2025.**
2. Each team will consist of only 2 chefs. The oldest team member will determine the age division the team is competing in. Junior (8-10), Intermediate (11-13) and Senior (14-18). Two Cloverbuds (5-7) may complete together to form a team, but will be non-competitive and may not enter with an older youth. Age is as of January 1.
3. The theme for the 4-H Cupcake Wars Contest, in which materials will need to be brought to the event, will be "Pollinators and Flowers". The theme for the Final Round, in which materials will be provided, will be "Summertime BBQ".
4. If enough teams enter, teams will be divided into groups and groups will compete at different times. Teams will be notified prior to the contest which time they will be competing in.
5. Cupcakes, icing, icing dyes, and fondant will be provided. Other items may be provided as available. Teams may bring their own materials, but are encouraged to use the provided materials. Participants will need to be prepared to decorate cupcakes in the 30-minute timeframe according to the given theme.
6. Teams will have 30 minutes for completion of each cupcake design. Designs must meet the theme requirements. The team will work together for the duration of the event. All entries will be completed and submitted to judges by set time.
7. Clean-up time is included in your 30-minute challenge time. You will be scored on your cleanliness throughout the competition and your clean-up. **Any team with a severe health or safety violation will receive 0 points for kitchen safety / cleanliness.**
8. Cupcake Teams **MUST** bring all decorative supplies needed for the both cupcake rounds, which includes plates, trays, or a creative item to present your cupcakes to the judges.  
A few other items to consider bringing:
  - Aprons
  - Trash bags for your station
  - Wash station
  - Hand sanitizer

9. Shared tables with access to electrical outlets will be provided.
10. A wash station will NOT be provided. Participants must bring a set of utensils, bowls, and other equipment for each of the 2 cupcake rounds OR participants can bring a bucket/tote, water, and dish soap to wash equipment between baking rounds. Participants are NOT allowed to wash dishes or equipment in the restrooms or in fair facilities at the contest. If teams violate this rule, they will be disqualified. (Totes may be placed under the table.) Water for the wash stations will be provided as well as a grey water bucket.
11. Open heat sources (e.g. hot plates, torches, butane burners, etc.) are NOT allowed.
12. Two microwaves will be available (in the competition area) for all teams to use. If you intend to use the microwave, please bring microwave-safe dishes to use.
13. During the competition, participants are NOT allowed to receive help from family, friends, and the general public. Non-competitors are spectators and CANNOT participate or provide assistance, which includes but are not limited to: coaching, providing additional supplies/equipment, and washing participants' equipment. Any violations will result in the team's disqualification. Mentors, chosen by the office, will be with competitors to handle any issues. Only competitors, judges, and mentors are allowed inside the competition area. Family and friends of competitors are asked to respect the competition space and not block walk ways, move barriers, or lean over the barriers into competition space. Competitors are asked to stay in the competition area throughout the duration of the challenge. **COMPETITORS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE CELL PHONES DURING THE COMPETITION.**
14. Cupcake Wars Competitors are NOT permitted to provide samples/tastings to spectators or general public at the contest; this is in violation of health codes. Doing so may result in your team being disqualified.
15. **Teams are judged on display and communication.** Teams should be prepared to speak to the judges and 1) introduce themselves and 2) explain their cupcake presentation and design. **Communication:** speaking with judges throughout competition about design, the inspiration, and member responsibilities, as well as presenting to the judges. **Display:** creativity in how the cupcakes are displayed for the judges.
16. If needed, a run-off will be held to determine top qualifiers.
17. Each entry receives a ribbon. The first place team in each division will receive \$50.00, the second place team in each division will receive \$30.00, and the third place team in each division will receive \$20.00. Awards are sponsored by the Canyon County 4-H Leaders' Council.
18. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Carrie Clarich.

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