

Cupcake Challenge

Participants do not need to be in 4-H, but should be between the ages of 5-18.

Guidelines:

1. You can compete individually or as a team of two.
2. Individuals will be given a mystery theme for the contest. Everyone's theme will be different. Participants must contact the Extension Office for the mystery theme that you must incorporate into your display.
(605)796-4380 or sanborn.county@sdstate.edu
3. Each entry will create a display for the cupcake judge. Teams will prepare a minimum of 12 cupcakes; individuals a minimum of 6 cupcakes.
4. Cupcakes must be made from scratch at home by the competitors. The cupcakes should be brought to the contest with NO frosting and be in paper wrappers only.
5. Participants need to exhibit knowledge of their recipe and bring one copy of the recipe to the competition.
6. Each entry will bring their frosting mixed in bowls. The frosting should not be tinted prior to contest. Frosting can be homemade or purchased.
7. Additional display decorations may be used as long as the size does not exceed 30" X 40"; there is no minimum or maximum height for the display. Displays can be as creative as you want. Items can be homemade or purchased (think thrift stores).
8. Cupcake decorations can be homemade or purchased. Items need to be sanitized at home and transported in a container.
9. Each entry will be assigned to a table that will be divided into a preparation and display area.
10. Each entry will have 60 minutes to frost and decorate their cupcakes and prepare their display prior to the presentation.
11. Each entry must provide their own equipment and decorating tools. Wet dishcloths are a requirement to wipe down and clean the prep space.
12. Judges will be watching for proper food safety preparation. Competitors will need to wash hands, keep prep area clean and pull back hair or wear scarf/hat.
13. All decorating and putting the display together should be done by competitors. The entry participants will then present their display. They will introduce themselves, explain the ideas in their display, what they liked about this project and any information of interest to the judge and audience.
14. After display is judged, individuals will present 1 cupcake to the judge for tasting.
15. Cupcakes on display will be boxed after the contest and used in a silent auction fundraiser for Sanborn County 4-H.