



All-Star Academy *Episode Descriptions (2015)*

Premiering Sunday, March 1st at 9pm ET/PT - SERIES PREMIERE!

"Choosing Teams"

Ten home cooks from around the country are about to embark on the greatest culinary adventure of their lives. But first, they will need to cook for a spot on a mentor's team. Four of the biggest, most skilled chefs in the world, including Bobby Flay, Alex Guarnaschelli, Curtis Stone and Michael Symon, will each have two home cooks to guide through the competition. But only one mentor and home cook will emerge victorious in the end. Who will it be? Special guest judge Simon Majumdar will help decide which home cooks will have a chance to move on.

Premiering Sunday, March 8th at 9pm ET/PT

"Mentor's Choice"

The eight remaining home cooks must reinvent famous food pairings to stay out of this week's elimination round. And these cooks won't want to disappoint, because they'll be judged by their toughest critic yet, Iron Chef Geoffrey Zakarian. Which home cooks will move on, one step closer to the \$50,000 grand prize.

Premiering Sunday, March 15th at 9pm ET/PT

"Battle of the Mentors"

For the first time ever in Food Network history, best friends and mentors Bobby Flay and Michael Symon try to take each other's teams down as all the mentors battle head-to-head to win a crucial advantage. Let the battles begin! Special guest judge Elizabeth Falkner helps get in on the action determining which home cook is sent home.

Premiering Sunday, March 22nd at 9pm ET/PT

"Frenemies"

Never before have we seen the mentors join forces to achieve victory. Be prepared as Bobby, Alex, Curtis and Michael become two super-teams, to make the most spectacular three-course steak dinner with their home cooks. The losing team goes from friends to instant enemies as they cook off against each other in the elimination round, judged by *Chopped* judge Amanda Freitag and Chef John Li.

Premiering Sunday, March 29th at 9pm ET/PT

"Second Chances"

Five home cooks remain as the mentors battle head-to-head to bring back an eliminated contestant of their choice. These competitive mentors will be put to the test, using tough ingredients like eel and vinegar, to whip up a dish worthy of a second chance. When an eliminated contestant returns, it's time for the six home cooks to battle it out in front of special guest judge Donatella Arpaia, to see who goes home in the elimination round.

Premiering Sunday, April 5th at 9pm ET/PT

"The Blind Taste Test"

Food Network star Robert Irvine steps in to fill the mentors shoes, coaching and guiding the home cooks as they are challenged to cook with canned meats. The super-twist is that the mentors will be doing a blind taste test to determine which three of their home cooks need to compete for survival in the elimination round.

Premiering Sunday, April 12th at 9pm ET/PT

"Win and You're In"

The four remaining home cooks must go head-to-head in three of the toughest challenges yet. The winner of each round instantly moves into the finale. But the last cook standing goes home. *Chopped* guest judge Marc Murphy lends a helping hand in the penultimate episode.

Premiering Sunday, April 19th at 9pm ET/PT

"The Finale"

Three home cooks remain, with one last chance to win the grand prize of \$50,000! The cooks must make it through three intense rounds of culinary challenges, all representing a day in the life of your typical home cook...breakfast, lunch and dinner. And for the first time ever, the contestants will get to cook side-by-side with their world-class mentor!

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