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FOOD NETWORK STAR

Season 13 - Episode Descriptions

Premiering Sunday, June 4th at 9pm ET/PT – SEASON PREMIERE!

“Auditions”

Twelve *Food Network Star* hopefuls arrive at the beautiful and historic Orpheum Theater in downtown Los Angeles, hoping for their big break. Upon their arrival, Giada De Laurentiis and Bobby Flay greet them with some troubling news: they have to pass one more big audition before they will officially be considered finalists. But that’s not all, there is one more person joining the competition, and that’s the winner of *Food Network Star: Comeback Kitchen*. Special guests Robert Irvine and Monti Carlo help Giada and Bobby decide who will be the first competitor sent home.

Premiering Sunday, June 11th at 9pm ET/PT

“Beauty and the Beast”

This week the finalists host a party celebrating Disney’s live-action feature *Beauty and The Beast*. The finalists are divided into three teams, with each team drawing inspiration from one of the iconic rooms of the castle within the movie to decorate a serving station and cook up a dish before presenting to a ballroom full of party guests. Special guest Sandra Lee attends the event with Bobby and Giada to help pick a winning team. In a surprise twist, two finalists from the losing team are sent home.

Premiering Sunday, June 18th at 9pm ET/PT

All-Terrain Eats”

The 10 remaining finalists divide themselves up into two teams, with each team tasked to create a five-course menu for diners who will eat at the restaurant and experience a completely different environment for each course. Imagine having an appetizer in the jungle, then a main course in the desert. Each finalist must also make a “video menu” describing their dish for the diners, who will select which one they want to taste. Special guest Tyler Florence dines with Bobby and Giada, helping decide which finalist is sent home.

Premiering Sunday, June 25th at 9pm ET/PT

“Glamping”

The remaining finalists are once again divided into teams and sent into the wilderness. When they arrive at a campsite, they must use whatever camping food is in the back of their cars to create a “glamping” meal. Each team will present their dishes to Giada, along with guests Melissa d’Arabian and Andrew Zimmern, who decide who successfully elevated camping food to glamping dishes and gave the best tips for working with wilderness fare. At the end of the trip one finalist is sent packing.

Premiering Sunday, July 2nd at 9pm ET/PT

“Sunny’s Kitchen Hacks”

First, the finalists pair up and take on a typical shopping budget problem while creating an Instagram Story about their shopping trip, with special guest Hannah Hart helping Bobby and Giada judge the finalists’ efforts. Then it’s time for Sunny Anderson to hit the *Food Network Star* kitchen! Sunny brings with her several of her favorite problem-solving segments from *The Kitchen*, with the finalists tasked to perform a demo with Sunny in front of a studio audience. The least successful finalist goes home.

Premiering Sunday, July 9th at 9pm ET/PT

“Summer Party Playoffs”

It’s halfway through the competition so it’s time for midterms. Each of the remaining seven finalists makes their best potato dish and must overcome the one thing in the competition that has been holding them back. Then it’s time to celebrate summer with Tiffani Thiessen, who helps Bobby and Giada judge the efforts of the finalists as they each



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host their version of a summer social gathering for a crowd of people in the park. One finalists' summer ends early and is sent home.

Premiering Sunday, July 16th at 9pm ET/PT

"Beat Bobby Flay"

This week the finalists take on the hit Food Network show, *Beat Bobby Flay*. In the first round of cooking the finalists go head-to-head to determine who will take on the master himself, Bobby Flay, in round two. Anyone who can beat Bobby is safe from elimination, but those who are not up to the challenge may lose their spot in the competition. Special guest Anne Burrell helps determine which finalist will not be moving on.

Premiering Sunday, July 23rd at 9pm ET/PT

"Cooking Goes Live!"

The finalists must try their hand at something big, taking their inspiration from Josh Denny and his hit Food Network show, *Ginormous Food*. Then it's time for the up-to-the-minute trend of live cooking while streaming on social media. Each finalist streams their take on a start-to-finish 15-minute weeknight meal, while viewers cook along with them. Surprise guest Alex Guarnaschelli provides feedback on the finalists' performances, as Bobby and Giada send one more finalists on their way.

Premiering Sunday, July 30th at 9pm ET/PT

"Game Day Special"

The four remaining finalists try their hand at reporting live on location, where they each visit a popular food truck while Bobby, Giada, and special guest Sabin Lomac watch from the studio. Then it's time for each finalist to partake in their own segment of a recorded ensemble special called "Up Your Game (Day)," performing a demo of a special game-day dish while also tackling surprises along the way. ESPN's Jemele Hill and Jaymee Sire watch the special with Bobby and Giada to help decide which finalist goes down in defeat.

Premiering Sunday, August 6th at 9pm ET/PT

"Who Wants a Pilot?"

The three remaining finalists learn that they are not the *final* three, and are in for a shock when a previously eliminated finalist re-enters the competition, having won *Star Salvation* on FoodNetwork.com. With the help of former finalists, the final four competitors must cook the dish of their lives for the privilege of making a pilot. Former *Food Network Star* winner Eddie Jackson is back to help select the three finalists who will shoot pilots directed by none other than Guy Fieri!

Premiering Sunday, August 13th at 9pm ET/PT - SEASON FINALE!

"The Newest Food Network Star"

It all comes down to the final week, as Bobby and Giada watch the Food Network pilots for the final three finalists. Watch what happens behind the scenes of *Food Network Star* and then find out who joins the Food Network family and is crowned the newest Food Network star!

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