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FOOD NETWORK STAR

Season 14 - Episode Descriptions

Premiering Sunday, June 10th at 9pm ET/PT – SEASON PREMIERE!

“Are You a Main Attraction?”

Ten *Food Network Star* hopefuls are greeted by Giada De Laurentiis and Bobby Flay at Universal Orlando Resort’s Volcano Bay to kick off the competition, with the finalists being surprised to learn the results of *Food Network Star: Comeback Kitchen* and who will be joining the competition. After the introductions each finalist must make a portable version of their signature dish as they go head-to-head against each other, trying to convince park guests to taste their creations. The heat is on and it’s not just the volcano, as Bobby and Giada decide who will be the first sent home.

Premiering Sunday, June 17th at 9pm ET/PT

“Destination Videos”

The remaining finalists enter the popular world of podcasting as they team up to create culinary podcasts about colorful snacks. Bobby and Giada are joined by guest judge Richard Blais to decide whose voices painted the prettiest picture. The finalists are then split up into two teams for field reports from LA’s hottest new food hall, as these destination videos are screened and critiqued by Bobby, Giada and *Food Network Star* alum and co-host of *Southern & Hungry*, Damaris Phillips, to determine which competitor is eliminated.

Premiering Sunday, June 24th at 9pm ET/PT

“Summer Bite Bash”

The remaining finalists think they’re cooking solo at an exclusive private event for foodies and tastemakers. But en route to their destination, Bobby and Giada call to reveal a twist – they will be cooking and presenting in teams. When the finalists arrive, each team opens the trunk of their vehicle to discover their event theme, ingredients, and décor. Each team must put on an internationally inspired party and a team demo for the crowd, which includes Bobby, Giada, and guest judge Tyler Florence, with one finalist eliminated at the end of the day.

Premiering Sunday, July 1st at 9pm ET/PT

“Panic on the Panel”

It’s the halfway point in the competition, so for the first challenge the finalists are judged on the progress they have made so far. But the tables are turned when the competitors find out they must judge...themselves. In the second challenge, *People Magazine* editor-in-chief Jess Cagle splits the finalists into two teams, as the two panels of finalists must judge and evaluate Bobby and Giada’s dishes. What the finalists don’t know is that the bottom two on each panel will compete in a sudden death cook-off! The two finalists who cannot cut it will be sent packing.

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

“Take This Title and Run with It”

With the field narrowed to just six finalists, the group goes Hollywood for their first challenge as they must whip up dishes inspired by characters from the new movie *Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation*. Special guest Fran Drescher, who voices Eunice in the movie, joins Bobby and Giada at the judging table to see which finalists accomplish their task. Then it’s back to business when the finalists are asked to give their take on some new Food Network titles: *Ooey Gooey*, *Cheat Eats* and *Stacked Snacks*. Two finalists each take on a title and are judged head-to-head in an intimidating boardroom setting, led by Bobby and Giada, and guest judges Loni Love and Iron Chef Alex Guarneschelli. In the end, one finalist’s shot at stardom will be finished.



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

“Shark Night Dinner”

In the first challenge the remaining finalists are asked to update their family favorites with a culinary twist, along with having to film an Instagram story to convey the process while they cook. Popular food blogger Molly Yeh pops in to help Bobby and Giada decide which competitors shine. The finalists then head to the aquarium to cater a five-course VIP dinner in celebration of the 20th Anniversary of Shark Night. Each course is inspired by an ingredient in a different shark’s diet, with the finalists having to impress *Man vs. Food*’s Casey Webb, who helps Bobby and Giada decide which finalist will be eliminated.

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

“Can You Host an Icon?”

Now that it’s down to the final four, it’s time to see if they can handle the rigors of live television. Each finalist must make a “share-worthy” dish live on Food Network’s Facebook page; but their demo’s relatability is put to the test when it turns out that special guest Anne Burrell will be the on-camera talent, performing the livestreams that each finalist prepared. The finalists’ job is to produce Anne throughout by giving her guidance through a wireless earpiece. The pressure continues to escalate when the competitors host their own ‘in the kitchen’ show, while having to impress a special guest who is very familiar with the format – Food Network’s very own Ree Drummond! Bobby and Giada must decide which finalists handle these pressure-packed challenges best for a spot in the final three.

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

“Who Gets a Pilot?”

The final three finalists become four again, when a previously eliminated competitor re-enters the competition having won *Star Salvation* on FoodNetwork.com. With the help of eliminated finalists to serve as sous chefs, the final four must cook for their lives to determine which three will get a chance to shoot their own pilot. Former *Food Network Star* winners Tregaye Fraser and Jason Smith help determine which three finalists will move on to shoot pilots directed by Food Network’s Sunny Anderson, Duff Goldman and Robert Irvine.

Premiering Sunday, August 5th at 9pm ET/PT - SEASON FINALE!

“The Newest Star”

The pilots are in and Bobby and Giada determine the fates of the final three finalists. Watch what happens behind the scenes and find out who will join the Food Network family and become a *Food Network Star*!

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