

# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Greater Houston Texas



## HS CUPCAKE BATTLE

### Cupcake Battle Competition Rules

1. This competition is intended for amateur student bakers only! Professional bakers/chefs or those who earn a portion of their livelihood from baking or cooking may not enter the contest or assist students. The only way to learn and truly appreciate success is by doing it all themselves.
2. Each contestant must bake and decorate **1 dozen cupcakes**. Four cupcakes will be used for the judges to taste and critique to determine the final seven competitors for the Cupcake Battle.
3. Cupcakes must not require refrigeration before serving.
4. All cupcakes must be delivered in disposable containers. We will NOT return or be responsible for competitor's containers.
5. All cupcakes become property of the Greater Houston Texas High School HEAT and will be donated to a local charity after the event. Students who participate and are competitors will get to taste their competitors work before the remaining are boxed up to be donated. All recipes must be turned in complete with ingredient list and food cost on the forms included, with the recipe name, high school name and contestant name.
6. All cupcakes must be made from scratch.
7. You may not use box mixes of any kind or store bought icing.
8. There is a \$5 entry fee to participate in contest. **Six students limited per teacher may participate!** Student does not have to be present to enter the regional. Teachers may bring

competitors cupcakes for entry to be judged, but if your student places in the top seven they will be required to attend the final Cupcake Battle competition in Austin or forfeit their place to a runner up. Students who win will be notified through the teachers.

**9.** You must be a current high school student to participate and currently enrolled in a culinary arts/hospitality class and teacher must be a HEAT member.

**10.** Only one entry per participant. No teams are allowed. The final competition will be an individual cupcake bake off of seven finalists.

**11.** Each CUPCAKE will be judged on the following criteria:

- \*- **Overall appearance (20%)**
- \*- **Flavor, texture and doneness (30%)**
- \*- **Frosting consistency, doneness, flavor (30%)**
- \*- **Originality (10%)**
- \*- **Judges Discretion (10%)**

**12.** The CUPCAKES will win honors in the following categories:

\*- **Top seven entries will advance to the finals. The following are other categories honors will be awarded.**

- \*- **BEST OF Show** – is the top overall cupcake for the day in all categories
- \*- **BEST Frosting** – is the best tasting frosting
- \*- **BEST Cake** – is the best or most unique cake
- \*- **BEST Piping** – is the best decorating using cake tips
- \*- **Most Creative** – the one that reflects the most creativity in design
- \*- **Most School Spirit** – the one that represents their high school the best
- \*- **BEST Presentation** – the entry that has the best presentation of all 12 cupcakes. (Note: props, plates, decorations, and other items may be used to showcase your cupcakes, but the final 7 winners will be based on taste and cupcake design. The judges will not see or factor in presentation of all cupcakes.)

**13.** The decision of the judges is final. Judges will not know participants names.

**14.** The top 7 entries based on originality of recipe will be asked to participate in the actual cupcake baking final competition to be held at Art Institute of Austin. To enter the contest contestants must complete an Entry Form and deliver the form and recipe on the day of the event with their cupcakes. Forms are available online at [www.HSCulinaryArts.com](http://www.HSCulinaryArts.com) and or email Kara Palermo to get a digital copy.

**15.** Students who advance to the finals will be responsible for bringing all ingredients and pans needed to prepare and decorate 24 cupcakes in 1 hour 30 minutes. The Art Institute of Austin will supply ovens, Kitchen Aides, bowls, spatulas and disposable piping bags.

**16.** Final judging and bake off of the top seven finalists will be done at the Art Institute of Austin for the Cupcake Battle. Winner will be announced at the end of the Cupcake Battle and prizes will be awarded.

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**REGISTRATION FORMS DUE ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 14, FRIDAY.**