

Chefs Burrell and Florence aim to help culinarily clueless celebrities

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Keep those fire extinguishers close, chefs Anne Burrell and Tyler Florence are back with a fresh batch of culinary dunces who are eager to learn a thing or two about how to succeed in the kitchen. "Worst Cooks in America: Celebrity Edition" returns to Food Network for a fifth season on Sunday, April 21.

Just like its non-celebrity parent, the premiere features a batch of recruits — in this case, all celebrities — who are the sort of folks who have trouble boiling water. With a little help from chefs Burrell and Florence, they'll be whipped into shape over the next few weeks and transformed into cooks who are more than capable of prepar-

ing a restaurant-quality meal for a panel of judges.

Wait, did I say "with a little help?" I should probably rephrase that: these people need a lot of it. Luckily, the chefs both have the competition to drive them, and each instructs a team of celebrity kitchen disasters. Every week, both chefs drop the worst-performing member of their team, and when it's finally time for the finale, the two remaining trainees go head to head in a cookoff, with the one who prepares the better meal earning \$25,000 for the charity of his or her choice.

This year's celebrity lineup is a diverse one. Controversial former Olympian Tonya Harding, actor Jim J. Bullock ("Spaceballs," 1987) and actress Morgan Fairchild ("Days of Our Lives") are just a few

of the famous folks eager to learn some culinary basics from the two accomplished chefs.

In this week's premiere, the recruits enter boot camp and are immediately handed their first challenge: to recreate their favorite restaurant dishes. After the chefs have had a chance to watch how the recruits perform in the kitchen and taste their food, they stage a ceremony inspired by awards shows in which they reveal who they've chosen to be on their teams.

It's all in good fun, but the celebrities really do learn a lot about how to cook, and in the end, one lucky charity receives a hefty donation. The latest season of "Worst Cooks in America: Celebrity Edition" premieres Sunday, April 21, on Food Network.



Tyler Florence and Anne Burrell host "Worst Cooks in America"

cooking this week

WEDNESDAY

- 2:00 p.m.**
FOOD Family Food Showdown Two pairs of brothers must make rice dishes. (CC)
- 3:00 p.m.**
KVEW The Rachael Ray Show (CC)
- FOOD Guy's Grocery Games Standup** comics team up with Food's all-star mentors. (CC)
- 4:00 p.m.**
FOOD Guy's Grocery Games Four chefs compete for a second chance. (CC)
- 5:00 p.m.**
FOOD Guy's Grocery Games Guy's triple D buddies roll up for a challenge. (CC)
- 6:00 p.m.**
FOOD Guy's Grocery Games The final two use ingredients from only one aisle. (CC)
- 7:00 p.m.**
FOOD Guy's Grocery Games The pairs make a soup and sandwich. (CC)
- 8:00 p.m.**
FOOD Guy's Grocery Games None of the chefs get to shop for their ingredients. (CC)

THURSDAY

- 2:00 p.m.**
FOOD Chopped Four teen chefs return to the Chopped Kitchen. (CC)
- 3:00 p.m.**
KVEW The Rachael Ray Show (CC)
- FOOD Chopped** A difficult protein to be paired with processed cheese. (CC)
- 4:00 p.m.**
FOOD Chopped Expensive crustaceans are a bit of a shocker. (CC)
- 5:00 p.m.**
FOOD Chopped A special delivery during the desert basket. (CC)
- 6:00 p.m.**
FOOD Chopped Four teens set their sights to the finale. (CC)
- 7:00 p.m.**
FOOD Chopped Four returning teen winners come back to compete. (CC)
- 8:00 p.m.**
FOOD Family Food Showdown (N) Team of competitive cooks takes on multicultural family. (CC)

FRIDAY

- 2:00 p.m.**
FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives This trip, Guy's taking a tasty tour through Tuscany. (CC)
- 2:30 p.m.**
FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives Guy hits up traditional Italian spots in Florence. (CC)
- 3:00 p.m.**
KVEW The Rachael Ray Show (CC)
- FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives** Guy Fieri tries a chili and tator-tot pizza. (CC)
- 3:30 p.m.**
FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives Guy Fieri rolls out to long-time local favorites. (CC)
- 4:00 p.m.**
FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives Guy visits Alabama for gumbo and a crawfish boil. (CC)
- 4:30 p.m.**
FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives Guy tracks down green chile cheeseburgers.

5:00 p.m.

FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives Guy Fieri travels to Boise, ID and Sante Fe, NM. (CC)

5:30 p.m.

FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives Guy tries meals done fresh and a little different. (CC)

6:00 p.m.

FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives A Memphis bistro offers low brow favorites. (CC)

6:30 p.m.

FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives Guy heads to places where families rule. (CC)

7:00 p.m.

FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives Guy is in Beantown for an all-Boston smorgasbord. (CC)

7:30 p.m.

FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives This trip, Guy's hitting up some legit local landmarks. (CC)

8:00 p.m.

FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives Guy tries spicy pork and knockout gnocchi. (CC)

SATURDAY

- 2:00 p.m.**
OPB Christopher Kimball's Milk Street Christopher continues exploring Senegalese cuisine. (CC)
- FOOD Duff Takes the Cake** Duff and the team make a flock of 21 bird-themed cakes. (CC)
- 2:30 p.m.**
OPB Martha Bakes (CC)
- FOOD Ace of Cakes** Duff looks back at over-the-top creations.
- 3:00 p.m.**
KTNW America's Test Kitchen From Cook's Illustrated (CC)
- FOOD Chopped** The chefs face an adrenaline-packed competition. (CC)
- 3:30 p.m.**
KTNW A Chef's Life Vivian serves up a gift of seasoning meat. (CC)
- 4:00 p.m.**
FOOD Chopped The competitors must pair a pickled product. (CC)
- 5:00 p.m.**
FOOD Chopped Robert Irvine will command a seat on the judging panel. (CC)
- 6:00 p.m.**
OPB The Great British Baking Show The showstopper is a bit of a mousse marathon. (CC)
- FOOD Chopped** Robert Irvine watches the champs every move. (CC)
- 7:00 p.m.**
KTNW The Great British Baking Show The contestants bake bread sticks and English muffins. (CC)
- FOOD Chopped** Chef Robert Irvine serves as a judge. (CC)
- 8:00 p.m.**
FOOD Chopped Three champions return to battle for \$15,000. (CC)

SUNDAY

- 12:30 p.m.**
FOOD 30 Minute Meals Rachael gives burgers and fries a spicy twist. (CC)
- 1:00 p.m.**
FOOD The Kitchen The Kitchen is getting fresh and festive for spring. (CC)
- 2:00 p.m.**
FOOD Spring Baking Championship The bakers must create a marshmallow Easter dessert. (CC)

3:00 p.m.

FOOD Buddy vs. Duff The hosts make desserts to conceal engagement rings. (CC)

4:00 p.m.

FOOD Duff Takes the Cake Duff and the team make a flock of 21 bird-themed cakes. (CC)

4:30 p.m.

FOOD Ace of Cakes Duff looks back at over-the-top creations.

5:00 p.m.

FOOD Bake You Rich The bakers create innovative spins on baked goods. (CC)

6:00 p.m.

FOOD Guy's Grocery Games Four firefighters are heating up the market. (CC)

7:00 p.m.

FOOD Guy's Grocery Games Chefs must turn chicken pot pie into a high-end dinner. (CC)

8:00 p.m.

FOOD Guy's Grocery Games Four penny-pinching pros are back. (CC)

MONDAY

2:00 p.m.

FOOD Worst Bakers in America The recruits bake something inspired from the internet. (CC)

3:00 p.m.

KVEW The Rachael Ray Show (CC)
FOOD Worst Bakers in America The recruits must create scary cake pops. (CC)

4:00 p.m.

FOOD Worst Bakers in America The hosts invite some brides and grooms to boot camp. (CC)

5:00 p.m.

FOOD Worst Bakers in America The boot camp becomes a county fair. (CC)

6:00 p.m.

FOOD Worst Bakers in America Recruits are challenged on their pastry knowledge. (CC)

7:00 p.m.

FOOD Worst Bakers in America The last two recruits face their final challenge. (CC)

8:00 p.m.

FOOD Spring Baking Championship: Extra Icing (N) The bakers must create a marshmallow Easter dessert. (CC)

TUESDAY

2:00 p.m.

FOOD Chopped Junior Three courses of an all-pizza competition! (CC)

3:00 p.m.

KVEW The Rachael Ray Show (CC)
FOOD Chopped Four chefs attempting to make jumbo shrimp appetizers. (CC)

4:00 p.m.

FOOD Chopped The competitors make four impressive appetizers. (CC)

5:00 p.m.

FOOD Chopped The four chefs work hard to complete unique plates. (CC)

6:00 p.m.

FOOD Chopped A delicious selection of Italian ingredients. (CC)

7:00 p.m.

FOOD Chopped Four chefs get creative with appetizer sandwiches. (CC)

8:00 p.m.

FOOD Chopped Kid cooks compete alongside their siblings. (CC)

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