

Seeking 'Redemption': 'Worst Cooks' returns for Thanksgiving special

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Still-frozen turkey? Lumpy gravy? Gluey mashed potatoes that could practically patch drywall?

Don't worry, these are some of the Thanksgiving mishaps that can happen to the best of us. When you add the stress of entertaining and feeding the whole family, that margin of error seems to increase with every extra place setting.

Now imagine having to prep a Thanksgiving meal in front of a national audience. It's an opportunity that some cooks relish, and a challenge that makes others cringe. Either way, Food Network is hoping it'll be entertaining to watch when it serves up a second helping of "Worst Cooks in America: Thanksgiving Redemption," airing Sunday, Nov. 10.

A stand-alone "Worst Cooks in America" special is

just the kind of light fare that will entertain viewers without locking them into a multi-week commitment. And when you have just an hour to make an impression, it helps to feature a few familiar faces.

Host Anne Burrell has co-hosted every season of "Worst Cooks in America" (there have been 17 of them, if you're counting), and she's back for this second Turkey Day-themed installment. But with a new project rolling out later this month, Tyler Florence is unfortunately out for this year's edition. Instead, "Chopped" regular Scott Conant is stepping in as Burrell's co-host and rival team leader.

Who are the contestants? Four former "Worst Cooks" Boot Camp recruits, and Burrell and Conant will waste no time getting started: they'll task these once-maligned, now-improved competitors to prep a side dish using a well-

known Thanksgiving ingredient. After that, the hosts will pick their teams and coach them through the necessary steps for preparing a palate-pleasing Thanksgiving feast.

As the title indicates, it's all about redemption for these contestants. Oh, and a grand prize of \$5,000 worth of kitchen appliances and upgrades, too. Judges Esther Choi, Clifford Crooks and Jonathan Waxman are the culinary experts who will ultimately decide the winner when "Worst Cooks in America: Thanksgiving Redemption" airs this week.

In the meantime, we probably all have a story of something going wrong while prepping a Thanksgiving feast — I once decided on a whim to roast chestnuts without knowing how to peel them. So have a laugh and share your biggest Thanksgiving meal mishaps with Food Network on social media, using #WorstCooks.



Tyler Florence and Anne Burrell from last year's "Worst Cooks in America" season

cooking this week

WEDNESDAY

3:00 p.m.

KVEW The Rachael Ray Show (CC)

FOOD Guy's Grocery Games The chefs must make tacos without some key ingredients. (CC)

4:00 p.m.

FOOD Guy's Grocery Games Four returning GGG champions make an upscale lunch. (CC)

5:00 p.m.

FOOD Guy's Grocery Games The champs make their best breakfast. (CC)

6:00 p.m.

FOOD Guy's Grocery Games Four returning champs battle it out for more money. (CC)

7:00 p.m.

FOOD Guy's Grocery Games Four returning champions must make a pizza. (CC)

8:00 p.m.

FOOD Guy's Grocery Games The road to victory will not be easy.

THURSDAY

3:00 p.m.

KVEW The Rachael Ray Show (CC)

FOOD Beat Bobby Flay Jordan Andino is out to prove he's come a long way. (CC)

3:30 p.m.

FOOD Beat Bobby Flay Chef Anne Burrell and Olympian Apolo Ohno go for gold. (CC)

4:00 p.m.

FOOD Beat Bobby Flay The Iron Chef will step into the arena again. (CC)

4:30 p.m.

FOOD Beat Bobby Flay An Italian and a chef from Miami compete to beat Bobby. (CC)

5:00 p.m.

FOOD Beat Bobby Flay Colin Quinn and Katie Lee come with two New York chefs. (CC)

5:30 p.m.

FOOD Beat Bobby Flay Aarthi Sampath takes on Zoe Schor. (CC)

6:00 p.m.

FOOD Holiday Baking Championship Bakers make holiday cookies with assigned baking tools. (CC)

7:00 p.m.

FOOD Holiday Baking Championship Remaining bakers take holiday flavors to a new level. (CC)

8:00 p.m.

FOOD Holiday Baking Championship The six bakers take on the crusty goodness of pie. (CC)

FRIDAY

3:00 p.m.

KVEW The Rachael Ray Show (CC)

FOOD Dinners, Drive-Ins and Dives Guy visits classic Italian joints from coast to coast. (CC)

3:30 p.m.

FOOD Dinners, Drive-Ins and Dives Guy seeks out authentic barbecue restaurants. (CC)

4:00 p.m.

FOOD Dinners, Drive-Ins and Dives Guy uncovers the best places for burgers. (CC)

4:30 p.m.

FOOD Dinners, Drive-Ins and Dives Guy goes coast to coast to sample different pork. (CC)

5:00 p.m.

FOOD Dinners, Drive-Ins and Dives Guy experiences the unusual off the grill. (CC)

5:30 p.m.

FOOD Dinners, Drive-Ins and Dives Guy gets into some righteous barbecue in Dallas. (CC)

6:00 p.m.

OPB Field Trip With Curtis Stone Curtis embarks on a helicopter tour of a vineyard. (CC)

FOOD Dinners, Drive-Ins and Dives A mac and cheese burger; chorizo-stuffed quahogs. (CC)

6:30 p.m.

FOOD Dinners, Drive-Ins and Dives Guy samples foods straight off the grill. (CC)

7:00 p.m.

FOOD Dinners, Drive-Ins and Dives Guy's signing up for a meat-crazed master class. (CC)

7:30 p.m.

FOOD Dinners, Drive-Ins and Dives Guy visits the San Francisco coast. (CC)

8:00 p.m.

FOOD Dinners, Drive-Ins and Dives Guy takes a detour for out-of-the-ordinary eats. (CC)

SATURDAY

1:00 p.m.

OPB Christopher Kimball's Milk Street Learn how Milk Street makes bold Italian dishes. (CC)

FOOD Holiday Baking Championship Eight bakers show off their family traditions. (CC)

1:30 p.m.

KTNW tasteMAKERS Sustainably farmed mussels, oysters and clams. (CC)

OPB America's Test Kitchen From Cook's Illustrated Julia and Bridget make the ultimate Cod Baked in Foil. (CC)

2:00 p.m.

OPB Cook's Country From America's Test Kitchen A blueberry jam cake is made. (CC)

FOOD Holiday Baking Championship It's time to celebrate the holidays! (CC)

2:30 p.m.

OPB Martha Bakes Create the authentic flavors of Greece. (CC)

3:00 p.m.

KTNW Cook's Country From America's Test Kitchen Dishes include Hawaiian-style fried chicken. (CC)

FOOD Christmas Cookie Challenge Eddie Jackson cherishes homemade gifts. (CC)

3:30 p.m.

KTNW Food Over 50 (N) (CC)

4:00 p.m.

FOOD Guy's Grocery Games Chefs get ready for this Thanksgiving episode. (CC)

5:00 p.m.

FOOD Guy's Grocery Games Thanksgiving feast time and fall Grocery Bowl. (CC)

6:00 p.m.

OPB Confucius Was a Foodie (CC)

FOOD Chopped Chefs fight ferociously to make the best holiday meal. (CC)

7:00 p.m.

KTNW The Great British Baking Show Join the four remaining bakers in the semi-final. (CC)

FOOD Chopped The whole chopped family gathers for Thanksgiving. (CC)

8:00 p.m.

FOOD Chopped Four chefs get creative with bread and orange sauce. (CC)

SUNDAY

1:00 p.m.

FOOD The Kitchen Rib-eye steak; rosemary garlic; garlic potatoes. (CC)

2:00 p.m.

FOOD Ultimate Thanksgiving Challenge Chefs compete for the Ultimate Thanksgiving Challenge. (CC)

3:00 p.m.

FOOD Chopped Four fry masters compete to see who will move on. (CC)

4:00 p.m.

FOOD Chopped Four renowned chefs have a grilling battle. (CC)

5:00 p.m.

FOOD Chopped The chefs focus on breakfast dough and lamb. (CC)

6:00 p.m.

FOOD Chopped The contest for Gold Medal Grand Champion begins. (CC)

7:00 p.m.

FOOD Guy's Grocery Games Beloved judges bring their siblings with them. (CC)

8:00 p.m.

FOOD Guy's Grocery Games Four chefs are fixin' for a Thanksgiving in Flavortown. (CC)

MONDAY

3:00 p.m.

KVEW The Rachael Ray Show (CC)

FOOD Holiday Baking Championship Remaining bakers take holiday flavors to a new level. (CC)

4:00 p.m.

FOOD Holiday Baking Championship The six bakers take on the crusty goodness of pie. (CC)

5:00 p.m.

FOOD Holiday Baking Championship Bakers take the polarizing fruitcake some place new. (CC)

6:00 p.m.

FOOD Holiday Baking Championship Bakers must use classic holiday flavors in a dessert.

7:00 p.m.

FOOD Holiday Baking Championship Bakers use their holiday memories as inspiration. (CC)

8:00 p.m.

FOOD Holiday Baking Championship: Merry Xtras (N) Eight bakers show off their family traditions. (CC)

TUESDAY

3:00 p.m.

KVEW The Rachael Ray Show (CC)

FOOD Chopped A family of four compete against each other. (CC)

4:00 p.m.

FOOD Chopped Competitors come out strong in the appetizer round. (CC)

5:00 p.m.

FOOD Chopped The judges are eager to eat three lamb dishes. (CC)

6:00 p.m.

FOOD Chopped Chefs find impressive greens and sweet treats. (CC)

7:00 p.m.

FOOD Chopped All four chefs dedicate their time to soup kitchens. (CC)

8:00 p.m.

FOOD Chopped Junior (N) Turkey-themed baskets start the challenge off right. (CC)

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