



2026 Tulsa State Fair 4-H Cupcake Wars

October 3, 2026

REGISTRATION DUE: September 18, 2026

(Registration is limited to 30 teams)



Junior Division: 1:00 p.m.

Senior Division: 3:00 p.m.

Limited to the first 30 teams.

PLEASE NOTE: All team members must be bona fide members of 4-H. 4-H members and educators should plan membership registration accordingly. Credentials (passes) for the fair will be sent to the county extension office for the team(s).

RULES OF PLAY

Teams will consist of 2-3 team members.

Cupcake Wars

- Contest will be held on **Saturday, October 3, 2026** beginning with **Juniors at 1:00 p.m.** following by **Seniors at 3:00 p.m.**
 - Contest will be held on east side of **Central Park Exhibit Hall.**
 - Teams must be checked in at least 15 minutes before start time.
 - Each team will display three cupcakes
 - Each team will bring “naked” cupcakes. The cupcakes should have no frosting and be in the paper wrappers only.
 - Each team will bring the frosting mixed in bowls. The frosting should not be tinted prior to contest. Teams will tint and place in frosting bags, if needed at the contest. Frosting can be either store bought or homemade. If store bought can be either white or chocolate frosting.
 - If teams are using fondant they can use either homemade or purchased fondant. Teams may purchase tinted (colored) fondant to use or may tint fondant off site. **Fondant cannot be precut.**
 - Teams may use purchased edible decorating items. Only edible items can be used on the cupcakes.
 - Teams can bring any decorations and decorating tools.
 - Cupcakes should be the main focus of the table, keep decorations to a minimum.
1. Teams will report to the Central Park Exhibit Hall for check in. There will be two age divisions.

The age and grade will be as of September 1, 2025:

Junior Division: minimum age 8 and in the 3rd grade – 7th grade

Senior Division: grades 8th - 12th

Counties are limited two (2) teams

2. An orientation will be provided for all participants.
3. Each team will be directed to a preparation station.
4. Each team will have thirty (30) minutes to prepare the cupcakes and clean up the preparation area. Teams may bring their presentation scripts with them. Teams are allowed one picture no larger than 8 X 10 of the items they are creating. It must not have any writing or directions on the picture.
5. Electricity will not be available at the contest. Teams should select their recipe with this in mind.
6. Each team must provide their own equipment. Washing facilities will not be available for teams to wash and share equipment. NO preparation dishes or serving dishes are to be cleaned on the fairground premises.
7. Food Safety: Teams should practice proper food safety and be prepared to discuss food safety practice used by their team in their presentation to the judges. Judges will observe preparation to assist in determining the score.
8. Presentation: When time is called, each team will present their dish and provide the following information:
 - Introduction
 - Creative Dish Name
 - Two major nutrients
 - Food preparation principles
 - Food safety
 - All team members must participate in the presentation; all team members must have a speaking role.
 - Judging time will include:
 - Four (4) minutes for the presentation (THERE WILL BE NO TASTING)
 - One (1) minute for judges to score (No comments will be given)
 - No talking or writing allowed among any team members while waiting to give the team presentation.
9. Clean-Up: Teams must clean up their preparation areas. Clean-up time is included in the 30-minute preparation allotment. Teams should not plan to have access to a kitchen facility; therefore, dirty dishes should be placed in a plastic container, bag or box to be cleaned at home. Leftover food should be disposed of properly.
10. Placings will be based on rankings of teams by judges. Judges' decisions are final. 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings will be awarded.
11. An awards program will be held at the conclusion of the judging process for each group.
12. Registration is due by September 18, 2026. *Registration is limited to thirty teams.*