



**Welcome to “The Chef’s Challenge” cooking camp!**

After hearing student requests from previous cooking camps, The Chef's Challenge is a camp designed around small-group cooking competitions. This camp transforms the kitchen into a creative atmosphere where students work in small teams to complete daily culinary challenges. Each day brings a new theme—such as a "Breakfast Battle" or a "Green Ingredient Gauntlet"—and a mystery box of ingredients, pushing young chefs to think on their feet, collaborate, and innovate. Students will rapidly build essential cooking techniques while developing teamwork, problem-solving skills, and creativity under pressure. Get ready for a thrilling week of friendly competition focused on skill development and producing creative dishes.

Students will begin each day with culinary contextual lessons or cooking techniques/skills. Campers must have a willingness to follow detailed instructions and have some prior "knife" skills. All campers are expected to rotate roles (including dishwashing) and should be willing to collaborate with others. Students should bring their own snack/lunch daily, as lunch is not provided. Students should also bring a medium-sized grocery bag (or equivalent) to bring home their creations each day. I look forward to cooking alongside your campers and sharing my deep passion for the culinary arts!

Best,  
Nathaniel Shaw