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2014 Young Chefs Contest FACTS FOR THE MEDIA

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1. Sponsored by the Confédération de la Chaîne des Rôtisseurs.
2. The U.S. contest is called the National Young Chefs Contest, and the winner is called the Best Young Chef for that year.
3. The international contest is called the International Jeunes Chefs Rôtisseurs Competition, and the winner is called the International Best Young Chef for that year.
4. The U.S. winner receives a crystal trophy, red medal and three years membership in the Chaîne as well as the opportunity to compete in the international contest.
5. Contestants must be less than 27 years of age on September 1, 2014.
6. The 2014 national contest is set for May 17 at Johnson and Wales University in Miami.
7. The 2014 international contest is set for September 5 at the Unilever Food Solutions Test Kitchen in Durban, South Africa.
8. The international contest began in 1977.
9. Teams of professionals in the food industry judge the contests. The names of this year's judges will be available following each contest.
10. Medals are awarded for the top three chefs in each contest. Scores are kept strictly confidential for all contestants, and no other rankings are revealed.
11. The national and international contests require competitors to plan, prepare and plate three courses in four hours using a mystery basket of ingredients plus a typically stocked "pantry" of items.
12. A sample application form and a manual with the complete rules for the U.S. competition are available at www.chaineus.org under the Outreach pull-down menu.
13. Information about the international contest may be found at www.chainedesrotisseurs.com.
14. The U.S. competition typically includes 10 contestants, one each from the ten geographic areas that make up the U.S. Chapter of the Chaîne. The international field averages 24 contestants from among the 80 member nations.
15. The Confédération de la Chaîne des Rôtisseurs is a not-for-profit organization comprised of professionals in all areas of the food and wine industries as well as amateur gourmands.
16. There are currently about 6,000 members in the U.S. and 22,000 members worldwide.