IRON DIP · HOST SCRIPT

RUN OF SHOW

Read the lines in quotes out loud. Swap in anything in [brackets]. Lines in italics are stage directions, not for reading aloud.

BEFORE DOORS OPEN

- ☐ Video downloaded and tested with sound
- ☐ Calculator or phone for tallying
- ☐ Team names written on the scorecards
- ☐ Scorecards printed, one per judge, plus pens
- ☐ Someone assigned to lights and the play button
- ☐ Card ready to write the winner's name on

1 WELCOME

When everyone's settled.

"Good evening, and welcome to the most dangerous night in Young Adults history. Tonight, [five / six] teams enter. Only one dip leaves with glory. Welcome... to IRON DIP."

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2 THE RULES

Before tasting starts.

"Here's how it works. Every judge gets a scorecard. You'll score each dip on Taste, Creativity, Presentation, Dippability, and Team Spirit. Ten points each, fifty possible. Ties go to Taste, because at the end of the day, it has to taste good. Judges, your decisions are final. Bribes in chip form only."

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3 GRACE (OPTIONAL)

Right before anyone eats.

"Before we go to war, let's give thanks for the food, the friends, and the people who made a lot of dip today."

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4 LET THE TASTING BEGIN

Teams at their stations, judges ready.

"Teams, step up to your stations. Judges, grab a chip. One dip per chip. We are watching you. Let the tasting... BEGIN."

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5 TEAM PITCHES

Repeat for each team as they present.

"Next up, [TEAM NAME]. You have thirty seconds to convince our judges that your dip deserves the crown. Your time starts... now."

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6 CHIPS DOWN

When the judges have tried every dip.

"Judges, that's it. Chips down. Finish your scores and hand them in. Nobody leaves until the math is done."

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7 WHILE SCORES ARE TALLIED

Fill the dead air while someone adds up the scorecards.

"While our judges and our very serious accounting department tally the votes, everybody else can go try every dip. Vote with your mouth. Fan favorite gets bragging rights."

Optional: run a quick hand-raise vote for Fan Favorite while you count.

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8 ROLL THE VIDEO

Only once the winner is known and written down.

"The scores are in. But before we crown a champion, let's look back

at the battle. The chopping. The stirring. The questionable choices. Lights down, please. This... is IRON DIP."

Hit play. The video ends on "AND THE WINNER IS..." with no winner shown, so be ready to speak the second it cuts out.

9 THE WINNER

The moment the video ends. Pause before the name.

"...With [SCORE] points... [TEAM NAME]!"

Doing Fan Favorite or Best Bite too? Announce those before the video, and save the grand champion for this moment.

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10 CLOSING

After the celebration settles.

"Give it up for every team tonight. You cooked, you competed, you mostly didn't burn anything. Thanks for coming to Iron Dip. Now go finish that dip."