

**PROGRAM TITLE: The Cupcake Challenge**

**BRIEF PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Decorate cupcakes in many different ways using frosting and candy. Contest for best design with a prize winner.**

**MATERIALS NEEDED: vegan cupcakes (baked but not frosted)**

**Strawberries**

**Oreos (chocolate and vanilla) whole and crushed for sand and dirt.**

**Teddy grams**

**Gold fish**

**Gummy life savers**

**Pretzels sticks (for wood)**

**Gummy Worms**

**Plastic knives to spread frosting or cut up decorations**

**Scrap paper and pencils to sketch ideas**

**Tooth picks**

**frosting (assorted colors)**

**Cheery-os**

**Jimmies/Sprinkles**

**M&Ms**

**Twizzlers pull-n-peel**

**Mint leaves**

**Anything you can think of ☺**

**Paper ballots to vote on best design**

**Design ideas printed out and passed on index cards for inspiration**

**COST: cupcakes were donated by a friend of the librarian, frostings were donated by local Market Basket.**

**Cost only came from buying the assorted candies and decorations, most came from the Dollar Tree.**

**Prize was a gift card to local bakery (also donated)**

**PROGRAM PROCEDURE:**

**The 2013 Cupcake Challenge**

**Thursday July 18th 2013**

**At ACML (Aaron Cutler Memorial Library)**

**Litchfield NH**

**The 2013 Cupcake Challenge is a program for teens to take place during the summer reading program at ACML. The general concept for the program is for teens to come together in the library and decorate 2 cupcakes each. One cupcake is for the teens to taste and enjoy, while the teens will decorate and submit the second cupcake for the design challenge. One or more winner(s) will be picked based on best decorative concept and neatness of work. The cupcakes and some decorating materials (frosting) will be donated by a local bakery. Prize(s) will be donated by the same of different bakery.**

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Decorating supplies include different colored frostings in piping bags of different sizes and shaped tips. Nature, plants, seeds, and the outdoors may be themes to explore. Crushed Oreos and brown sugar can be dirt and sand. Print out different outdoor/nature/animal cupcakes for design inspiration. Some non edible elements like small plastic figures like army men or small flowers or lady bugs may be used.

Posters will be put out in advance, possible newspaper coverage to promote upcoming event. Event will take place at 6:30pm on July 18th, 2013. A number of teens (around 12-15) will come together at the library, staff will prepare tables and space for teen to create their cupcake designs. Pencil and paper will be on hand to sketch out ideas. First cupcake can be to practice design and to eat; second cupcake is to be submitted.

### OUTSIDE PRESENTER CONTACT INFORMATION:

### USEFUL PLANNING RESOURCES

(Books, websites etc)  
Pinterest.com  
images printed out for inspiration





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**SUGGESTIONS FOR MARKETING THIS PROGRAM**

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

**(Include duration of program, suggested number of participants)**

**12-15 Teens (in our small library)**

**6-7:30pm was plenty of time.**

**CONTACT INFORMATION OF LIBRARIAN SUBMITTING PROGRAM:**

**(library, e-mail address, library phone number)**

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