



Cabinetmaking Contest

2026 Information Update from Chair

Competition Overview:

The 2026 SkillsUSA Idaho Cabinetmaking Contest will take place on Wednesday, March 4th & Thursday, March 5th at:

Maker Shop Boise

6883 W Overland Rd
Boise, ID 83709
(208) 254-6151

Night Before Competition (Required)

Please arrive at the Maker Shop as early as 5pm to familiarize yourself with the space and get yourself checked in and acquainted with the space. At 6pm, you will begin the written portion of the contest, (creating the cut list from the project plans). You will be given project plans and you will have 1 hour to complete this portion of the project.

Competition Day

The Maker Shop doors will open at 7:00 with orientation starting at 7:30. The contest will officially start at 8:00 with opening remarks followed by a shop tour and tool familiarization session. The build portion of the contest will officially begin at 8:30 after all contestants have received their packets.

National standards will be followed as closely as possible.

Schedule:

07:00 - Maker Shop Doors Open

07:30 – Check-In

08:00 - Contest Kickoff

- Opening remarks
- Shop tour/familiarization
- Safety briefing
- Project overview
- Overview of the day's schedule

8:30a - Start Building!

12:00p - 12:30 - Lunch Break

3:00p - 60 minute warning

4:00p - Tools Down - Contest End

4:00p - 4:30p - Clean up workstation and shop tools
- Judges compile results

Resume and Informal Interview

All participants should bring at least 2 copies of their current resume to the contest and submit them during the written portion of the contest.

Additional Details

- All materials required to complete the cabinet build for the contest will be provided.
- All tools, jigs and fixtures will be provided and available to use during the build however, if you have specific tools you prefer to use for cabinetmaking please bring them with you.
- All contestants will be provided with a tape measure whose accuracy matches those used by the judges to ensure that there are no discrepancies.
- We will have a "Tool Trade Table" with "specialty" tools, jigs and fixtures. Due to the number of contestants, we cannot supply enough of these items for everyone to have them at their workstation and therefore the Tool Trade Table will be a first come, first served tool resource with the expectation being that contestants will return a borrowed tool immediately after using it to ensure its availability for all contestants.
- Contestants are encouraged to bring their own tool belt or apron along with any measuring, marking or layout tools along with any shop-made jigs they typically use for building cabinets.

Required Attire, PPE, Etc.:

Safety glasses, ear protection, and closed-toed shoes are required. It is recommended that all participants wear comfortable, long-sleeved shirts and long pants. Hoodies with drawstrings, long necklaces or bracelets and loose-fitting clothing is not recommended and contestants may be asked to remove them before starting the contest.

Tools :

Below is a list of recommended tools and materials that should be brought from your school shop. Please keep in mind that the Maker Shop is a fully outfitted woodworking shop with all the standard woodworking machines (i.e. 2 bandsaws, 2 table saws, jointers, planers, miter saws etc.) In addition to stationary machines the Shop has a good inventory of Festool and other power tools. The list below was developed with the idea that the tools found there will be used heavily throughout the build and therefore having your own will minimize downtime waiting for others to finish.

- Battery powered hand drill(s) and/or impact driver(s)
- Brad Nailers (air or battery powered)
- Finish Nailers (air or battery powered)
- Edge banding iron
- Random orbital Sander + sanding discs
- Bar/Parallel/F-Style clamps (any/all sizes would be helpful but specifically 24" bar/parallel clamps would be the most helpful)
- Measuring and marking tools (i.e. speed square, combination square, framing square, 12" steel rulers, slide ruler, etc)
- Utility knife
- Flush cut edge banding trimmers

To view a list of all tools and woodworking machines that will be available at the Maker Shop use the following link - <https://www.makershopboise.com/tools>

In addition to the tools listed on the Maker Shop website the following jigs and specialty tools will also be made available during the contest:

- Glue
- Edge banding irons
- Brad Nail Gun

Note to Advisors

Specialty Tool Request List

- Portable Router Table with:
 - Router motor & Drawer lock miter bit for joinery of drawer boxes