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Dinner Arena

Ten Claudes fight over where you eat tonight

A free Claude skill. Tell it who's eating, where, and what they can't eat. Ten Claude food critics fight it out in a knockout bracket over real restaurants near you, and one survives with a message ready for the group chat.

● ● ● TERMINAL · BOOT

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# v1.0 · install once, then run it in any session
$ git clone https://github.com/joshpocock/dinner-arena ~/.claude/skills/dinner-arena
✓ installed to ~/.claude/skills/dinner-arena
$ claude
> /dinner-arena
```

[Get the skill on GitHub →](#)[Read it on the web: strideaiacademy.com/r/dinner-arena](https://strideaiacademy.com/r/dinner-arena)

- ✓ It never books, orders or pays for anything, and it never calls a restaurant allergy-safe. You book, and you tell them about the allergy.

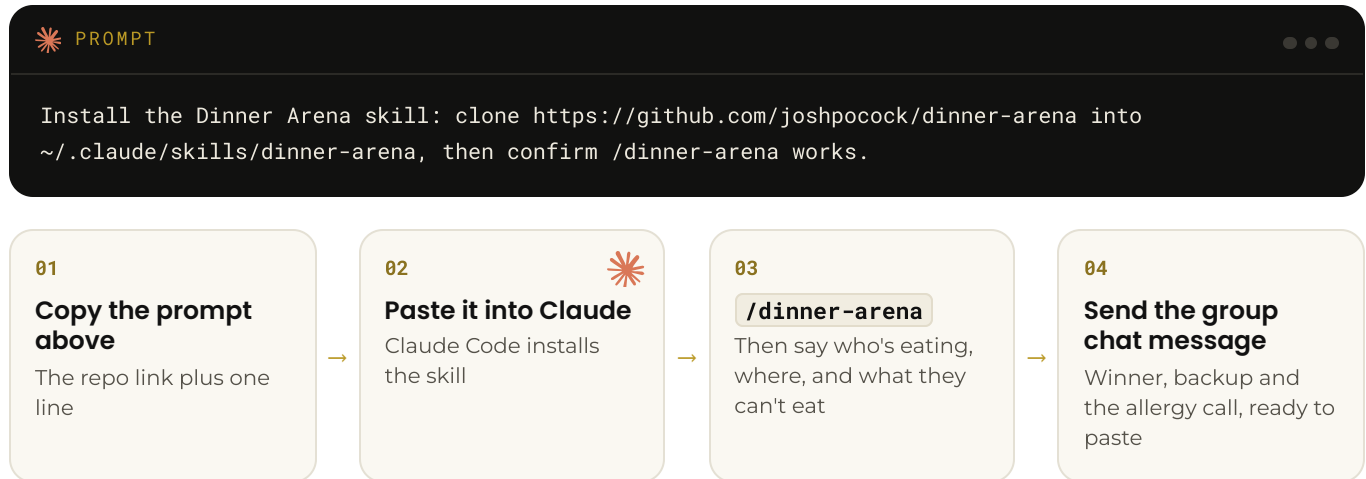




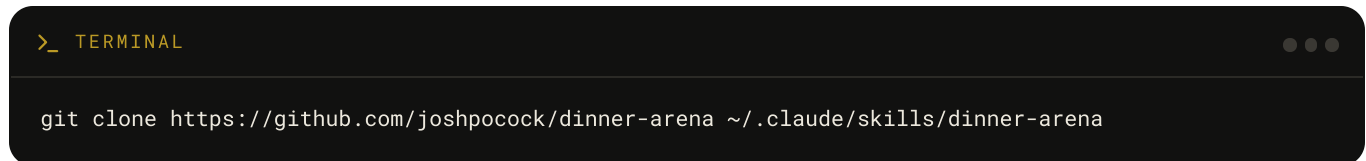
SECTION 01

The one prompt

One line. Paste this into Claude Code and it does the rest.



By hand



Start a new Claude Code session and type `/dinner-arena`. Keep web search on so Claude can find real places, or paste a screenshot of a maps search. The screenshot gives the critics the best numbers.

On the Claude app

1. Turn on **Settings > Capabilities > Code execution and file creation**, and keep web search on.
2. On the GitHub page click **Code > Download ZIP**.
3. In Claude go to **Customize > Skills > + > Upload a skill** and pick the zip.
4. Start a new chat and say "use the dinner-arena skill", then tell it who's eating and where.

No install at all? Paste `SKILL.md` and `references/critics.md` into any chat. Claude runs the bracket by hand from the same rules.



SECTION 02

How the fight works

The stage names are the joke. The votes are the honest part: every critic votes on one real number, so the same inputs always give the same winner.

STAGE	WHAT HAPPENS
Group intake	Who's eating, each budget, diets and allergies, cravings, favorites, vetoes, the vibe.
Real places	A maps screenshot you paste, or open restaurants Claude finds with web search. Nothing invented.
Allergy Tribunal	Out if the place says it can't cater for a need, or hasn't confirmed a severe allergy.
Budget Executioner	Out if it costs more than the cheapest person's limit.
Veto Box, Closed Sign	Out if anyone vetoed it or it's closed.
The Bracket	Three critics vote on every match. All ten vote in the final.
Crowd Override	The humans can overrule any result.
Last Restaurant Standing	Winner, backup, call-ahead and allergy warnings, and a message for the group chat.
CRITIC	VOTES FOR
The Budget Executioner	The cheaper place
The Distance Hater	The closer place
The Review Skeptic	The better rating, weighted by how many reviews
The Craving Whisperer	More of tonight's cravings
The Allergy Lawyer	More of the group's needs the restaurant itself confirms
The Wait-Time Prophet	The shorter wait
The Adventurous One	Something the group hasn't eaten lately
The Comfort Food Loyalist	One of the group's all-time favorites
The Vibe Curator	The place that fits tonight's vibe
The Group Chat Diplomat	The place where the least happy person is happiest



SECTION 03

One dinner, start to finish

A made-up example, real tool output. Four friends, one vegetarian, one nut allergy, the cheapest budget at price level 2, eleven places. Four are out before a single fight:

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ALLERGY TRIBUNAL + BUDGET EXECUTIONER (group needs: nut allergy, vegetarian; price cap 2)
ELIMINATED  EXAMPLE Ember Steakhouse    Budget Executioner: price level 4 is over the group cap of 2
ELIMINATED  EXAMPLE Sushi Wave          Budget Executioner: price level 3 is over the group cap of 2
ELIMINATED  EXAMPLE Satay House         Allergy Tribunal: says it can't cater for: nut allergy
ELIMINATED  EXAMPLE Nonna's Pizza       Closed Sign: not open tonight
```

Seven survivors go into the bracket. In the final, all ten critics vote:

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R3M1: EXAMPLE Lotus Thai Kitchen vs EXAMPLE Masala Street
The Budget Executioner    -> abstains (tie) [cheaper wins]
The Distance Hater        -> EXAMPLE Lotus Thai Kitchen [closer wins]
The Review Skeptic        -> EXAMPLE Masala Street [better rating, weighted by how many reviews]
The Craving Whisperer     -> EXAMPLE Lotus Thai Kitchen [matches more of tonight's cravings]
The Allergy Lawyer        -> EXAMPLE Masala Street [more of the group's needs the restaurant itself
confirms]
The Wait-Time Prophet     -> EXAMPLE Lotus Thai Kitchen [shorter wait]
The Adventurous One       -> abstains (tie) [something the group has not eaten lately]
The Comfort Food Loyalist -> abstains (tie) [one of the group's favorites]
The Vibe Curator          -> EXAMPLE Masala Street [fits tonight's vibe]
The Group Chat Diplomat   -> abstains (tie) [the least unhappy person is happiest]
SURVIVES: EXAMPLE Lotus Thai Kitchen 3-3 (tie broken by group fit)
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Claude gives every critic a line in character, naming the real number behind the vote. Then the winner card:

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LAST RESTAURANT STANDING: EXAMPLE Lotus Thai Kitchen
thai, noodles | price 2 | 1.2 km | rating 4.5
CALL AHEAD to confirm: nut allergy
ALLERGY: tell them about the nut allergy when you book, even if the menu says it's fine. A website label is
not a guarantee.
Backup if it's full: EXAMPLE Masala Street
Final vote: 3-3

GROUP CHAT MESSAGE:
Ten critics fought. EXAMPLE Lotus Thai Kitchen survived. Calling ahead first about the nut allergy. Backup
is EXAMPLE Masala Street. Booking unless someone objects in 10 min.
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SECTION 04

When the humans disagree

The critics advise. The group decides. Say "Alex had Thai for lunch" and Claude overrules the final, puts Masala Street through and rewrites the group chat message. You can run the tool yourself too. It's plain Python with nothing to install:

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python scripts/arena.py override R3M1 --winner "EXAMPLE Masala Street" --reason "Alex had Thai for lunch"
python scripts/arena.py final
```



SECTION 05

The fine print



It never books anything. No ordering, no paying, no reservations. Claude gives you the link and you book.



Allergies are rules, not opinions. A place that says it can't cater for a need is out. A severe allergy knocks out every place that hasn't confirmed it. If that leaves nothing, it tells you to call two or three places, never to drop the allergy.



Never take a menu's word for an allergy. Even a place that says "nut-free" gets a reminder: tell them about the allergy when you book.



Real places only. Ratings, prices and hours come from what Claude finds or what you paste. Check before you go.



Your food needs stay in the chat. The bracket is a file in a `.dinner-arena` folder where you run it.

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