



## DAY OF EVENT DETAILS

Great cause. Great night. Great chefs.

### PORTIONS:

- Ticket sales for reserved tables will close at noon, on Tuesday, May 28th, but as of now, you should count on at least 600 guests. I will let you know if our estimate changes drastically.
  - Because three restaurants had to decline after committing earlier in the year, it is VERY important that everyone receiving this arrives on May 30th. We're counting on you!
  - We recommend bringing no less than 600 tasting sized portions of your dish. For those of you who would like to adjust that number, here's what we know as of 5/20:
  - 2.5 hour event, with 20 participating restaurants: 16 providing savories, 3 providing sweets, 1 providing spirits
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### EVENT DETAILS:

- **2:30 - 6:00 pm** Load-In / Set-Up (1st Floor River Exhibition Hall, accessed on Lower Water Street)
  - **4:30 pm** Beverages available for chefs
  - **5:30 pm** Event Registration begins
  - **5:45 pm** VINCENT RESTAURANT MUST BE SET UP AND READY TO SERVE
  - **6:00 - 6:30 pm** Cocktail reception - Riverwalk Esplanade (weather permitting)
  - **6:15 pm** MAIN EVENT CHEFS MUST BE SET UP AND READ TO SERVE
  - **6:30 - 9:00 pm** Chef Tastings and Open Bar (1st Floor River Exhibition Hall)
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### CHECK IN:

- Event is on the 1st Floor River Exhibition Hall and load in is directly from the street to the event (no elevators/ escalators!) DO NOT pull into the Sheraton dock (No need to back into a truck bay). Load in is on the east end of the building on the right hand side.
  - Signage will be posted directing you to the doors for load in.
  - By 4 pm, we will have volunteers on hand to:
    - help unload your vehicle, if needed
    - give you your station assignment
    - provide event badges
    - give you a parking pass and
    - show you where to park legally (and free)
  - **Please note:** There is metered street parking at check in. Please bring at least one team member with you to stay in your car (if you must double park) while you get signed in. If you're rolling solo, we'll have culinary students and some trustworthy people to stay with your car during check in.
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## **PARKING:**

- Once you've unloaded your food/equipment and collected your badges, you'll drive straight ahead 50 feet to the valet garage on Lower Water. Go to the "Sheraton Chicago Parking" sign, pull up to the door (it'll open automatically) and proceed down the ramp. Take your parking ticket from the machine and **BRING IT BACK TO THE EVENT WITH YOU. WE WILL HAVE SOMEONE HANDING ONE VALIDATION STICKER TO EACH RESTAURANT FOR FREE PARKING.**
- Each restaurant will receive (1) sticker for complimentary parking at the Sheraton.
- HEIGHT RESTRICTION IS 6' 6".

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## **SET UP:**

- Doors will open to the chefs at 2:30 pm.
- A Beverage Station for Chef & Support Staff will open at 4:30 pm.
- Plates, flatware and linens will be provided, as will special request items.
- If you need power but didn't request it, **PLEASE LET TRACY KNOW ASAP.**
- Each restaurant will have an assigned station consisting of one (1) 6'x3' front table and one (1) 6' x 2' rear table.
- Feel free to bring in decorations that that complement the unique concept of your restaurant.

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## **EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS:**

- Open flames **ARE NOT PERMITTED** in the Chicago Ballroom.
- If you requested access to one of the two coke coolers, just be sure to label your containers because you may need to share with another restaurant.

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## **DIRECTIONS:**

### **From The North (I-94 a.k.a. Kennedy Expwy.)**

- Take I-94 South to Ohio St. Exit (East), on Ohio St.
- Go to Fairbanks Ct. (a.k.a. Columbus Dr.) turn right (South),
- To Illinois St. Turn left (East) to New St. turn right (South) to East North Water St. turn right (West)
- Loading dock will be on West Side of building on left – **DON'T GO THERE.**
- **LOOK FOR GREAT CHEF SIGNAGE EAST OF THE DOCK.**

### **From the Northwest (I-90 a.k.a. N.W. Tollway)**

- I-90 East to I-94 South to Ohio St. Exit (East), on Ohio St.
- Go to Fairbanks Ct. (a.k.a. Columbus Dr.) turn Right (South),
- To Illinois St. turn left (East) to New St. turn right (South) to East North Water St. turn right (West)
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### **From the West (I-290 a.k.a. Eisenhower Expwy.)**

- I-290 East (Eisenhower Expwy.) to Chicago I-290 turns into Congress Pkwy.
- East on Congress Pkwy to Columbus Ave. turn left (North)
- Over the Chicago River to Illinois St. turn right (East)
- To New St. turn right (South) to East North Water St.
- Turn right (West) loading dock is on West Side of building on left – **DON'T GO THERE.**
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### **From Southwest (I-55 a.k.a. Stevenson Expwy.)**

- Take I-55 Northwest to I-94 North to Congress Pkwy. (East)
- To Columbus Ave. turn left (North) over Chicago River
- To Illinois St. turn right (West) to New St. turn Right (South)
- To East North Water St. turn right (West)
- Loading docks are on West Side of building on left – **DON'T GO THERE.**
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### **From South & East (I-94 a.k.a. Dan Ryan Expwy.)**

- Take I-94 North to Congress Pkwy. (East) to Columbus Ave.
- Turn left to Columbus Ave. (North) over Chicago River
- To Illinois Ave. turn right (East) to New St. right (South)
- To East North Water St. turn right (West)
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