

What is Ribfest?

Ribfest is a major fundraising event for Community Advocates for Persons with Developmental Disabilities. Since its inception, Ribfest has raised over \$530,000 to support community programs right here in our community. Specifically, the money raised through this event enables the agency to continue their vision to become a leader in a community that fully includes each person, respects the humanity of each individual and advocates for each citizen to participate fully in their community.

The 3-day event is hosted at the Arcadia Creek Festival Place in Downtown Kalamazoo. The event features eight national and local rib vendors who tempt this region's taste buds with a variety of fabulous sauces delectably covering wonderful ribs. To compliment the rib vendors, there are three additional food vendors offering Mexican cuisine, steak and chicken, fried veggies, pastries, and ice cream.

Each year, the winner from the Best Ribs in Kalamazoo is offered the rights to purchase a vendor booth. The vendor booths cost \$1,100 for three days (patrons pay cash for food).

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August 2-4, 2007



A fundraising event
for
Community Advocates

Arcadia Creek Festival Place
in Downtown Kalamazoo!
Edwards Street and Kalamazoo Avenue

Opens 11 a.m. daily
Daily Gate Fee: \$5 at 4 p.m.
Friday/Saturday, \$8 at 7 p.m.

Thursday, August 2

Live Luchtime Entertainment	11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Douglas James Band	5 - 6:30 p.m.
Jimmy Henrich and Western Haze	7 - 9:45 p.m.
WRKR Best Ribs Competition	8 p.m.
Adam Tucker Band	10:15 - 11:30 p.m.

Friday, August 3

Live Luchtime Entertainment	11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Ribs Cooking Demonstration	2 p.m.
Righteous	5 - 6:30 p.m.
Sponsor's Choice Event	7 p.m.
StarFarm	7 - 9:30 p.m.
Blue Oyster Cult	10-11:30 p.m.
In Custody	12 - 1:30 a.m.

Saturday, August 4

Perry Harley Davidson Cruise-in Show

Target Presents Family Day at the Fest	11a.m.-1 p.m.
High School Band Jam	1-4 p.m.
Amateur Sauce Kick Off	4 p.m.
Groove Essential	5-6:30 p.m.
Pillar to Post	7- 9:30 p.m.
Award Announcements	8 p.m.
Classic Rock All Stars	10 - 11:30 a.m.
Weatherly Band	11:45-1:15 a.m.

Children under 12 with adult are admitted free
This is an all-ages-welcome event
Picture ID required for alcoholic sales
Two entrances: Kalamazoo Ave. and Water Street.

**For more information please call
269/388-2830 www.ribfestkalamazoo.com**

2007 Special Event Sign-Up Form

Please return this form by
July 25, 2007

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Fax to: 269/388-3083 or e-mail to: eventkzoo@chartermi.net



Best Ribs in Kalamazoo for
Restaurants and Catering Companies

Best Sauce Cook-Off
Fee is \$10 a person, payable to Community Advocates

Name _____

Business _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Mobile Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail Address _____

Amateur Sauce Cook-Off Fee is \$10 a person, payable to: Community Advocates

Promotional Information - please complete the following information which will be used to promote your participation in this event. Complete the questions that apply to the event.

How long has your restaurant been in business? _____ years

What is unusual about your ribs? _____

What is unusual about your sauce? _____

If you are participating in the Sauce Cook-off and have a team, please list the members:

Prove it
at
Ribfest

Best Ribs Competition & Best Sauce Cook-Off

*PROVE
HOW GOOD
YOU ARE!*



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2007 Kalamazoo Rib Cook-off



Event Rules and Regulations



All events take place at the Arcadia Creek Festival Place

WRKR Best Ribs in Kalamazoo Competition

Restaurants and Catering Companies

Date: Thursday, August 2 at 8 p.m.
Fee: Free, donations accepted
Note: Open to Restaurants and Catering Companies

Judges: The National Rib Vendors (6 of them) along with two food critic have been invited to be our "judges" and they will conduct a blind taste test of the submitted ribs.

- ❖ Bring a prepared full rack of ribs - you will need to bring your own chaffing dishes
- ❖ The ribs will be transferred to a generic (labeled by a letter) aluminum container
- ❖ The judges will be served one rib (10 judges)
- ❖ Judges will rate the ribs on a variety of factors - sheets available upon request
- ❖ Contestants are asked to arrive by 7:30 p.m.

Benefits: First of all a little competition is fun. WRKR promotes the event and they will highlight the participants of the event on the radio, and the winner will be announced on the radio and in news releases.

- ❖ Winners receive a trophy and are highlighted through out the festival weekend.
- ❖ Winners also receive the right purchase a booth for the following year as well as hang their banner at the event
- ❖ Winner receives 10 free passes to the event, a \$50 value.

Entry Deadline: Wednesday, July 25

Amateur Sauce Cook-Off Competition

Individuals and Teams

Date: Saturday, August 4 at 4 p.m.
Fee: \$10 a person, payable to Community Advocates

Judges: The National Rib Vendors together with three restaurant representatives will be the judge of this event.

Entry Instructions:

- ❖ This event is limited to the first 12 entries.
- ❖ Awards will be presented to first, second, and third place winners.

Important Things to Know:

- ❖ Each team must develop their own recipe. The sauce will be simmered on pre-cooked ribs (provided by our rib vendors).
- ❖ A charcoal grill is available for use.
- ❖ The sauce must be brought to Ribfest in a 14 oz. (or comparable) canning jar. You must bring your own utensils for placing the sauce on the ribs and for cooking. Ribfest provides the serving containers and the slab of ribs.
- ❖ Each entry is assigned a "secret" number and a panel of judges conducts a blind taste test.
- ❖ Scores are based on a numerical system with the highest point value declaring a winner.

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