

Taste of Cherries Food Fair will tickle your taste buds

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What a better way to celebrate the National Cherry Festival than by literally enjoying the fruit of our labors?

The Taste of Cherries Food

Fair, sponsored by Bank One, has every kind of cherry-inspired dish imaginable. Cherry BBQ chicken skewers, grouper with cherry salsa, cherry feta cheese salad, cherry ganash brownies, and cherry lemonade

are just some of the items on this year's menu, all cooked up by the Northwestern Michigan College Culinary Institute.

"We anticipate this to be one of our busiest years," said Kyle Durfee-Brandon,

Taste of Cherries director. "Lots will be going on."

The event will take place Sunday, July 4, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Festival Open Space on the Northwest Upper Deck.

"This year we're going to do what's called a 'trip around the world,'" Durfee-Brandon said.

Tickets will be \$10 for a taste of everything on the menu, instead of buying single tickets for each dish as in past years. Tickets will also be available the day of the event to buy items such as cookies and brownies, Durfee-Brandon said.

Local chef and Culinary Institute Department Chair Fred Laughlin will head the food fair, along with some of the program's volunteer students.

"We all work together - it's a team effort," Laughlin said.

This is Laughlin's thirteenth year heading the event. He said the best part is working with cherry products to create different dishes.

Proceeds from the event go back to the college for scholarships. At least two \$2,000

scholarships have been given to students in past years.

"We choose according to their grade point average, and how well they do in the culinary arts program," Laughlin said. "Beyond grade point average, it's their aptitude, attitude, ability, things like that, as a culinary student."

Durfee-Brandon said the students always have a lot of fun cooking for Taste Of Cherries.

"Most hear about it the first year, and then they're kind of looking forward to being involved with it," he said.

The Taste of Cherries food fair is a popular one, and tickets sell quickly.

Laughlin said the vast cherry cuisine at the event goes pretty fast.

"It's usually almost gone," he said. "If there's any leftovers we pack it up for the students who are volunteering."

"It's been a fun event for us over the years," Laughlin said. "We've enjoyed it a lot."

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Cherry Festival office.

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