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THE YUKON CULINARY FESTIVAL IS BACK

Whitehorse, Y.T. – The Yukon Culinary Festival, proudly hosted by the Tourism Industry Association of the Yukon (TIAY), is back for its sixth year running. Established by TIAY in 2013, the festival showcases the Yukon’s culture, local food, and culinary experts. Shaped by Yukon chefs, farmers, businesses and organizations, the festival continues to be fueled by their vision and support. Major sponsors such as the Yukon Government and Air North, Yukon’s Airline have been crucial to the ongoing success of the festival.

With events taking place over the weekend of August 23-26, 2018, this festival highlights the freshest ingredients and culinary talent found here in the North. With ingredients sourced from local farms and producers these events are not to be missed.

Signature Events

Thursday, August 23 - Culinary Festival Kick Off Party At Woodcutters Blanket

Back for another year the Culinary Festival is excited to get the party going. Celebrate with us at Woodcutters Blanket at our official kick off party. Cocktails featuring Yukon Spirits, Yukon Brewing Beers, a special menu for the evening, music and more!

Friday, August 24 - Cooking with Fire Surf & Turf at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre

Inspired by Patagonian fire cooking this event will embrace the open pit fire cooking methods of Argentina but use our local Yukon meat and vegetables, Alaskan seafood and the cooking techniques of guest chef Jason Pleym of Two Rivers Meats from Vancouver, one of the driving forces behind Brewery and the Beast – one of the top fire cooking events in the country! Joining Jason will be guest chef and festival organizer, Eric Pateman from Edible Canada as well as many of the Yukon’s top culinary talent. Dive in and savour the rustic yet refined flavours of this evening! Your ticket includes one drink ticket, plenty of food, firepit entertainment, music and more.

Saturday, August 25 - Cocktails and Canapés on the S.S. Klondike, a Parks Canada National Historic Site

Back by popular demand – Join us aboard the historical sternwheeler, the S.S. *Klondike*, a Parks Canada National Historic Site, as we “set sail” for another culinary adventure curated by celebrated local chefs Carson Schiffkorn and Troy King from Inn on the Lake. Music, interpretive culinary programming by Parks Canada, tasty bites, cash bar cocktails and beers by Yukon Spirits & Yukon Brewing – this event is one for the history books! This is your chance to get dressed up “Klondike Style” and celebrate!

Sunday, August 26 - End of the Festival Tractor Tailgate BBQ at Circle D Ranch

Join us on the ranch for an end of festival wrap up party! Enjoy delicious BBQ showcasing Circle D’s own Elk and Two River’s Beef, and chat face to face with local farmers and producers while sampling their wares. Taste local products, meet chefs and farmers all in one unique event that bridges culinary with agriculture.



Spin Off Events

Wednesday, August 22 - Chocolate, Cocktails & More at The Claim

Come and join acclaimed chocolate maker, Glenys Baltimore and Yukon Brewing's own Heather Gillespie, for an intimate night of sweet and savoury treats while you imbibe on classes cocktails and red wine. What better way to kick off the Yukon Culinary Festival with this delectable evening. Dishes served will include: Local Elk Brochettes with a Mexican Chocolate Sauce, Yukon Micro Greens in a Cocoa Nib Vinaigrette, The Claim's Award Winning Chocolate Cake, Yukon Whisky Chocolate Truffles, Chocolate Martinis and more!

Free Events

Thursday, August 23 - Chef Cooking Demos Using Yukon Veggies at the Fireweed Market

Using all local vegetables purchased at the Fireweed Market we will host cooking demonstrations given by different chefs to showcase the vibrant options.

About the Yukon Culinary Festival

First launched in 2013, the Yukon Culinary Festival is set in the Yukon Territory, with a series of hyper-local food related events. The festival showcases ingredients, culinary experts and culture found in this special region of North America.

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