



ACF Southeast Region Scoop

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A Message from Your Region Vice President

Dear Chef:

Congratulations to the winners of regional awards and competitions at the Western, Northeast and Central regional conferences. It is a tremendous honor to be recognized by one's peers and a great accomplishment to achieve victory competing against some of the best chefs in the country.

Now it's our turn! Historically, the Southeast Region has produced more than its fair share of chef professionalism, Hermann G. Rusch Chef's Achievement, and USA's chef and pastry chef of the year winners. We have fared well in many other categories too. Educator of the year, student chef of the year, Baron H. Galand Culinary Knowledge Bowl, student team, and chapter of the year have all had good representation from the Southeast Region. Join us in Birmingham for all the excitement. Watch these chefs and teams compete head-to-head as they vie for the chance to represent our region and compete for the ultimate goal of national winners in Anaheim, Calif., at the 2010 ACF National Convention.



All members can join the excitement by participating in the [One-Pot Win A Lot Cooking Competition](#) and the [Make it Mini - A Dessert Trio Competition](#). These competitions are fun and fast ways to join in the excitement and win cash! Click on the above links for details and entry forms. The deadlines have been extended to this Friday, April 9, so be sure to enter and secure your spot.

There is still time to register for the [2010 ACF Southeast Regional Conference](#). Early registration discounts expire this Thursday, April 8. [Register](#) today and join us in the magic city to for a "Taste of Success."

Sincerely,

Jeff Bacon, CEC, CCA, AAC

Your ACF Southeast Region Vice President

2010 ACF Southeast Regional Conference

Birmingham, Ala., April 24-26

Early Registration Deadline Expires April 8

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registering early and by booking registration combined with the Sheraton Birmingham. The [early registration](#) deadline for the Southeast Regional Conference is April 8.

Best Deal: Rooms and Registration Rewards

Stay three nights at the Sheraton Birmingham and purchase a full registration by the early registration deadline.
\$300: Culinarian, Professional Culinarian, Allied & Associate members--Save \$175
\$260: Senior, Junior & Student members--Save \$165

Early Registration Rewards

Save more and buy a full registration by the early registration deadline.
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Receive a substantial discount off regular and on-site full registration.
\$475: Culinarian, Professional Culinarian, Allied & Associate members
\$425: Senior, Junior & Student members

RESTRICTIONS: The Rewards Rate is offered to those ACF members who purchase a full registration, are current in their membership at the time of registering and throughout the entire duration of the event, and stay a minimum of (3) three nights at the participating conference hotel.



Update Your Web Site Information

Please update your information on your local and on the national ACF Web sites. It is the main way people, including me, find out where you are meeting and what you are doing. Thank you.

Chapter News

Find out what your ACF Southeast Region chapters have been doing or are planning by visiting their Web sites or reviewing their news.

ALABAMA

ACF Birmingham Alabama Chapter: <http://acfbirmingham.com/> or contact Paul Seery, CEC, for information at (205) 213-9605 or panko1@bellsouth.net.

ACF Greater Montgomery Chapter: No information available.

ACF Heart of the Gulf Coast Chefs & Cooks Assn.: Contact Ron Koetter, CEC, CCE, AAC, at (251) 968-3108 or rkoetter@faulknerstate.edu for information.

ACF Metro Mobile Chefs & Cooks Association: Contact Thomas Spence, Jr., at (251) 476-6400, ext.7353 for information.

FLORIDA

ACF Bay Culinarians: <http://www.gulfcoast.edu/culinary>

ACF Caxambas Chapter of Naples & Marco Island:
<http://brigadedecuisine.blogspot.com/>

ACF Central Florida Chapter: www.acfcfc.org

ACF Daytona Beach Chefs Association: Contact Costa Magoulas, CEC, CCE, CCA, AAC, at chefmagoulas@yahoo.com for information.

ACF First Coast Chapter:
<http://www.jaxchefs.com/>



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ACF Greater Miami Chapter Epicurean Club: www.acfgreater-miami.org

ACF Gulf to Lakes Chefs & Cooks Assn., Inc.: www.acf-fl201.org

■ Join Executive Chef Randal White, CEC, at the Hilton Ocala, 3600 S.W. 36th Ave., Ocala, Fla., on April 12 for the next meeting sponsored by Cindy of AFM.

■ The next meeting is May 10 at Withlacoochee Technical Institute, 1201 West Main St., Inverness, Fla. Call (352) 726-2430 for information.

■ The June meeting is June 14 at Lake Technical Center, Eustis, Fla.

ACF Inc Florida Suncoast Cooks Assn.:

www.acfsuncoastcooksandchefs.com

ACF Northeast Florida Chapter: Contact Dale Robert Ford at (727) 367-6476 or chefford@comcast.net for information.

ACF Palm Beach County Chefs Association: Contact Michael Jasa, CEC, at (954) 444-7176 or ChefMJ1@aol.com for information.

ACF Sarasota Bay Chefs Assn.: www.acfsarasotabaychefs.com

ACF Space Coast Chapter: www.acfsc.com

ACF St. Augustine Chapter: Contact Brett Harris, CEC, at (904) 824-4401 or chefbharris@yahoo.com for information.

ACF Tallahassee Area Chefs Assn.:

www.mysecretchef.info/acf

ACF Tampa Bay Culinary Assn. Inc: www.tampabaychefs.bravehost.com

■ The annual family picnic is April 11 at Desoto Park, Shelter #5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ACF Treasure Coast Chapter: Contact Scott Sibley at (772) 475-6745 or tcchefs@hotmail.com for information.

The Southwest Florida Chapter of the ACF: Contact Christopher Cassel at (239) 931-3149 or chefperfection@aol.com for information.

Fort Lauderdale ACF, Inc.:

www.acfbrowardchefs.com

■ The next meeting, hosted by Art Goodman, is April 12 at Sheridan Technical Center, Hollywood, Fla. Call (754) 321-5400 for information.

GEORGIA

ACF Augusta Chapter: Contact Kathleen Alsheimer Fervan at (706) 771-4084 or fervan@bellsouth.net for information.

ACF Greater Atlanta Chapter, Inc.:

www.acfatlantachefs.org

■ Joe Truex and Mihoko Obunai-Truex will host the April 19 meeting at Repast, 620 N. Glen Iris Dr., Atlanta, from 6-8 p.m.

ACF Greater Chattahoochee Valley Culinary Assn.: Contact Marcus DuVal at (334) 298-5550 or mduval4@ctvea.net for information.

ACF Golden Isles of Georgia Chapter: Contact Matt Moore at (912) 638-3611 or mattmoore@seaisland.com for information.

ACF Middle Georgia Chefs Association: Contact W. Jay Stancill, CEC, CCE, CCA, at (478) 471-4245 or mgcnewsletter@yahoo.com for information.

ACF Savannah Chefs Association:

www.savannahchefs.com

Classic City Chefs & Cooks Assn.: Contact Christopher McCook, CEC, at (706) 354-7100 or mccookcuisine@yahoo.com for information.

KENTUCKY

ACF Kentucky Chapter: <http://www.acfkentucky.org>

Bluegrass Culinary Association ACF: Contact Sam Sears, CEC, CCA, at (859) 233-3736, or ssears09@insightbb.com for information.

Western Kentucky Chefs & Cooks Assn.: Contact David Jones at (270) 538-0250 or westkychefs@gmail.com for information.

MISSISSIPPI

ACF Choctaw Chapter: Contact Stafford DeCambra, CEC, CCE, CCA, AAC, at (251) 368-3085 or sdecambra@pcigaming.com for information.

ACF Hattiesburg Chapter: Contact Jim Rowell Jr. at (601) 271-2020 or jrowell@cooks2chefs.com for information.

Mississippi Gulf Coast Chapter ACF:

www.gulfcoastacf.com

NORTH CAROLINA

ACF Cape Fear Chefs Assn.: www.capefearchefs.com

ACF Inc. Charlotte Chapter: www.acf-charlotte.org

■ Taste of the Nation is April 14 at The Atrium, Charlotte. The preview hour is at 6 p.m. and the event is from 7-10 p.m.

ACF Crosscreek & Sandhill Chefs Association: Contact Scott Margolis at (910) 692-0378 or imzchef@hotmail.com for information.

ACF Eastern Carolina Chapter: Contact Anthony Garnett at (252) 241-5853 or chefgarnett@yahoo.com for information.

ACF High Country Chefs and Cooks Association: Contact Bill Morris, CCC, at (828) 262-2204, ext. 225 or [moriswe@appstate.edu](mailto:morriswe@appstate.edu) for information.

ACF Triad Chapter NC:

<http://triadacf.ning.com>

ACF Triangle Chefs: www.trianglechefs.com

ACF Western North Carolina Culinary Association: Contact Michael Fahey, CEC, CCE, AAC, at (828) 230-6078 or mrfchef@yahoo.com for information.

■ The next meetings are April 14 at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College's Enka Campus at 6 p.m. and May 10 at The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa, Asheville, N.C., at 5 p.m.

SOUTH CAROLINA

ACF Chefs of the Low Country: www.acfchefsofthelowcountry.com

ACF Greater Charleston South Carolina Chapter:

<http://charlestonacf.squarespace.com/>

ACF Midlands Chapter: <http://acfmidlands.com/>

■ A practical exam will take place on May 15 at University of South Carolina Culinary Institute, Columbia, S.C.

ACF Myrtle Beach Chapter: www.myrtlebeachacf.com

■ Spring Sensation: Salads and Sweets is April 18 from noon-3 p.m. at Valor Park off Farrow Pkwy. at The Market Common in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

■ The Taste! Gourmet Show and Expo will take place May 14-16 at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

ACF Pee Dee Chapter: Contact Damian Wanek at (843) 260-4791 or dwanek@florenceciviccenter.com for information.

ACF Upstate South Carolina Chapter: No information available.

TENNESSEE

ACF Chattanooga Chefs & Cooks Association: Contact Rick Shell at (423) 424-3734 or rshell@benchmarkmanagement.com for information.

ACF Greater Memphis Chapter: www.acfmemphis.com

ACF Greater Smokey Mountain Chapter: Contact David Colburn, CEC, at (865) 679-1003 or dhcjr57@gmail.com for information.

ACF Middle Tennessee Chapter: www.nashvillechefs.org

■ The next meeting, "Cooking With Yazoo Beer Contest," is April 19 at Yazoo Brewery, Nashville, Tenn.

ACF Mountain Empire Culinary Association: Contact Tina Norris at (423) 246-7974 for information.

ACF Middle Tennessee Chapter: www.nashvillechefs.org

Clifton T. Stanfill ACF Chapter of Clarksville, TN: No information available.

New River Valley Chapter: Contact George Kruse at (540) 998-1035 or george@blacksburgcc.com for information.

VIRGINIA

ACF Blue Ridge Chefs Association: Contact Steve Biery, CCC, at (434) 982-5115 or biery-steve@aramark.com for information.

ACF Southwestern Virginia Chapter: Contact Phillip McManus at (540) 863-2931 or pmcmanus@dslcc.edu for information.

ACF Tidewater Chefs Chapter:

www.tidewateracf.org

ACF Virginia Chefs Association: www.vachefs.org

Old Dominion ACF Chapter: Contact Rene Marquis, CEC, CCE, PCEC, AAC, at (804) 605-2266 or sevans777rm@yahoo.com for information.

New River Valley Chapter: Contact George Kruse, CCC, at (540) 998-1035 or george@blacksburgcc.com for information.

ACF-Sanctioned Culinary Competitions

April 7: NACUFS Southern Region

Site: Gaylord Texan Hotel & Convention, Grapevine, Texas

Chair: Bryan Varin, bvarin@uga.edu, (706) 542-8412

Category: W customized-individual, 4 portions, 1 course, 75 min., portobella mushroom (4 ea. @ 4.5-5"); tournee classic cut required.

April 7: Texas Chefs Association

Site: Fort Worth Convention Center, Fort Worth, Texas

Chair: Patrick D. Mitchell, CEC, AAC; pdmitchell@benekeith.com; (972) 877-9459

Categories: C1,4, SC1,SC4, W-Wildcard - one pot cooking competition, 4 portions, 1 hour prep time, 5 min. plating

April 12: Connecticut Chefs Association

Site: Lincoln Technical Institute, Shelton, Conn.

Chair: Gary D. Costa, gcosta@lincolntech.com, (860) 670-8997

Categories: A-D; SA-SD

April 12: ACF Triangle Chefs Association of North Carolina

Site: Raleigh Convention Center, Raleigh, N.C.

Chair: Caralyn House, cmhouse@waketech.edu, (919) 866-5991

Categories: A-D; SA-SD

April 15: ACF Culinary Arts of Oklahoma

Site: Cox Convention Center, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Chair: Art Hamilton, awhamilton@benekeith.com, (405) 753-7842

Categories: A-D; SA-SD

April 17-18: ACF Capital District - Central New York

Site: Schenectady County Community College, Schenectady, N.Y.

Chair: Christopher Allen Tanner, CEC, CHE; tannerca@sunysccc.edu; (518) 381-1444

Categories: A-D; SA-SD; E1-4; F1,2,4,5 & 6; G; SG; K1-9; SK1-9; P1-2; SP1-2; H1-2; SH1-2

April 19: Central Maryland Chefs & Cooks Association

Site: Anne Arundel Community College, Glen Burie, Md.

Chair: John Johnson, CEC, CCE, AAC; jjjohnson1@aacc.edu; (410) 777-1225

Categories: SC; SK1, 4, 9; SP2

May 8-9: ACF Colorado Chefs Association

Site: Western Colorado Community College, Grand Junction, Colo.

Chair: Wayne Smith, CEC; wasmith@mesastate.edu; (970) 255-2633

Categories: A-D; SA-SD; E2; K1-9; SK1-SK9; P1-2; SP1-2

May 15: Chefs Association of Westchester and Lower Connecticut

Site: Monroe College, New Rochelle Campus, New Rochelle, N.Y.

Chair: Joseph Napolitano, CEC; jnapolitano@thepattersonclub.com; (914) 740-6448

Categories: A-D; K1-9; SK1; P1; W-wildcard category - individual, 1 course, 4 portions, 1 hour cook time

June 27-29: ACF Professional Chef's Association of Houston

Site: George R. Shown Convention Center, Houston, Texas

Chair: Fritz Gitschner CEC, AAC; cbp1956@aol.com; (713) 498-5017

Categories: SK1-2; SK9; P1; W-wildcard - individual, 4 portions, 1 course, 1 hour cook time, 5 min. plating



