



ACF Southeast Region Scoop

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Jeff Bacon, CEC,
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Southeast Region
Vice President



Message from Your Region Vice President

Dear Chef:

Happy Holidays to each of you. I hope this season finds you and yours in good spirits and great health. The Christmas Season often gives us cause to reflect on the past year, and perhaps even to look back at years gone by. I hope that you find cause to celebrate your blessings as you reflect upon the year. I know that I have many things to be grateful for, not least among them is the great organization that we belong to. The ACF has provided me with some of my most cherished relationships as well as many memorable personal and career moments. I am grateful for each of you and for the opportunity to better our profession through the work we do at ACF. I have a lot of exciting news to share with you in this **Special Holiday Edition of the Southeast Scoop**.

Sincerely,

Jeff Bacon, CEC, CCA, AAC

Your ACF Southeast Region Vice President

Southeast Regional Conference

The 2011 Southeast Regional Conference, hosted by ACF Greater Atlanta Chapter, Inc., is just around the corner, and this year's event will be better than ever as attendees Experience the Power of Connection. Taking place at the [Hilton Atlanta](#), Feb. 18-21, chefs, students and foodservice professionals from around the Southeast will gather in one of the South's most famous cities for a weekend of education, competitions, networking and entertainment. Come and learn culinary trends by attending seminars and demonstrations, enjoy spectacular meal events and view the latest industry products at the trade show, Feb. 19. [Click here](#) to register.

Be Apart of This Once-In-A-Lifetime Opportunity to support the ACF Culinary Team USA !

As noted in October's edition, we will be conducting a competition in the Southeast Region. This contest will be a fund raiser for the ACF Culinary Team USA. The goal being to offer really great prizes for chapters and individuals who raise the most money in support of the ACF Culinary Team USA. After spending some time with the team members, I have become

Alabama
[Paul Seery, CEC](#)

Florida, North
[Bryan Frick, CEC, AAC](#)

Florida, South
[Donald Sedivy, CEC](#)

Georgia
[Michael Deihl, CEC,](#)
[CCA, AAC](#)
[Cheryl Glass](#)

Kentucky
[Sam Sears, CEC, CCA](#)

Mississippi
[Allen Racey](#)

North Carolina
[Jay Christmas, CEC](#)

South Carolina
[Edmund Chinnors,](#)
[CEC, CCA](#)

Tennessee
[Michael Osborne, CEC](#)

Virginia
[Winslow Goodier, CEC,](#)
[AAC](#)



ACF Member Rewards Rate and Early Registration Rate are valid through Jan. 7.

firmly convinced this is the right thing to do. The ACF Culinary Team USA will represent us at the highest level of the international culinary community and is manned by chefs just like us. Their hard work and sacrifice are immense and we need to send them off as prepared as they can possibly be. Many chefs have asked me how they can help. This [contest](#) is a way for each chapter and member to individually tailor their assistance plus have the chance to win great prizes. Among the incentives is a trip to Erfurt, Germany to cheer on the ACF Culinary Team USA in person. [Visit the website](#) to read complete details. For ease of processing we are requesting wherever possible that contributions be made via credit card or bank card through the [ACF website](#). This will help tremendously in tracking participation.

Fast and Fun Competition at the Southeast Regional

I am excited to announce the latest incarnation of the Rivianna "One Pot Win a lot" competition. This year the theme will be "Paella, Please" and the first session will be at our own [Southeast Regional Conference](#) February 18-21. This is a quick, easy fun competition so I encourage you to sign up and put your One Pot skills on the line. The deadline for the Southeast is January 7th so please get you entries in ASAP. [Click here](#) for the downloadable application and complete guidelines.

Joseph Amendola Southeast Region Outstanding Member Award

The time has come for you to put forth your nominations for the Joseph Amendola Southeast Region Outstanding Member Award. This award will go to an outstanding ACF Member who has exhibited dedication to their chapter and demonstrated the highest level of service to the ACF, in the spirit of the great Joe Amendola. Please send me the following information on any candidate who you put forth. **Nominations are due by Feb 1, 2011.** Please submit nominations through e-mail to [Jeff Bacon](#).

You should include, in a word document or even in the body of an e-mail, the following information about your nominee.

- Nominee's chapter meeting attendance (12 months)
- List of chapter event participation for nominee (12 months)
- List of awards and accolades (12-24 months)
- Nominee's full name, certifications, address, phone, and e-mail
- 4-12 sentences on why you think this person is the most outstanding member in the Southeast.

The entire entry document should be simple and less than 700 words.

Chapter officers may nominate themselves, a fellow board member or any chapter member in good standing (only chapter officers may make nominations).

The award recipient will be announced at the general session at the Southeast Regional Conference in Atlanta.

Fire & Ice Carving Competition

Date of Event: Saturday, January 15, 2011

Location: The Waynesville Inn and Golf Resort, Waynesville North Carolina

Register early and save!

Time: Registration begins 3:00 pm. Carving Competition begins at 4:00 pm and ends at 6:00 pm. The judging begins immediately following the competition.

Prizes:

- 1st Place- \$600.00
- 2nd Place- \$400.00
- 3rd Place- \$200.00

Number of Ice Blocks: One (1) per contestant

Carving Time: Two (2) hours

Entry Fee: \$75.00

Included in your registration fee is one (1) overnight stay (to be redeemed, Saturday, January 15, 2011 at The Waynesville Inn which includes a full buffet breakfast.

Contact Information: Haywood County Chamber of Commerce
591 North Main Street; Waynesville, NC 28786; Phone: 828.456-3021

www.fireandicefest.com

Haywood County Chamber of Commerce

chippers@haywood-nc.com for an application

Chapter Compliance

Did you know to be considered in good standing your chapter must have all of its legal documents on file at the ACF national office?

A [letter](#) went out to all chapter presidents last month detailing these requirements and the repercussions of non-compliance.

If you are unsure if your chapter is in compliance, please contact Linda Leo, Membership Manager at lleo@acfchefs.net

Chapter Presidents -- Update Your Website Information

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

ACF Chapter Logos Available

Your ACF chapter logo is now available behind the [login](#) on your member profile of the ACF website. You can add your chapter logo on your business cards, letterhead, website and etc. Please read the ACF Branded Chapter Logo Usage and ACF Logo Policies and Procedures documents to ensure you are using the logo correctly. Our goal in every instance of the logo's use is to enhance ACF's awareness in the culinary industry and with the public.



Southeast Region Chapter News

Find out what your ACF Southeast Region chapters have been doing or are planning by visiting their websites or contacting them.

ALABAMA

ACF Birmingham Alabama Chapter: Chapter Contact: [Paul Seery](#), CEC; 205-213-9605.

ACF Greater Montgomery Chapter: No information available.
ACF Heart of the Gulf Coast Chefs & Cooks Assn.: Chapter Contact: [Ron Koetter](#), CEC, CCE, AAC; 251-968-3108.
ACF Metro Mobile Chefs & Cooks Association: Chapter Contact: Thomas Spence Jr., 251-476-6400, ext 7353

FLORIDA

ACF Bay Culinarians: Chapter Contact: [Billy Redd](#), CEC; 850-769-1551 x3349.
ACF Caxambas Chapter of Naples & Marco Island:

<http://brigadedecuisine.blogspot.com/>

ACF Central Florida Chapter: www.acfcfc.org

ACF Daytona Beach Chefs Association: Chapter Contact: [Costa Magoulas](#), CEC, CCE, CCA, AAC.

ACF First Coast Chapter: www.jaxchefs.com

■ ACF/CFC President's Dinner is Jan 9, 2011, 6:30pm at Rosen Plaza Hotel; 9700 International Drive; Orlando 32819. RSVP to [Nora Galdiano](#) CEC at 407-864-8822. Further Details: Reception 6:30pm, 7:30pm 4-course Plated Dinner Cost: \$60 for members/guests \$40 for Junior Members Attire; Formal/Black Tie RSVP by Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2011. A special Thank You to Communications Chairperson, Joe Alfano ACF, Central Florida Chapter <http://www.acfcfc.org> Phone 407-291-3992 (ACF/CFC Hotline).

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

■ The next meeting is Jan 10 at Lake Technical Center; 2001 Kurt St.; Eustis, 32726. Call 352-589-2250 Ext. 152 or [Chef Koenig](#), CCC, CCE.

ACF Inc Florida Suncoast Cooks Assn.: www.acfsuncoastcooksandchefs.com

ACF Palm Beach County Chefs Association: Chapter Contact [Michael Jasa](#), CEC, 954-444-7176.

ACF Sarasota Bay Chefs Assn.: Chapter Contact [Brian Knecht](#), CEC, CCA, AAC; 941-924-1365, Ext 62438.

ACF St. Augustine Chapter: Contact [Brett Harris](#), CEC; 904-824-4401.

ACF Tallahassee Area Chefs Assn.: www.mysecretchef.info/acf

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

■ The next social meeting hosted by Michael Rigberg, CEC is at the St. Pete Times Forum (Ice Palace) Jan 11, 2011.

The Southwest Florida Chapter of the ACF: Contact [Christopher Cassel](#); 239-931-3149

Fort Lauderdale ACF, Inc: www.acfbrowardchefs.com

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

■ Jan 8, 2011 is the Practical Exam ACF Certification being held at Sarasota County Technical Institute; 4748 Beneva Rd, Sarasota 34233. ACF Space Coast Chapter: www.acfscc.com

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

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GEORGIA

ACF Augusta Chapter: Chapter Contact: [Kathleen Alsheimer Fervan](#); 706-771-4084

ACF Greater Atlanta Chapter, Inc: www.acfatlantachefs.org

■ Next Meeting is Jan 3, 2011; 6:00PM to 8:00PM. Location of Sysco; 2225 Riverdale Rd; College Park 30349.

■ ACF Southeast Conference at the Atlanta Hilton; February 18-21.

ACF Greater Chattahoochee Valley Culinary Assn.: Chapter Contact: [Marcus DuVal](#); 334-298-5550.

ACF Golden Isles of Georgia Chapter: Chapter Contact: [Matt Moore](#); 912-638-3611.

ACF Middle Georgia Chefs Association: Chapter Contact: [W. Jay Stancill](#), CEC, CCE, CCA; 478-471-4245.

Classic City Chefs & Cooks Assn.: Chapter Contact: [Christopher McCook](#), CEC; 706-354-7100.

KENTUCKY

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

Bluegrass Culinary Association ACF: Chapter Contact: [Sam Sears](#), CEC, CCA; 859-233-3736.

Western Kentucky Chefs & Cooks Assn. - ACF: Chapter Contact: [David Jones](#); 270-538-0250.

ACF Choctaw Chapter: Chapter Contact: [Stafford DeCambra](#), CEC, CCE, CCA, AAC; 251-368-3085.

ACF Hattiesburg Chapter: Chapter Contact: [Jim Rowell Jr.](#); 601-271-2020.

NORTH CAROLINA

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

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

■ ACF Practical Examination will be held Jan 17, 2011 at 9:00 AM. Exam will be held at Johnson & Wales University Academic Center - 3rd Floor; 801 West Trade St; Charlotte.

■ The 39th Annual Presidents Ball will be held Jan 31, 2011 6:00pm - 10:00pm. ACF Crosscreek & Sandhill Chefs Association: Chapter Contact: [Scott Margolis](#); 910-692-0378.

ACF Eastern Carolina Chapter: Chapter Contact: [Anthony Garnett](#); 252-241-5853.

ACF High Country Chefs and Cooks Association: Chapter Contact: [Bill Morris](#), CCC; 828-262-2204, Ext 225.

ACF Triad Chapter NC: www.acftriad.org

ACF Triangle Chefs: www.trianglechefs.com

ACF Western North Carolina Culinary Association: Contact [Michael Fahey](#), CEC, CCE, AAC; 828-230-6078.

■ Fire & Ice Carving Competition is Jan 15, 2011 at Waynesville Inn and Golf Resort. For details visit www.fireandicefe or for an application you may e-mail chippis@haywood-nc.com.

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/>

■ Annual ACFMC President's Award Dinner is at 6:00 pm Jan 23, 2011 at Embassy Suites Hotel, Columbia. ACF Myrtle Beach Chapter: www.myrtlebeachacf.com

ACF Pee Dee Chapter: Chapter Contact: [Damian Wanek](#); 843-260-4791.

ACF Upstate South Carolina Chapter: Chapter Contact: [Patrick W. Wagner](#), CCE; 864-250-3673.

TENNESSEE

ACF Chattanooga Chefs & Cooks Association: Contact [Richmond Flowers](#); 423- 991-3687.

ACF Greater Memphis Chapter: www.acfmemphis.com

ACF Greater Smokey Mountain; Chapter Contact: [David Colburn](#), CEC; 865-679-1003.

ACF Middle Tennessee Chapter: www.nashvillechefs.org

■ Dec 20 - Holiday Social (Chef's Bring a Dish Social) is at Piedmont Natural Gas Co; 83 Century Blvd.; Nashville 37214.

■ Next Chapter Meeting is Jan 17, 2011 at Nashville State Community College; 120 White Bridge Rd. Clements Building (Building C), Host Chef: Tom Loftis CEC, CCE.

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

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

VIRGINIA

ACF Blue Ridge Chefs Association: Chapter Contact: [Steve Biery](#), CCC; 434-982-5115.

ACF Southwestern Virginia Chapter: Chapter Contact: [Charles C. Chang](#), CEC, ACF; 540-343-2522.

Tidewater Chefs Chapter: www.tidewateracf.org

ACF Virginia Chefs Association: www.vachefs.org

Old Dominion ACF Chapter: Contact [Rene Marquis](#), CEC, CCE, PCEC, AAC; 804-605-2266.

New River Valley Chapter: Chapter Contact: [George Kruse](#), CCC, 540-998-1035.

MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi Gulf Coast Chapter ACF: www.gulfcoastacf.com

ACF Hattiesburg Chapter: Chapter Contact: [Jim Rowell Jr.](#); 601-271-2020.

ACF Choctaw Chapter - Chapter Contact: [Stafford DeCambra](#), CEC, CCE, CCA, AAC; 251-368-3085.

ACF-Sanctioned Culinary Competitions

January 7-8, 2011: ACF Triangle Chefs

Site: The Art Institute of Raleigh-Durham, Durham, NC

Chair: Robert E. Brantly, CEC; rbrantly@nc.rr.com; (919) 810-7172

Categories: A, B, W-Wildcard Category-Individual, Mystery basket, 4 portions, 15 minute set up, 60 minute cook time, 10 minute plating, 15 minute clean up

January 7, 2011: Greater Charleston South Carolina Chapter

Site: Culinary Institute of Charleston, Palmer Campus, Charleston, SC

Chair: Ward Morgan - ward.morgan@tridenttech.edu ; (843) 820-5079

Category: ST2 - Student Team State Competition

January 12, 2011 Texas Chefs Association - Ben E. Keith

Site: Lone Star Convention Center, Conroe, TX

Show Chair: Bernard Urban CEC, AAC, HOF; (832) 275-4169

Categories: A-D

January 13-15, 2011: ACF St. Augustine Chapter

Site: First Coast Technical College, St. Augustine, FL

Chair: David S. Bearl, CCE, ACE, AAC; rotachef@yahoo.com; (904)669-1340

Categories: A-D, F1, ST1 - Student Team Local Competition, SK9

January 14-16, 2011: ACF Fox Valley Chapter

Site: Madison College, Madison, Wis.

Chair: John G. Johnson CEC, CCE; jjjohnson@madison.edu; (608) 246-6707

Categories: A- C, E1, F1, 2, ST2 - Student Team State Competition, K1-9, P1, 2

January 13-15, 2011 ACF St. Augustine Chapter

Site: 180 Center Place Way, St. Augustine, FL

Chair: David S. Bearl - rotachef@yahoo.com; (904) 669-1340

A-D, F1, ST1 - Student Team Local Competition, SK9

January 16, 2011 ACF Chefs & Culinarians of San Diego

Site: The International Culinary Schools, San, Diego

Chair: Laird Livingston CEC, CCE, AAC - llivingston@aii.edu; (858) 598-1281

Categories: A-C, SA, SB, E3, 4, ST2- Student Team State Competition

January 29, 2011 ACF Columbus Chapter

Site: Columbus State Community College, Columbus, OH

Show Chair: James Taylor CEC, ACE, AAC - jtaylor@csccl.edu; (614) 287-5061

Category: ST2- Student Team State Competition

