



# ACF Southeast Region Scoop

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Southeast Region Vice President



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## A Message from Your Region Vice President

Dear Chef:

As this New Year begins, I hope each of you is happy and prosperous. I hope you are also excited and optimistic about what the New Year might bring. I know I am excited about all that will happen for ACF this year. As we head into the regional conference cycle, national elections and all that this means for each of us as a member, I hope you will stop for a moment and reflect on what ACF has meant to you and what you dream it could be in the future. As you make your choices for national officers, bear in mind the vision that you have heard from each candidate for the future of ACF. Do not be satisfied with the status quo. You deserve better. I hope each of you will register for the regional conference in Atlanta, participate in our competition to support ACF Culinary Team USA, and consider recommending someone for the ACF Southeast Region Joseph Amendola Outstanding Member Award. Read more below for details. I hope to see you in Atlanta.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Bacon, CEC, CCA, AAC  
Your ACF Southeast Region Vice President

## 2011 ACF Southeast Regional Conference

February 18-21, Atlanta

The [2011 ACF 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 see the latest industry products at the trade show, Feb. 19. View the



## COORDINATORS

**Alabama**  
[Paul Seery, CEC](#)

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**ACF Southeast  
Regional  
Conference**

[schedule](#) and make your [travel arrangements](#). [Register now!](#)

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## ACF Culinary Team USA Support Competition

As noted in October's e-newsletter, we will be conducting a competition in the Southeast Region. This competition will be a fundraiser for ACF Culinary Team USA, the goal being to offer really great prizes for chapters and individuals who raise the most money. After spending some time with the team, I have become firmly convinced this is the right thing to do. Our team represents us at the highest levels of the international culinary community and is manned by chefs just like us. Their hard work and sacrifice is immense, and we need to send them off as prepared as they can possibly be.

Many chefs have asked me how they can help, so this competition is a way that each chapter and member can individually tailor assistance and win great prizes at the same time. Among other incentives, you could win a trip to Erfurt, Germany, to cheer on the team in person. Once you have read the [contest guidelines](#), please join the journey and [donate](#). We are requesting, wherever possible, that donations to Team USA be made via bank card through the [ACF website](#) for ease of processing.



The ACF Southeast chapter that raises the most money for ACF Culinary Team USA, based on the average dollar amount per chapter member, between Aug. 1, 2010, and May 31, 2012, will receive a visit from an ACF Culinary Team USA member. In addition, each chapter member will receive an ACF Culinary Team USA memorabilia pin or patch designed especially for the IKA.

ACF Southeast Region chapters that raise more than \$15,000 will receive an expense-paid trip for one to Erfurt, Germany, to experience the 2012 IKA with ACF Culinary Team USA. The trip for one includes airfare, hotel, show passes and breakfast daily. The chapter will decide who will attend.

The ACF Southeast Region member who raises the most money, in excess of \$3,000, between Aug. 1, 2010, and May 31, 2012, will receive an expense-paid trip for one to Erfurt, Germany, to experience the 2012 IKA with ACF Culinary Team USA, as well as a special memorabilia package. The trip for one includes airfare, hotel, show passes and breakfast daily. Complete prize details including length of stay will be determined upon finalization of event details. [More](#)



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Trade Show Feb. 19  
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## Joseph Amendola Outstanding Member Award

### Nominations are due by Feb. 1

The time has come for you to put forth your nominations for the ACF Southeast Region Joseph Amendola Outstanding Member Award. This award will go to an outstanding ACF member who has exhibited dedication to his or her chapter and demonstrated the highest level of service to ACF, in the spirit of the great Joe Amendola. Please send me the following information on any candidate you put forth.



Include, in a word document or even in the body of your e-mail to [me](mailto:chefieffnc@yahoo.com) at [chefieffnc@yahoo.com](mailto:chefieffnc@yahoo.com), the following information about your nominee.

- the 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 document should be simple, and fewer than 700 words. Only chapter officers may make nominations. You may nominate yourself, a fellow board member or any chapter member in good standing. The winner will be announced at the general session at the ACF Southeast Regional Conference in Atlanta.

## 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.



## Chapter Compliance

Did you know that 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 noncompliance. If you are unsure if you got this letter or whether or not your chapter is in compliance, please contact Linda Leo, membership manager, in the ACF membership department at [lleo@acfchefs.net](mailto:lleo@acfchefs.net).

## Update Your Online 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.

## 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: <http://acfbirmingham.com/>

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](mailto:rkoetter@faulknerstate.edu) for information.

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

ACF Poarch Creek: Contact Stafford DeCambra, CEC, CCE, CCA, AAC, at (251) 446-4373 or [sdecambra@acfchefs.net](mailto:sdecambra@acfchefs.net) 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](http://www.acfcfc.org)

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

ACF First Coast Chapter: [www.jaxchefs.com](http://www.jaxchefs.com)

ACF Greater Miami Chapter Epicurean Club: [www.acfgreater-miami.org](http://www.acfgreater-miami.org)

ACF Gulf to Lakes Chefs & Cooks Assn., Inc.: [www.acf-fl201.org](http://www.acf-fl201.org)

■ The next meeting is Jan. 10 at Lake Technical Center, 2001 Kurt St., Eustis, Fla. Call (352) 589-2250, ext. 152, or email Chef Koenig, CCC, CCE, at [kownigk@lake.k12.fl.us](mailto:kownigk@lake.k12.fl.us) for information.

ACF Northeast Florida Chapter: Contact Dale Robert Ford at (904) 753-1113 or [chefford@comcast.net](mailto:chefford@comcast.net) for information.

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

ACF Sarasota Bay Chefs Assn.: [www.acfsarasotabaychefs.com](http://www.acfsarasotabaychefs.com)

ACF Space Coast Chapter: [www.acfsc.com](http://www.acfsc.com)

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

ACF Tallahassee Area Chefs Assn.: [www.mysecretchef.info/acf](http://www.mysecretchef.info/acf)

ACF Tampa Bay Culinary Assn. Inc: [www.tampabaychefs.bravehost.com](http://www.tampabaychefs.bravehost.com)

■ A social meeting will take place Jan. 11 at the St. Pete Times Forum (Ice Palace) and is hosted by Michael Rigberg, CEC.

ACF Treasure Coast Chapter: Contact Diane Conway at (863) 634 -7840 or [DGCaters101@yahoo.com](mailto:DGcater101@yahoo.com) for information.

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

Fort Lauderdale ACF, Inc: [www.acfbrowardchefs.com](http://www.acfbrowardchefs.com)

### GEORGIA

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

ACF Greater Atlanta Chapter, Inc: [www.acfatlantachefs.org](http://www.acfatlantachefs.org)

■ The chapter is hosting the [2011 ACF Southeast Regional Conference](#) Feb. 18-21.

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

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

ACF Middle Georgia Chefs Association: [www.acfmiddlega.org](http://www.acfmiddlega.org)

Classic City Chefs & Cooks Assn.: Contact Christopher McCook, CEC, at (706) 354-7100 or [mccookcuisine@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:ssears09@insightbb.com) for information.

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

### MISSISSIPPI

ACF Choctaw Chapter: Contact Louis Chatham, CEC, AAC, at (251) 253-5017 or [lchatham@pcigaming.com](mailto:lchatham@pcigaming.com) for information.  
ACF Hattiesburg Chapter: Contact Jim Rowell Jr. at (601) 271-2020 or [jrowell@cooks2chefs.com](mailto:jrowell@cooks2chefs.com) for information.  
Mississippi Gulf Coast Chapter ACF: [www.gulfcoastacf.com](http://www.gulfcoastacf.com)

#### **NORTH CAROLINA**

ACF Cape Fear Chefs Assn.: [www.capefearchefs.com](http://www.capefearchefs.com)  
ACF Inc. Charlotte Chapter: [www.acf-charlotte.org](http://www.acf-charlotte.org)  
ACF Crosscreek & Sandhill Chefs Association: Contact Scott Margolis at (910) 692-0378 or [imzchef@hotmail.com](mailto:imzchef@hotmail.com) for information.  
ACF Eastern Carolina Chapter: Contact Anthony Garnett at (252) 241-5853 or [chefgarnett@yahoo.com](mailto:chefgarnett@yahoo.com) for information.  
ACF Triad Chapter NC: [www.acftriad.org](http://www.acftriad.org)  
ACF Triangle Chefs: [www.trianglechefs.com](http://www.trianglechefs.com)  
ACF Western North Carolina Culinary Association: Contact Michael Fahey, CEC, CCE, AAC, at (828) 230-6078 or [mrfchef@yahoo.com](mailto:mrfchef@yahoo.com) for information.  
■ The Fire and Ice Fest and ice carving competition are Jan. 15 at the Waynesville Inn and Golf Resort. Visit [www.fireandicefest.com](http://www.fireandicefest.com) or [www.haywood-nc.com](http://www.haywood-nc.com) for information. E-mail [chippis@haywood-nc.com](mailto:chippis@haywood-nc.com) for an application

#### **SOUTH CAROLINA**

ACF Chefs of the Low Country: [www.acfchefsofthelowcountry.com](http://www.acfchefsofthelowcountry.com)  
ACF Greater Charleston South Carolina Chapter: <http://charlestonacf.squarespace.com>  
ACF Midlands Chapter: <http://acfmidlands.com/>  
■ The Annual President's Award Dinner is Jan. 23 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Columbia at 6 p.m.  
ACF Myrtle Beach Chapter: [www.myrtlebeachacf.com](http://www.myrtlebeachacf.com)  
ACF Pee Dee Chapter: Contact Damian Wanek at (843) 260-4791 or [dwanek@florenceciviccenter.com](mailto:dwanek@florenceciviccenter.com) for information.  
ACF Upstate South Carolina Chapter: Contact Patrick W Wagner, CCE, at (864) 250-3673 or [patrick.wagner@qvltec.edu](mailto:patrick.wagner@qvltec.edu) for information.

#### **TENNESSEE**

ACF Chattanooga Chefs & Cooks Association: Contact Richmond Flowers at (423) 991-3687 or [rflowers@bradleyschools.org](mailto:rflowers@bradleyschools.org) for information.  
ACF Greater Memphis Chapter: [www.acfmemphis.com](http://www.acfmemphis.com)  
ACF Greater Smokey Mountain Chapter: Contact David Colburn, CEC, at (865) 679-1003 or [dhcjr57@gmail.com](mailto:dhcjr57@gmail.com) for information.  
ACF Middle Tennessee Chapter: [www.nashvillechefs.org](http://www.nashvillechefs.org)  
■ The next meeting, hosted by Tom Loftis CEC, CCE, is Jan. 17 at Nashville State Community College, 120 White Bridge Rd., Clements, Building C.  
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: Contact Steve Biery, CCC, at (434) 982-5115 or [biery-steve@aramark.com](mailto:biery-steve@aramark.com) for information.  
ACF Southwestern Virginia Chapter: [www.swvachefs.org](http://www.swvachefs.org)  
ACF Tidewater Chefs Chapter: [www.tidewateracf.org](http://www.tidewateracf.org)  
ACF Virginia Chefs Association: [www.vachefs.org](http://www.vachefs.org)  
Old Dominion ACF Chapter: Contact Mark W. Warren CEC, AAC, at (804) 961-5150 or [mark.w.warren@us.army.mil](mailto:mark.w.warren@us.army.mil) for information.  
New River Valley Chapter: Contact George Kruse, CCC, at (540) 998-1035 or [george@blacksburgcc.com](mailto:george@blacksburgcc.com) for information.

### **ACF-Sanctioned Culinary Competitions**

#### **January 7-8: ACF Triangle Chefs**

Site: The Art Institute of Raleigh-Durham, Durham, N.C.  
Chair: Robert E. Brantly, CEC; [rbrantly@nc.rr.com](mailto: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 12: Texas Chefs Association, Ben E. Keith**



Site: Lone Star Convention Center, Conroe, Texas  
Chair: Bernard Urban CEC, AAC, HOF; (832) 275-4169  
Categories: A-D

**January 13-15: ACF St. Augustine Chapter**

Site: First Coast Technical College, St. Augustine, Fla.  
Chair: David S. Bearl, CCE, ACE, AAC; [rotachef@yahoo.com](mailto:rotachef@yahoo.com); (904)669-1340  
Categories: A-D, F1, ST1 - Student Team Local Competition, SK9

**January 14: ACF Greater Indianapolis Chapter**

Site: The Chefs Academy, Indianapolis, IN  
Chair: Glen Brown, [chef@ccindianapolis.com](mailto:chef@ccindianapolis.com), (317) 590-2103  
Category: ST2 - Student Team State Competition

**January 14-16: ACF Fox Valley Chapter**

Site: Madison College, Madison, Wis.  
Chair: John G. Johnson CEC, CCE; [jjohnson@madison.edu](mailto:jjohnson@madison.edu); (608) 246-6707  
Categories: A- C, E1, F1, 2, ST2 - Student Team State Competition, K1-9, P1, 2

**January 16: ACF Chefs & Culinarians of San Diego**

Site: The International Culinary Schools, San, Diego, Calif.  
Chair: Laird Livingston CEC, CCE, AAC; [llivingston@aii.edu](mailto:llivingston@aii.edu); (858) 598-1281  
Categories: A-C, SA, SB, E3, 4, ST2- Student Team State Competition

**January 29: ACF Columbus Chapter**

Site: Columbus State Community College, Columbus, Ohio  
Chair: James Taylor CEC, ACE, AAC; [jtaylor@csc.edu](mailto:jtaylor@csc.edu); (614) 287-5061  
Category: ST2- Student Team State Competition

**February 5: ACF Chefs and Cooks of the Catskills Mountains**

Site: Monroe College Culinary Arts Center, New Rochelle, N.Y.  
Chair: Frank Costantino CEC, CCE, AAC; [fcostantino@monroecollege.edu](mailto:fcostantino@monroecollege.edu); (914) 632-8506  
Categories: ST2 - Student Team State Competition

**February 25-26: ACF Central Oregon High Desert**

Site: Cascade Culinary Institute, Bend, Ore.  
Chair: Jules Schmitz, [jschmitz@cocc.edu](mailto:jschmitz@cocc.edu), (541) 318-3780  
Category: ST2 - Student Team State Competition

**February 26-March 11: Old Dominion ACF Chapter**

Site: 16th Street B Avenue, Fort Lee, Va.  
Chair: CW4 Russell D. Campbell, [russell.campbell@us.army.mil](mailto:russell.campbell@us.army.mil), (804) 734-3274, [www.quartermaster.army.mil/jccoe](http://www.quartermaster.army.mil/jccoe)  
Categories: A-D; F1; 4; 5; ST1-Student Team Local Competition; ST2-Student Team State Competition; K1-9; SK1-9; P1; 2; H1-3; Wildcard Customized Category - 5 man team, 80 portions, 3 courses, four hour cook time; Wildcard Category - Nutritional Hot Food challenge - 2 man team, 4 portions, 2 courses, 2 hour cook time.

**February 28: ACF Santa Clara Valley Chapter**

Site: Portland Memorial Coliseum - Exhibit Hall, Portland, Ore.  
Chair: Jay Marshall CEC, AAC; [marshall@spartanshops.sjsu.edu](mailto:marshall@spartanshops.sjsu.edu); (408) 712-7119

**March 1-2: ACF Chefs Las Vegas**

Site: Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nev.  
Chair: Dale (Shag) Shigenaga, [dale.shigenaga@unlv.edu](mailto:dale.shigenaga@unlv.edu), (702) 895-3503, [www.catersource.com](http://www.catersource.com)  
Categories: A-D;E1-4; K4; Wildcard Category using K2 guidelines. Kurobuta 10-12 Bone Rack of Pork, sponsored by Snake River Farms; Wildcard Category using K1 guidelines. Turkey breast or thigh w/ Blueberries or Kiwi , sponsored by Butterball Turkey & Chilean Fresh Fruit; Wildcard Category using K1 guidelines. Chicken with Mascarpone or Ricotta, sponsored by Red Bird Farms & Lactalis-Galbani Cheese; Wildcard Category using K9 guidelines. Salmon with Madagascar Bourbon Pure Vanilla Bean Paste, sponsored by Royal Canadian Seafood & Nielsen-Massey; Wildcard Category using K3 guidelines. American Beef Top Blade (Bone-in), sponsored by Snake River Farms.

**April 16-17: Capital District - New York**

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

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

Categories: A-D, E1-4, F1, 2, 4, 5, 6, G, SG, K1-9, SK1-9, P1,2, SP1, 2

**April 16-17: ACF Greater Cincinnati Chapter**

Site: Midwest Culinary Institute, Cincinnati, Ohio

Chair: John Kinsella, CMC, [john.kinsella@cincinnatiastate.edu](mailto:john.kinsella@cincinnatiastate.edu); (513) 569-1664; [www.mciacf.org](http://www.mciacf.org)

Categories: A-D, SA-SD, E1-4, F1, K1-9, SK1-9, P1, 2, SP1, 2

**April 25: Central Maryland Chefs and Cooks Association**

Site: 7438 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie, Md.

Chair: John V. Johnson CEC, CCE, AAC; [jvjohnson1@aacc.edu](mailto:jvjohnson1@aacc.edu); (410) 777-1225;

<http://www.acfchefs.org/download/documents/Competitions/StudentTeamManual.pdf>

Category: SC, SK1-9, SP1

**May 23-24: ACF Birmingham Alabama Chapter**

Site: Wind Creek Casino & Hotel, Atmore, Ala.

Chair: Donnah Baptist, [dbaptist@pcigaming.com](mailto:dbaptist@pcigaming.com), (601) 497-1693

Categories: A-D, SA-SD, K1

