

SAVOR THE FLAVORS OF RHODE ISLAND

Frequently Asked Questions

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What is the Savor the Flavors of Rhode Island event?

Savor the Flavors is a food and beverage tasting event to benefit Special Olympics Rhode Island. With over 40 of Rhode Island's finest local restaurants, bakeries, breweries and distributors offering samples throughout the evening, your taste buds are in for a treat! Come with an appetite and ready to savor the best that the Ocean State has to offer. If you sample something you love, don't hesitate to go back for more. The event also features music and an exciting online and silent auction with unique items to bid on in-person or from home. This event is open to all food enthusiasts aged 21 and over.

When and where will the event take place?

Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 26! Savor the Flavors will be held at the beautiful and historic Rhodes on the Pawtuxet, located at 60 Rhodes Place, Cranston, RI. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for VIP ticket holders and at 6:30 p.m. for general admission, with the event wrapping up by 9:00 p.m. The venue offers plenty of free parking, with complimentary valet service for VIPs.

What are the ticket prices and what do they include?

- General Admission: \$75 per person. Includes access to over 40 vendor tables, unlimited tastings, and entry to the online and silent auction.
- VIP Admission: \$150 per person. Includes early entry (one hour before general admission), first access to vendors and the in-person auction, complimentary valet parking, access to the VIP lounge with champagne, and a VIP gift bag.

How do I purchase tickets and what should I expect after buying them?

Tickets are available for purchase online at give.specialolympicsri.org/ge/24savor. Upon purchasing, you'll receive a confirmation email. There's no need for a physical ticket – simply check in at the registration table on the day of the event by providing your name. Please note, tickets will not be sold at the door.

What's the vibe – formal or casual?

This is a fun, casual event – no need for formal attire! There will be seating and plenty of high-top tables, but we encourage you to move around, mingle, and enjoy the evening with fellow Special Olympics Rhode Island supporters, friends, and athletes.

What should I wear?

We recommend business casual attire – something comfortable yet stylish, so you can relax and savor the evening.

Can you tell me more about the auction?

We're thrilled to introduce a new twist to our event this year! The auction, with both online and in-person bidding, features an exciting collection of 10 signature items valued between \$500 and \$2,500, plus 30 additional items ranging from \$50 to \$450. Some items will be packaged as part of a getaway or culinary experience. The online auction opens on September 1, and instructions on how to register and participate will be sent out a few days prior. The silent auction takes place during Savor the Flavors on September 26, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

What if I can't attend the event? How can I still support the cause?

Even if you can't join us in person, you can still make a difference! The online auction allows you to participate from anywhere. Watch your email and our social media channels for details on how to register and bid. You can also support our athletes by making a cash donation of any amount – simply scan the QR code below or visit give.specialolympicsri.org/ge/24savor.

**How do the proceeds from Savor the Flavors benefit Special Olympics Rhode Island athletes?**

Your generosity directly impacts the lives of our athletes by funding year-round sports training, competitions, leadership, and health programs – all at no cost to them or their families. Your support truly makes a difference!