

# SAVOR THE FLAVORS OF RHODE ISLAND

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Special Olympics**  
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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 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](https://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 – an exciting in-person silent auction and a fabulous online auction!

The online auction, open to everyone, went live on September 1 and will remain open until 8 p.m. on September 26, the night of the event. You can participate in our online auction, featuring an exciting collection of 12 signature items valued between \$500 and \$2,500, from anywhere.

The silent auction, featuring nearly 40 items valued from \$50 to \$450, takes place during Savor the Flavors on September 26, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This auction is for event attendees.

### **How do I register and participate in the Online Auction?**

You can either [purchase a ticket](#) to attend the event in-person or register to bid in the online-only auction. Both options get you a Bidder Number, which you will need if you want to bid in the online auction. If you have already purchased a ticket, the system has already assigned you a Bidder Number; you do not need to register again. You will find the Bidder Number in the event confirmation you received when you purchased your ticket. If you do not know your bidder number, email [info@specialolympicsri.org](mailto:info@specialolympicsri.org) and we will give it to you.

#### **In-Person:**

- Click on one of the ticket options (General Admission or VIP.)
- Follow the steps to purchase your tickets.
- Once you have completed your purchase, you will receive a confirmation email that will include your Bidder Number.

#### **Online Only (you are not attending in-person):**

- Click on the button that says, "Register for online auction only!"
- Fill out the required information.
- Once you have completed the form, you will receive a confirmation email that will include your Bidder Number.
- A credit card is required to register and will only be charged should you successfully win an auction item.

#### **To Bid:**

- Click on the item you would like to bid on.
- Click "PLACE BID."
- You will be asked for your Bidder Number. You will find this in the event confirmation you received when you bought your tickets or registered for the auction only. If you do not know your bidder number, email [info@specialolympicsri.org](mailto:info@specialolympicsri.org) and we will give it to you.
- Once you have your Bidder Number, click "Yes, I have a Bidder Number."
- Enter the Bid Amount and your Bidder Number, and then click Confirm bid.
- You can easily monitor your bids by returning to the event's homepage, where all items are listed.

### **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.

You can also support our athletes by making a cash donation of any amount—simply scan the QR code on the following page or visit [give.specialolympicsri.org/ge/24savor](https://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!