

2012 Tucson Greek Festival

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A couple of months ago, we told you to plan ahead for the Tucson Greek Festival and it is finally here! September 20-23 is one of Tucson's most beloved events, warning Tucsonans that the official end to a hot summer is near. Here is what the event has in store for guests this year!



For most guests, the delectable traditional Greek food is a main attraction. This year, the Greek Festival will not disappoint. Popular eats include Souvlaki, Saganaki Flambè, Spanakopita, Baklava, and more. Live music, dancing, cooking demonstrations, and activities for all ages are also part of the fun.

While members of St. Demetrios Church will be preparing food for weeks in anticipation of the festival, the newly expanded Greek Market will be preparing locally made Greek Spice Blends and Ribs, homemade hummus, and fresh Greek salads. Imported products like Greek coffee, "Brikis," Greek candies, and more will also be available at the market.

The festival will also feature, as previously reported, Greek music groups and the award-winning Panathenian Dancers, making the event much more than just good food.

General admission to the event is \$3 per person per day. Children 12 and under and active duty military with ID are free. Four-day passes can be purchased for \$5 each. Help out the Community Food Bank by bringing in a canned good and receive a \$1 coupon for the food line. The event is from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday, 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Free parking and shuttle services are available.

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