

## Cinco de Mayo Celebrations

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With Cinco de Mayo just around the corner, our salsa and tequila cravings are on the rise. Enjoy this festive holiday—and indulge in delish Mexican eats—at one of these Valley celebrations.

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### Third Annual Cinco de Mayo Salsa Festival and Challenge at el Pedregal

On May 2, from 12 to 3 p.m., el pedregal will hosts its third annual Cinco de Mayo Salsa Festival and Challenge. Event goers can expect to taste salsa from several Valley restaurants, get their fill of Partida Tequila and Mexican food, and check out performances by Mariachi Chihuahua de Jose Lopez and Ballet Folklorico junior dancers. [www.elpedregal.com](http://www.elpedregal.com).

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### Los Sombreros Mexican Café & Cantina Happy Hour

Los Sombreros Mexican Café & Cantina in Scottsdale, known for its authentic Mexican food from central and southern Mexico, will be offering its guests \$5 happy hour food and drink specials, including sangria, margaritas, tamales, black bean-queso fundido and tacos. Happy hour is from 5 to 9 p.m. only at the bar. 480.994.1799, [www.lossombreros.com](http://www.lossombreros.com).

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### **Holiday Martinis at Wildfish Seafood Grille, Roaring Fork and Eddie V's Edgewater Grille**

Special Cinco de Mayo sips will be available at Wildfish Seafood Grille, Roaring Fork and Eddie V's Edgewater Grille from May 3 through 9. Stop in for the taste bud-tantalizing Elderberry Martini and Madras Crush (both \$12). Each cocktail highlights Cinco de Mayo's signature colors and flavors. [www.eddiev.com](http://www.eddiev.com).



### **Cadillac Ranch South of the Border Specials**

From 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. on May 5, Tempe Marketplace's Cadillac Ranch will dish up south-of-the-border food and drink specials (\$3 frozen margaritas, \$3 Sauza gold tequila, \$9 grilled burritos and more). Live entertainment and dancing is also on tap. 480.894.1111, [www.cadillacranchgroup.com](http://www.cadillacranchgroup.com).

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### Taco-Eating Championship at Sandbar

On May 2 and 3, the beachy keen Sandbar will have plenty to see and do to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. The weekend festivities will include competitive dodgeball tournaments, a taco-eating championship (there's an \$800 prize at stake), a bikini contest, Chihuahua racing, live local bands, Sandbar's Mexican eats and killer drink specials to wash it all down. [www.sandbaraz.com](http://www.sandbaraz.com).

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### Choco Loco Cupcakes at Sprinkles

Scottsdale's Sprinkles Cupcakes is putting a sweet spin on Cinco de Mayo. From May 1 through 5, Sprinkles will offer Mexican-inspired Choco Loco cupcakes. Each dark chocolate cupcake is topped with bittersweet chocolate and Mexican cinnamon frosting. Lastly, each treat is crowned with a festive green and red modern dot. The limited-edition Choco Loco cupcakes are \$3.25 each or \$36 for a dozen. 480.970.4321, [www.sprinklescupcakes.com](http://www.sprinklescupcakes.com).