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Baconfest Opens Father's Day Weekend June 18 & 19th **Guy Fieri from Diner's Drive-ins & Dives Emcees Cooking Contests**

Lathrop, California- Baconfest at Dell'Osso Family Farm in Lathrop opens their inaugural celebration of America's Mightiest Meat on Saturday and Sunday, June 18 & 19th over Father's Day Weekend.

Guy Fieri, Chef, restaurateur & TV host of *Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives*, emcees the weekend's bacon-obsessed "Mystery Basket" cook-off competitions for top honors and prizes awarded by Celebrity judges. The Amateur bacon cooking contest is on Saturday, June 18th and the Professional bacon cooking contest is Sunday, June 19th. The daily schedule calls for Round One competitions from 12 noon to 1:15pm and the Final Cooking Competitions from 2:15-3:30 respectively each day.

Amateur and Professional finalists alike will participate in a live cook-off competition using a "Mystery Basket" format. All ingredients in the Mystery Basket will be provided for the contestants. On stage the contestant(s) will need to create a dish using the ingredients in the basket. The four Round One Semi Finalists will go on stage with Guy Fieri and a host of celebrity judges and two will be chosen to go to the final round. From the two Final contestants, one contestant or winning team will be chosen as the winner of Baconfest's Inaugural Bacon Cook-offs. Dishes will be judged on: creative use of bacon, taste and presentation.

The Amateur winner(s) will receive a trophy and \$3,000 and the winner of the Professional Cooking Contest will receive a trophy and prize package trip to Napa, including guest accommodations at the Villagio Inn and Spa in Yountville and dinner for two at the world famous French Laundry restaurant.

In addition, the Bacon Eating Contest for Amateurs is 1:15-2:15 pm on Saturday, June 18th and the Professional Bacon Eating Contest is on 1:15-2:15 pm on Sunday, June 19th. The Amateur Competitors will compete for trophies and bragging rights and the Professional Competition will have top national eaters competing for a \$4,000 total cash purse with 1st Prize - \$2,000; 2nd Prize - \$1,000; 3rd Prize - \$500; 4th prize- \$350 and 5th Prize - \$150.

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All food contests will be on the unique T.R.U.C.K.!™ Stage (Traveling Restaurant Ultimate Competition Kitchen), the most advanced, interactive, mobile competition kitchen in the world. At 70 feet long, it has two custom competition kitchens, a massive 18-foot media wall covered in HD, LFD screens, and two sets of interactive displays that flank a theater-like stage used for live culinary demonstrations.

<https://baconfest.com/truck-main-food-stage/>

There are 18 live bands on two stages, bacon eating contests, Sysco cooking demonstrations, and dozens of gourmet Bacon Alley Food Vendors all featuring Sunnyvalley Smoked Meat's popular bacon.

There are daily schedules for continuous [live entertainment](#) on both the Baconfest Main Music and Bacon Alley Music stages.

And there are 20 popular microbrews, the Best Bloody Mary contest, the unique Sunnyvalley Bacon Bar, the Mid Valley Car Show and 100 one-of-a-kind artisan crafts and products for sale.

Baconfest is family-oriented and has free fun kids' activities like the Dell'Osso Express Train, Kids' Ferris Wheel and Roller Coaster, Spinning Pumpkin and Bounce Pillows, the Dell'Osso Pedal Car Speedway and two kids' play areas.

Tickets are available online at www.baconfest.com for \$25 for adults, \$12.50 for kids 6-14 and 5 & under are free. Gates open 9a-8p Saturday & 9a-6p Sunday. Free parking.

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Guy Fieri, Emcee - Chef, Restaurateur, Author and Host of Diners, Drive-ins & Dives, [appearing on stage both days.](#)