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Alpharetta Convention and Visitors Bureau Invites Visitors to "Experience Awesome Epicurean Cuisine" In Alpharetta New campaign includes a gourmet getaway giveaway

ALPHARETTA, Ga. – Whether checking out one of the 200+ restaurants, learning how to create mouthwatering dishes at one of Alpharetta's cooking schools, picking up some fresh produce at the farmer's market or scoping out a local festival, visitors will see why Alpharetta is a foodie's paradise. Epicureans around the country are quickly putting Alpharetta at the top of their list of places to visit.



Alpharetta's Culinary Scene

Alpharetta is constantly adding new and innovative restaurants to the dining scene. Recently restaurants such as <u>Coalition Food & Beverage</u>, <u>Restaurant</u> <u>Holmes</u> and <u>King Barbecue</u> opened to eager, hungry crowds. Craft beer connoisseurs can grab a refreshing brew at the new <u>Currahee Brewing Company</u>, which opened its doors in downtown Alpharetta in May 2018.

"Alpharetta is home to a growing number of locally-owned and chef-driven restaurants, making it a true culinary destination," said Janet Rodgers, president and CEO of the Alpharetta Convention and Visitors Bureau. "Our reputation and increasing popularity as a shopping and dining scene is the result of the eclectic retail stores and the diversity of food that can be exclusively found in Alpharetta."

All About the Experience

From food trucks to food festivals, Alpharetta adds flavor and flare to traditional dining with a heightened fun factor. For the most fun and best food found on

four wheels, visitors can venture to <u>Food Truck Alley</u> from 5-9 p.m. every Thursday April through October. Even more mobile eateries can be found downtown year-round at <u>Truck & Tap</u>. Truck & Tap specializes in hosting the best food trucks and offers guests a refreshing beverage menu uniquely catered to the rotating list of food truck vendors on site.

Festivals are a way of life in Alpharetta. These annual events provide fun, family-friendly things for locals to do in their own backyard while giving guests a taste of what Alpharetta has to offer in one convenient location. And whether it's a food-focused event like the <u>Taste of Alpharetta</u> (May 2, 2019) or a cultural smorgasbord at the <u>Atlanta International Night Market</u> (Oct 5-7, 2018) or a musical must-see like the

Wire & Wood Alpharetta Songwriters Festival (October 12-13, 2018), festival goers are going to eat well at any festival in town.

Cooking Schools Galore in Alpharetta

Alpharetta offers a variety of cooking experiences from celebrity chef demonstrations to basic knife skills – all the way to mastering international cuisine. Courses are anywhere from 45 minutes to 2 hours and are geared towards adults, teens and kids. Alpharetta's four cooking schools include:

- <u>Publix Aprons Alpharetta Cooking School</u> This culinary school is the only one-of-its-kind in the state of Georgia featuring hands-on experiences from one of Publix Aprons master chef teachers.
- <u>Salud! Cooking at Whole Foods Avalon</u> Learn from some of Georgia's most exciting chefs, artisans and authors as they walk students through cooking and wine courses.
- <u>Sur La Table at North Point Mall</u> Sur la Table offers 45-minute or two hour cooking experiences from grilling to seasonal treats to French crepes and more.
- <u>Williams Sonoma at Avalon</u>- Williams Sonoma's cooking specialists show attendees some of their favorite tips and techniques by preparing and sampling delicious dishes.

Alpharetta Culinary Experiences on The Horizon

Even more is coming soon to the Alpharetta culinary scene. The 26-acre <u>Alpharetta City Center</u>, most opening Fall 2018, is bringing 105,000 square feet of restaurants and retail to downtown Alpharetta. Restaurants preparing to call City Center home include <u>Citizen Soul</u>, <u>Chiringa</u>, <u>Highland Bakery</u>, <u>Jinya Ramen Bar</u>, <u>Lapeer</u>, <u>Never Enough Thyme</u>, and <u>SHADE Street Food and Bar</u>.

In 2019, Alpharetta will also celebrate the opening of <u>The Daily</u>, a dining development adding 14,000 square feet of culinary and restaurant space. Inspired by popular Atlanta food halls, The Daily will be a great spot for breakfast, brunch, lunch, happy hour, dinner and entertainment in Alpharetta. Two renowned names have already signed on to join The Daily: King of Pops Bar and Biscuit Love.

For more information on the culinary scene in Alpharetta, please visit <u>www.awesomealpharetta.com</u>.

Enter to win a "A Gourmet Getaway to Alpharetta, GA":

Enter to win a culinary weekend getaway! Prize package includes:

- Two-night, one-room weekend stay at Embassy Suites by Hilton Atlanta Alpharetta
- Registration for two adults to one hands-on cooking experience at each of Alpharetta's four cooking schools:
 - Publix Aprons Cooking School Alpharetta
 - Salud! Cooking at Whole Foods Avalon
 - o Sur la Table at North Point Mall
 - o <u>Williams Sonoma at Avalon</u>

Total prize package valued at approximately \$800. Those who enter must be 18 years old or older. Promotion ends October 31, 2018. For official rules and to enter, visit <u>www.awesomealpharetta.com</u>.

Alpharetta Convention and Visitors Bureau

The Alpharetta Convention and Visitors Bureau serves as the official destination marketing organization for the city of Alpharetta, Ga. Recently named "One of the South's Friendliest Cities" by *Southern Living Magazine* and "One of the Best Places to Visit in Georgia" by Vacationidea.com, Alpharetta is conveniently located just 22 miles north of Atlanta. For more information call 678.297.2811 or visit <u>awesomealpharetta.com</u>.