



Taste of College Park 2026

Held at The Great Southern Box Co. Food Hall & Bar
Thursday, November 5th, 2026, from 6pm to 9pm

After rave reviews last year, we are headed back to The Great Southern Box Company for our **2026 Taste of College Park!** Our event has three main goals; provide an amazing experience for attendees, shine a spotlight on the great restaurants in our community, and, most importantly, raise money that is infused directly into our own community.

By participating as a Tasting or Beverage Station host for the Taste of College Park 2026, your restaurant will receive the following benefits:

- Your restaurant's logo will be included on event marketing materials including:
 - Rotary Club of College Park Facebook and Instagram pages. Last year our social media advertising had a reach of over 618,000 views within 5 miles of College Park between our media blitz period of August 1st to the event day. Our social media marketing budget is going up even **more** this year!
 - Taste of College Park Event Page and Eventbrite Page (over 14,000 interactions)
 - Taste of College Park auction website. Each listing will link to your restaurant's website if preferred.
 - Rotary Club of College Park website (www.rotarycollegepark.org).
- Your restaurant will have the opportunity to use the **Taste of College Park 2026** logo on all external and internal communications for marketing purposes.

As a participating restaurant of the Taste of College Park 2026, your restaurant agrees to:

- Prepare three cuisine samples for 500 guests at the event on **November 5th, 2026**, and fully staff and provide necessary equipment for your tasting station.
- Be set up at The Great Southern Box Co. Food Hall & Bar by 5:30pm on November 5th, 2026.
- Donate a minimum of two \$50 (retail value) gift cards to be auctioned during the online/silent auction. The online/silent auction begins 30 days before the event and ends on the night of **Taste of College Park 2026**.
- Display a **Taste of College Park 2026** poster in your restaurant for the month leading up to the event and distribute rack cards to your customers at a point of sale (cash register or guest check holder).
- **Provide logo art in the following format: 1) Vector art (Illustrator file); 2) Fonts converted to outlines. 3) File saved as .ai, .eps, or .pdf (original file must be vector).**
- **Provide your Facebook or Instagram profile name for us to tag you in marketing and event posts.**
- Attend one of the mandatory walk throughs at The Great Southern Box Co. in October 2026. The dates and times will be provided. Gift cards will be collected at this time.

Publix Super Market at College Park generously donates napkins, plates, and plastic silverware for use at your tasting station. Your restaurant will be provided with at least one 8ft table (more can be requested) and are encouraged to decorate your table and provide marketing material. Decorations must be approved by the Taste of College Park restaurants committee. This is meant to be a fun night out in the community, so we ask that you refrain from displaying any political or religious affiliated text or pictures at your station.

If you are interested in your organization having a Gourmet Tasting or Beverage station, please submit this form via email to Liz Allport, elizabethallport@hotmail.com to request a place at this event. **Please include logo artwork.**

Business Name: _____

Primary Contact Name: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Contact Email: _____

Instagram: _____ Facebook: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

The proceeds from this event go to our partner charities:

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Florida - a home away from home for families whose children are hospitalized during a medical crisis.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library - in cooperation with the Dollywood Foundation. Since 2012, RCCP has provided over 65,000 free books to children from birth to five years of age in nearby zip codes.

Christian Service Center of Central Florida – dedicated to preventing homelessness and combating poverty in our community.

One Heart for Women and Children – to provide assistance to Central Florida families in crisis.

Student of the Month Program/Scholarships - honoring students from four local schools in College Park each month and providing over \$5,000 annually in scholarships.

The Rotary Club of College Park believes that exemplifying and embracing diversity and inclusion should be a part of everything we do. We ask and encourage all our participants to respect this commitment as part of their participation with the Taste of College Park.

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