



January 5, 2026

The Boys and Girls Club of the Heartland is excited to announce Thursday, May 14, 2026, will be the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of the Town event. This event will bring the best restaurants, caterers and beverage vendors in our area together for attendees to sample their favorite dishes and drinks. The event will be held at the Black River Coliseum beginning at 5:00 p.m. for Early Bird Attendees, 6:00 p.m. to everyone.

**Per the Butler County Health Department ALL VENDORS MUST BE SET UP AND READY BY 3:00PM with ONE member of your team for a brief walk through inspection**

We sincerely hope you will be a part of this premier event to benefit the Boys and Girls Club of the Heartland. The event is one of the most unique events in our area. With a relaxed atmosphere and casual dress, it can fit everyone's idea of a great time. Booth space is absolutely free, as we want to provide the best opportunity for you to showcase your specialty.

As a participating vendor, you will be asked to do the following:

- Vendors are encouraged to wear gloves when serving.
- Provide sample(s) of your food and/or beverage specialties to serve 700 people.
- Provide basic equipment necessary to heat, store and prepare/serve your samples.
- Provide a washing facility for your space
- Provide a 10x10 Tent to cover booth space
- Provide a 10x10 tarp for floor covering
- Provide up to 4 staff to maintain your booth (Badges will be provided) Additional staff will need to purchase a ticket.
- Decorate your booth (Theme TBD)
- Provide a gift card for your establishment/services to be used in auction baskets to help raise funds the night of the event.

Again this year, we will have a committee of judges to vote on your booth presentation/theme and over-all presentation. The traveling trophy will be awarded to THE BEST IN TOWN that you can proudly showcase for all to see!

The following will be provided for you:

- A 10x10 booth
- Two (2) 8-foot tables

To participate, please complete the enclosed Vendor Participation Form and email to [events@bgcpb.org](mailto:events@bgcpb.org) or mail to PO Box 55, Poplar Bluff, MO 63902. If you have any questions, please contact Robbie or Kat at the Boys & Girls Club at 573-776-1690. A member of the Taste of the Town committee will be contacting vendors soon regarding involvement for this year's event.

We look forward to your participation and appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Boys & Girls Club of the Heartland



## 2026 – Vendor Participation Form

Date: May 14, 2026

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

(Early Bird Attendees 5 - 6pm: Use this for specialty items and only serve to these attendees 200 MAX)

(Doors Open at 6:00 pm for everyone else)

Place: Black River Coliseum

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Please provide a brief description of the food and/or beverage you will be providing:

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Please include any additional information you feel may help us, as we plan to set up for the event:

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Is this your first time to participate in Taste of the Town? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Do you require electric? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Would you be willing to display a poster at your business prior to the event promoting your presence as a vendor at the event? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Please email or mail your completed form to:

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