



2016 Gilroy Garlic Festival
July 29, 30, and 31, 2016
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Champions for Charity to Compete at 2016 Gilroy Garlic Festival

April 7, 2016 (Gilroy, CA): New for the 2016, the “Champions for Charity” challenge at the Gilroy Garlic Festival will feature teams of local first responder heroes competing in a three-round cooking challenge to win \$3,000 for the charity of their choice. This exciting competition will take place on Friday, July 29 on the Great Garlic Cook-Off Stage.

Four teams of two will be selected to compete on Friday, July 29, 2016, at the Gilroy Garlic Festival. Teams will compete in three elimination rounds including Appetizer, Entrée, and Dessert. A panel of judges will evaluate taste, creativity, appearance and use of garlic to determine who will be moving on to the next round. The winning team will be awarded \$3,000 to donate to a charity of their choice.

Dawn Stoll-Davis, Co-Chair of the 2016 Gilroy Garlic Festival Recipe Contest Committee, said, “We are really excited to have a new cooking contest at this year’s Festival and know our local champions will rise to the challenge! It should be a fun day of intense competition—all for a great cause.”

Local firefighters, police officers, and EMTs are encouraged to apply for this first-time event. Both parties competing must be non-professional chefs. Online applications can be found at www.gilroygarlicfestival.com and must be submitted by May 1, 2016.

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About the Gilroy Garlic Festival

The 38th Annual Gilroy Garlic Festival will be held July 29, 30, and 31, 2016, at Christmas Hill Park in Gilroy, California. Presented by Raley's, Bel Air, and Nob Hill Foods, this annual event draws tens of thousands of guests from around the world for a three-day celebration of great garlicky food, live entertainment, and fun for the whole family. For more information, see www.gilroygarlicfestival.com.