

2016 Gilroy Garlic Festival  
July 29, 30, and 31, 2016  
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## 2016 GILROY GARLIC FESTIVAL MEDIA FACT SHEET

**WHAT:** The 38<sup>th</sup> annual Gilroy Garlic Festival is the world's ultimate summer food fair, featuring three full days of great garlicky food, live entertainment, cooking contests, arts & crafts, and fun for the whole family.

**WHEN:** Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
July 29, 30 and 31, 2016  
10 am – 7 pm (Gates close at 6 pm)

**WHERE:** Christmas Hill Park in Gilroy, California  
(30 miles south of San Jose)

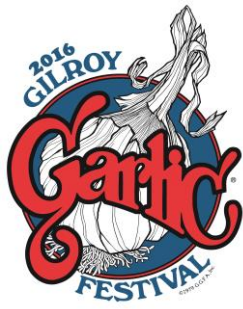
**SPONSOR:** Presented by Raley's, Bel Air, and Nob Hill Foods

**TICKETS:** General Admission \$20  
Child/Senior \$15 (Children 6-12 or Seniors 60+)  
Children under 6 FREE  
Active Duty Military \$15 (must show ID at gate)  
Parking \$10

Purchase advance tickets online at [gilroygarlicfestival.com](http://gilroygarlicfestival.com) or at any participating Raley's, Bel Air, or Nob Hill Foods stores

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## FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS



### Gourmet Alley

The heart of the Gilroy Garlic Festival is the world-famous **Gourmet Alley**. In this gigantic outdoor kitchen, the “Pyro Chefs” put on a spectacular flame-up show while preparing garlic-laced calamari and scampi in huge iron skillets—while volunteers prepare other garlicky festival favorites.



### Live Entertainment

Gilroy Garlic Festival visitors enjoy the sounds of live rock ‘n roll, country, jazz, blues, reggae, swing, and more on three entertainment stages.



### Cooking Contests & Demonstrations

On Friday, first responder heroes battle in the new **Champions for Charity** event. On Saturday, amateur cooks compete in the **Great Garlic Cook-Off**. Professional chefs take the stage on Sunday for the iron chef-style **Garlic Showdown**. And BBQ pros and amateurs will compete in the new **Gilroy Garlic-Que BBQ Challenge** on Saturday and Sunday.



### Arts & Crafts Vendors

The **Arts & Crafts** areas showcase a colorful variety of unique, high-quality handmade creations from over 100 artists.

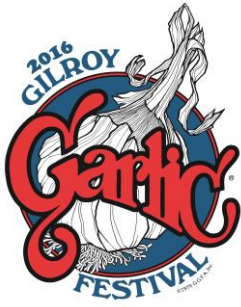


### Fun for the Whole Family

Kids of all ages enjoy lots of fun rides, games, and hands-on activities in the **Children’s Area**.

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## WHAT'S ON THE MENU

### GOURMET ALLEY – THE HEART OF THE GILROY GARLIC FESTIVAL

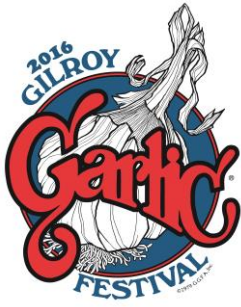
- Garlic Calamari
- Garlic Scampi
- Pasta con Pesto
- Pepper Steak Sandwich
- Stuffed Mushrooms
- Italian Sausage Sandwich
- Zesty Garlic Fried Calamari
- Garlic Fries
- Garlic Bread
- Combo Plates

### THROUGHOUT CHRISTMAS HILL PARK

- BBQ Oysters
- Cajun Crawdads
- Blackened Shrimp & Rice
- Chicken & Sausage Jambalaya
- Cajun Fried Catfish
- Roasted Garlic Chicken Quesadillas
- BBQ Ribs & Turkey Drumsticks
- Garlic Watermelon
- Key Lime Calamari
- Garlic Veggie Wrap
- Gyros
- Garlic Chocolate
- Garlic Kettlecorn
- Lumpia
- Garlic Crab Fries
- Vegetarian Falafel Platter
- Garlic Sauteed Mussels
- Philly Cheesesteak
- Sweet Potato Fries
- Fried Chicken Strips with Garlic Sauce
- Gator, Buffalo, or Kangaroo on a Stick
- Bubble Tea Tapioca

### ...AND DON'T FORGET THE GARLIC ICE CREAM!

Your trip to the Gilroy Garlic Festival is not complete until you've tried the garlic ice cream! Free samples of garlic soft-serve ice cream are available at the OLAM booth on the Park Side.



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## WHAT'S NEW IN 2016

- **Champions for Charity**

The all-new Champions for Charity event will feature teams of local first responder heroes (firefighters, police officers, and EMTs) 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.

- **Gilroy Garli-Que BBQ Challenge**

New for 2016, the Gilroy Garli-Que Challenge is really two BBQ contests rolled into one great weekend. On Saturday, July 30, seasoned professional competitors will face off in the Gilroy Garli-Que BBQ Challenge, officially sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbeque Society (KCBS). Sunday, July 31 will be the Gilroy Garli-Que Backyard BBQ Rib Challenge, open to amateur grillers and local residents who want to show off their very best garlicky rib recipes.

- **SakaBozzo's Last Stand**

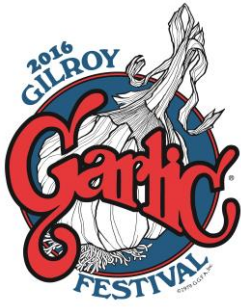
For the last 25 years, Gene Sakahara and Sam Bozzo have been delighting Festival audiences with their unique blend of cooking and comedy (all accented with plenty of garlic, of course!). Sakahara and Bozzo both served as Gilroy Garlic Festival presidents in the 1990s and have represented the Festival on countless radio, TV, and live appearances around the country and the world. Although Gene and Sam will continue serving as garlic ambassadors and cooking up fun at the Gourmet Alley Demonstration Stage, the tireless "twins separated at birth" will make their final appearance together on the Great Garlic Cook-Off Stage on Friday morning, July 29.

- **KRTY Brings Hot Country Acts to Amphitheater Stage**

Continuing the tradition of introducing some of country music's hottest new acts at the Gilroy Garlic Festival, 95.3 KRTY has an amazing lineup planned for Saturday (July 30) on the Amphitheater Stage, including Brooke Eden ("Daddy's Money"), Drew Baldrige ("Dance With Ya"), and The Lost Bandoleros ("Where Do You Go?").

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## FUN FESTIVAL FACTS

- Each year, Garlic Festival visitors consume more than 2 tons of fresh garlic from Gilroy's own Christopher Ranch
- Average annual attendance: nearly 100,000
- Total attendance since 1979: 4,216,918
- Over 4,000 volunteers work each year on behalf of over 140 non-profit groups in Gilroy and surrounding communities
- Since 1979, the Festival Association has awarded \$ 10,931,725 to community non-profit organizations