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FIFTH ANNUAL TASTE OF IDAHO TO BE HELD IN BOISE

State's Largest Idaho Food and Wine Fest Scheduled for Sept.12

BOISE, Idaho (September 1, 2009) – Fresh peaches, pears, apples and grapes; flavorful huckleberry jams and syrups, Idaho beef, fresh-baked breads, locally grown plants, and award-winning wines are just a few of the unique local products to be enjoyed at the fifth annual [Taste of Idaho](#) on Saturday, Sept. 12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Qwest Arena in Boise.

One of Idaho's premier culinary events, Taste of Idaho features the state's best food and wine, along with amazing chef demonstrations and samples of award-winning recipes. Admission is \$5 for food sampling and \$5 for a wine or beer sampling glass. Children under 12 are free. Tickets are available at the door.

While sampling a delicious array of local foods, festival goers can watch four local chefs prepare their award-winning recipes in the second annual Taste of Idaho Chef's Competition. The chefs include Chris Zahn of the Arid Club who will be presenting the Best of Lamb and Best Fruit First Course winning recipes. David Knickrehm of Texas Boogie Bar and Grill will be preparing the Best of Beef and Best of Trout recipes. Chris McDonald, also of the Arid Club will prepare the Best of Pork and Best Vegetarian Entrée, and Jason Jones of Texas Boogie Bar and Grill will prepare his award winning potato dessert. From 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., these chefs will demonstrate their recipes and then make them available for sampling. Each chef will be teamed up with a local winery and pair their all-Idaho dishes with great local wines.

Taste of Idaho is sponsored by Idaho Preferred[®], Albertsons, SYSCO and Peak Broadcasting. For more information about Taste of Idaho and the Idaho Preferred[®] program, visit www.idahopreferred.com or contact Leah Clark at Leah.clark@agri.idaho.gov, or 332-8684.

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