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15TH ANNUAL CHOWDERFEST TO BE HELD IN SARATOGA COUNTY, NY

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. – Enjoy some winter fun and some great food at the 15th Annual Chowderfest (part of the 16th annual Winter Weekend) held in Saratoga Springs, NY on Saturday, February 2, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – the event is coordinated by the Saratoga Convention and Tourism Bureau. Discounted hotel specials and enter to win survey are available at www.discoversaratoga.org/chowderfest.

Visitors can pick up a ballot and taste chowders from over 60 participating establishments and vote for their favorite. Each sample of chowder is \$1, and is paid directly to the establishment. Valid ballots need 5 stickers from participating businesses and can be turned in to the Saratoga Springs Visitor Center or the Saratoga Springs City Center. For an additional \$10, Chowderfest attendees can take home an official long-sleeve Chowderfest T-shirt with a completed ballot. Winners will be announced in front of the Saratoga Springs City Center at 6:30 p.m. on the day of the event.

New for 2013: An additional Chowderfest Award has been added called “Best Chowder-under 1,000 bowls served”!

In an effort to be more environmentally friendly, a limited number of official Chowderfest “CHUGS” (reusable mug/lid/spoon combination) are being sold at Children's Museum of Saratoga, Crafters Gallery - Fine Art Fine Crafts, Franklin Community Center, Gaffney's Restaurant, Impressions of Saratoga, Malika International Boutique, Inc., Mountainman Saratoga Outfitters, and the Saratoga Hilton Gift shop - The Brewing Boutique for \$10.00 each!

Visitors can also bring their four-legged family members as there are participants serving dog chowder. The popular Dog Chow Down will take place at 1:00 p.m. at the Saratoga Downtowner Motel. One of Mayor Johnson's dogs will be on hand to pick the winning chowder!

For a second year in a row, Radio Disney will be coming to Chowderfest! Radio Disney will be in the Ben & Jerry's parking lot at 34 Phila Street from 1-3 p.m. Bring your little Chowderhounds to rock out to the sounds of Disney, play games and shake their winter blues away. Radio Disney is sponsored by Allerdice Rent-All and Ben & Jerry's of Saratoga.

Enjoy music from Star 101.3 at the Saratoga Springs Visitor Center from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. then ESPN 104.5 from 1:30-4:00 p.m. Eclectic Songs will be at the Saratoga Downtowner Motel parking lot from 10:30-1:30 p.m., GNA 107.7 from 1:45-3:00 p.m. then PopCrush 105.7 from 3:00-4:30 p.m. The Hot 99.1 street team will be on Henry Street from 12-3 p.m. Fly 92 will be at the top of Caroline Street from 12:30-4 p.m., WEQX 102.7 from 1-3 p.m. at the Saratoga Springs City Center, and the always entertaining DJ Tim from Capital Disc Jockeys with prizes at the Saratoga Springs City Center from 3:30-7:00 p.m. Additional entertainment and event information is available on the website.

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Chowderfest is an event that takes place during the 16th Annual Winter Weekend, February 1 - 3, 2013. For a list of participating restaurant, Winter Weekend events and further details, visit www.discoversaratoga.org/chowderfest or call 518-584-1531

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