

# 8th Annual A Taste of Huntington Beach April 20, 2008



HUNTINGTON BEACH  
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## Overview

The 8th annual “A Taste of Huntington Beach” is serving up more than its usual 45 restaurants to nibble from. On Sunday, April 20, this premier food event will be held at the Huntington Beach Sports Complex located at 18100 Goldenwest St., Huntington Beach. The change of venue was needed because the event, which draws close to 2,000 people, simply outgrew its Grand Ballroom home at the Hyatt Huntington Beach Spa & Resort.

“Most major food events are held outside because of their popularity,” said Ron McClin, president of the Huntington Beach Restaurant Association, the group mainly responsible for producing the food fest. Still, the major hitters will be there like Shades Restaurant from the Hilton, The Longboard, Duke’s, as well as Lugatti’s, who was last year’s “Best Taste” award recipient. New restaurant additions to date include Rubio’s and Martini Blues. The public unveiling of the former Chimayo at the Beach change to Savanna At The Beach will also be of interest. Additionally, the City of Huntington Beach will offer plenty of free parking.

The Sports Complex is more central for most people to converge, restaurants to participate, and the major charity – the Children’s Library is just across the way.

Ticket prices remain the same at \$50 presale until April 6; \$60 thereafter until sold out. The all one-price, all-inclusive entrance cost also features a silent auction, live entertainment and plenty of fresh air under huge tents provided by Best of the Best Entertainment.

“We’re growing and finding our way into a new home which promises to be a win-win for everyone,” said Erika Reardon of Erika’s Catering, this year’s event coordinator.



### About the Taste

**What:** Samplings from more than 45 local restaurants, along with wines & beers. Entertainment, cooking demonstrations and silent auctions throughout the day.

**When:** Sunday, April 20, 2008 from noon to 4 p.m.

**Where:** Sports Complex, 18100 Goldenwest St., Huntington Beach

**How much:** \$50 per person through Sunday, April 6; \$60 thereafter until all tickets are sold.

**Why:** Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Children's Library and Project Self-Sufficiency.

**More information:** Visit [hbrestaurants.com](http://hbrestaurants.com) or call the information message at 714.375.5023.

Tickets for “A Taste of Huntington Beach” are \$50 per person through Sunday, April 6. Starting April 7, tickets will go up to \$60 per person until sold out. Tickets may be purchased at the Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert, call 714.842.4481; The Longboard Restaurant & Pub, 217 Main St., call 714.960.1896; Duke’s Restaurant, at the foot of the Huntington Beach pier, call 714.374.6446; King’s Fish House at Bella Terra Mall, 7691 Edinger Ave., call 714.793.1177 and Huntington Beach Visitors and Conference Bureau, 301 Main St., call 714.969.3492.

Proceeds raised will benefit the Children's Library, as well as Project Self-Sufficiency.

For more information about “A Taste of Huntington Beach” tickets, click on their new website at [hbrestaurants.com](http://hbrestaurants.com) or call the information message at 714.375.5023.