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### **Fun for the Whole Family at EQC's Taste of Tacoma®!**

Kick off summer with great, local food and some family fun at Emerald Queen Casino's Taste of Tacoma® presented by BECU, June 23-25 at Point Defiance Park. Not only are there over 30+ restaurants and specialty food vendors, the Taste also has great entertainment and activities for all ages to enjoy.

The Taste has 4 stages with live music and entertainment and one of them is designed especially just for kids! The Family Fun Stage sponsored by 100.7 The Wolf offers free entertainment throughout the weekend of The Taste including bands, local dance groups, educational programs and more. Don't want to miss our "Featured Acts" including former *American Idol* Top 20 contestant Lovey James, Tweenland, Deep Roots Dance, Timeless D4You, and The Reptile Man, who showcases a 45-min program with live reptiles and that teaches the importance of all animals in nature.

The Funtastic Carnival offers a wide variety of games and rides that provide old-fashioned fun for children and parents alike. Attendees can stop by The News Tribune booth and pick up a special coupon offering a Funtastic Carnival Family Ride discount for 6 rides for \$16! Coupons can be redeemed at the Funtastic Carnival ride ticket booths within the event.

The Taste is **FREE** to attend and also features over 30 restaurant and food booths, all-new *South Sound Bites* restaurant showcase in support of the Emergency Food Network, 50+ hand craft & commercial goods vendors, *The Taste Cooks!* chef demos & cook-offs, The Wine Bar & The Craft Beer Tasting in the Rose Garden, Beer gardens serving up cool brews & local spirits by Gig Harbor's Heritage Distilling Co., sponsor samples & activities, picnic areas and more.

With Metro Parks Tacoma *Destination Point Defiance* project underway, The Taste of Tacoma® has taken steps to ensure an easy and affordable option for guests to get to and from the event. The Taste is providing a **FREE** Taste Express, operated by Pierce Transit, from Tacoma Community College, June 23-25 at Point Defiance Park. It's free to park and free to ride.

For more information about family activities at the event or the Free Taste Express from TCC, head to [www.tasteoftacoma.com](http://www.tasteoftacoma.com).

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