

GREAT AMERICAN BEER FESTIVAL

Keep the beer party going outside

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The Great American Beer Festival, one of the premier beer festivals in the world, is going down Sept. 20-22 at the Colorado Convention Center.

This year will be bigger than ever, with a predicted 62,000 attendees sampling 4,000 beers from more than 800 breweries in a 584,000-square-foot festival hall. Think pretzel necklaces and pricey tickets. Over three days, there will be three competitions: the nominal GABF Competition; the Pro-Am Competition (homebrewers, hello); and the new Collaboration Competition.

Not willing to spend the time, money and carbonated caloric intake in excessive 1-ounce pours? Or simply looking for another place to party?

We've got you covered.

There are plenty of events around the Mile High City to celebrate this grand event.

Here is a roundup of some of this year's highlights:

Roadhouse Brewing Co. Beer Pairing Dinner. Roadhouse co-founder and restaurateur Gavin Fine is teaming up with Euclid Hall's executive chef Sarah Cloyd for a beer pairing dinner on Sept. 19 at 6 p.m. Euclid Hall, a Larimer Square restaurant serving innovative pub fare, will showcase an eclectic menu, while the Roadhouse team will pour six varietals. The menu includes Siren's Seduction cured salmon, spiced bone marrow butter and fresh herbs paired with Siren's Seduction and Barrel-Aged Belgium Strong.

Euclid Hall Bar & Kitchen, 1317 14th St., Denver, 303-595-4255; euclid-hall.com. Cost: \$75 per person, includes drink pairings.



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Avanti's GABF Kickoff Party. To celebrate the start of this year's GABF festivities, Avanti F&B will be hosting a kickoff party on Sept. 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. The event will feature four local breweries: Ratio, Outer Range, New Image and Elevation. Attendees will receive tickets to sample beers from each brewery at tasting stations throughout the building. Mainstay brews and new releases will be available as well as the opportunity to meet the brewers and learn about the breweries.

Avanti F&B, 3200 Pecos St., Denver. 720-269-4778; avantifandb.com.

Julep Restaurant's Beer Can Chicken Dinner. Every day of GABF (Sep 20-22), chef Kyle Foster and his team at Julep, a Southern-inspired restaurant in the RiNo Art District, will serve a three-course Beer Can Chicken dinner. For \$65, two people may enjoy an appetizer, main course with biscuits, two seasonal sides and dessert. An optional beer pairing will be available for an additional \$15. Reservations are recommended.



Wynkoop Brewing Company is turning 30 during GABF and celebrating with ultimate '80s throwback party. Helen H. Richardson, Denver Post file

Julep, 3258 Larimer St., Denver. 303-295-8977; juleprino.com.

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bound's 2017 Collaboration of the Year). Participating breweries include: Mikerphone, Maplewood, 3 Floyds, Smylie Brothers, Revolution, On Tour, Marz, Begyle, Half Acre, Illuminated, Bellwanna

wealth Brewing Co. Cerebral Brewing Company, Beerworks and T. Brewing.

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pany, 1634 18th St., Denver. 303-297-2700; wynkoop.com.

Beer meets whiskey at the "Great Great" GABF Party as Great Divide Brewing Company and Jameson Whiskey pair up some special taps, and never-before-tasted rarities from the Caskmates program: limited edition beers brewed in Jameson whiskey barrels. Additionally, there will be cocktails available made with Caskmate IPA and Caskmate Stout. The greatness is at Improper City on Sept. 21, from 7 to 11 p.m.

Improper City, 3201 Walnut St., Denver. 720-666-0043; impropercity.com.

Cerveceria Colorado and Denver Beer Co. are co-hosting a Mexican Street Fiesta to celebrate collaboration in craft beer with acclaimed craft brewers from Mexico. **Great Mexican Beer Fiesta** (GMBF) will feature special tapings from collaboration brews between Cerveceria Colorado and several south-of-the-border craft breweries. Guests may also enjoy a series of Mexican cultural events including Lucha Libre, chihuahua races and a chihuahua fashion show, live music, live art and Mexican fare from local food trucks. The fun is on Sept. 21 from 3 to 9 p.m.