

3rd Annual Mac'& Cheese Festival

America's Transportation Experience/ AACA Museum, Inc.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd, 2025 Noon until 4:00 pm AACAMuseum.org/event/mac-motors/

161 Museum Drive Hershey, PA 17033

RESTAURANT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

| Restaurant Name | |
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| (As it should appear on all promotional materials, signage and recognition) | |
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| Contact Name | |
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| Contact's Title | Contact's Phone # |
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| Restaurant Address | |
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| Restaurant Website/Social Media | |

America's Transportation Experience, the AACA Museum, Inc. in Hershey, is hosting MAC & MOTORS, the area's first non-profit-based community macaroni and cheese festival. The museum is a 501(C){3) non-profit organization that operates a three-floor Smithsonian Affiliate transportation museum dedicated to the preservation and presentation of motor vehicle history in an engaging, entertaining, and educational manner. This event is a family-oriented fundraiser to help us fullfil this mission. The inaugural event welcomed more than 600 guests.

HOW THE EVENT WORKS

Fifteen to twenty of central PA's best restaurants will bring their favorite mac & cheese to the museum for sampling in disposable aluminum pans. The museum will provide chafer frames, pans, sterno for heat, sampling cups, spoons, napkins and food scoops/dishers. Attendees will receive eleven tickets with their festival admission. Ten tickets will be for sampling. The eleventh ticket will be used to vote for their favorite Mac & Cheese. The top three vote-getters receive engraved trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place to commemorate their festival victory!

RESTAURANT RESPONSIBILITIES

- The museum anticipates selling between 400 and 500 tickets for this event. Please provide enough
 mac & cheese to accommodate all guests. *We will provide you with a head count prior to the event.
- The museum must have a copy of your Certificate of Liability Insurance (COi) on file prior to the event.
- It can be emailed, along with this completed form to Stacy Benson, our office manager, at: sbenson@aacamuseum.org
- Restaurant must be onsite and set up by 11:30 am and exit the museum by 5:00 pm. You may arrive as early as 10:00 am.

THE MUSEUM PROVIDES

- One (1) 6-foot table with a covering, and two (2) chairs and electric if needed.
- Restaurant promotion through our Keep up to Speed E-blasts, social media and printed Reflections newsletter. Museum website can share a link to your website.
- Thank you letter, acknowledging your participation and donation of product (upon request) as a possible tax deduction.
- We realize participation in this event takes staff, time, and money. We are truly grateful for your support! As a small sign of this appreciation, we will give your restaurant a complimentary one-year. Corporate Alliance membership. This membership provides several business level benefits that your restaurant may utilize, including complimentary general admission tickets to the museum that may be shared with your staff or customers. The application and full benefit listing may be found at: www.aacamuseum.org/join-support/membership/

Completed participation forms, COIs and any festival questions may be directed to:

Stacy Benson, Office Manager

717-566-7100 ext. 101, sbenson@aacamseum.org

or

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