

# Top Taco Festival to Raise Money for Foster Children



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Get your taste buds ready! The first edition of the Top Taco Festival will add its flavor to the city's vibrant food events scene this March 23rd, at Riverwalk's Spanish Plaza.

Not only you will be able to savor tacos from 40 local restaurants, but a portion of Top Taco's benefits will also be donated to One Heart NOLA, a non-profit organization that helps New Orleans' foster children in improving their quality of life. Sponsored by Southern Eagle Beverage, Hola Nola Tortillas and Performance Food Group, this event is choreographed by the same team as Top Taco Denver Festival and also by a local restaurant's owner, Shane Finkelstein.

In addition to sampling tacos and handcrafted tequila cocktails, attendees will have the opportunity to vote for four awards : *Top Creative Taco*, *Top Traditional Taco*, *Top Creative Cocktail*, and *Top Margarita*.

VIPs will have access to a special lounge located on Paddlewheeler Creole Queen, a boat on which 10 additional restaurants will be presented. Unique culinary creations and tequila tastings will be offered, as well as live music by Mariachi Jalisco US and Margie Perez's Latin band Muevelo.

The non-VIP won't be set aside; NOLA's Latin ensemble Los Poboycitos and Afro-Cuban jazz and groove band Otra have already announced their participation in the celebration. For more information and tickets, visit [toptaconola.com](http://toptaconola.com).