



United Way of King County



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**Celebrity Chef Intergalactic Smack Down!**

Seattle's top chefs cook up ultimate summer meal competition to combat childhood hunger.

**WHO:**

Seattle Celebrity Chefs

- Ethan Stowell, Ethan Stowell Restaurants: Staple and Fancy
- Maria Hines, Maria Hines Restaurants: Tilth
- Eric Tanaka, Tom Douglas Restaurants: Tanakasan
- Josh Henderson, Huxley Wallace Collective: Westward

Celebrity Judges (we're keeping this a secret!)

**WHAT:**

Seattle's top chefs engage in a friendly competition to see who can create the yummiest, kid-tested and approved summer meal. Each chef gets to bring one secret ingredient. All four chefs then have a chance to win a bonus food item to add to their culinary creation. A panel of celebrity judges paired with school-age helpers will taste the creations and pick the winner! The fun is designed to spotlight Summer Food Invasion, a collaboration between No Kid Hungry, AmeriCorps VISTA, and the Seattle Seahawks to combat hunger among low-income kids and teens. The summer meals program offers free breakfasts and lunches at various parks and libraries Monday through Friday for 8 weeks throughout the summer.

**WHY:**

1 in 5 students in Washington struggles with hunger. Free and reduced price school meals are designed to alleviate hunger among struggling families, but when school is out, many kids don't have access to healthy meals. United Way of King County and Summer Food Invasion fill the gap for low-income families during the summer break.

**WHEN:**

**July 20, 2016 Chef Competition 12:30-1:15, Meals & Carnival Games 11:30-3:00**

**WHERE:**

Othello Park, 4351 S. Othello St. Seattle 98118

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