



Friday to Sunday, May 30, 31 & June 1
at Six Corners

- Hot Dog Eating Contest • Top Dog Parade
- Pearl Jam, Zeppelin, Journey & Santana tributes

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WINDY CITY HOT DOG FEST returns to Milwaukee Ave.

Hot Dog Eating Contest: 3 p.m. Sat. May 31
Top Dog Parade: Noon Sun. June 1

Vendor Information

Baked Cheese Haus: If you're unfamiliar with Baked Cheese Haus, think again! If you've ever been to a Christkindl Market, you've probably seen the bubbling wheels of cheese ready to serve you on warm baguettes topped with green onions. Well, little did you know (and us for that matter), you can get all that with a hot dog in between! It's one-of-a-kind!

Byron's Hot Dogs: Family-owned-and operated, Byron's (with locations on Irving Park Rd. and on Lawrence Ave.) has been a Chicago fixture since 1975 with various encased meats! From cheese and chili to a classic Chicago-style, their dogs are top notch!

Bust Outs: Their storefront may be small, but man, their food packs a punch! Located in Jefferson Park, Bust Outs is a new addition to Windy City Hot Dog Fest! While their menu may be full of "L" Avated burgers (be sure to try those at Roscoe Village Burger Fest in July!), they know how to make a mean dog. Using top quality ingredients like Vienna Beef hot dogs and New England rolls is what will set them apart from their competition. Will you vote for them this year?

Chicago Doghouse: Established in 2009 in the heart of Lincoln Park Chicago. Chicago's Doghouse has been serving an electric array of exotic and gourmet sausages/hot dogs. Along with their eclectic meat selection a must-try is their one-of-a-kind fry/chip fusion called Frips.

Frannie's Cafe: For over 20 years, Frannie's has been serving their famous Italian Beef and Sausage sandwiches, daily fresh cut fries, hot dogs and their very own steak Italian. If that sounds great, their catering menu showcases their delicious Lemon Garlic Chicken, pasta, salad and beef and sausage packages.

J's Bacon Hot Dogs: J's Bacon Hot Dogs is a local favorite known for its mouthwatering bacon-wrapped hot dogs grilled to perfection and loaded with bold toppings like grilled onions, jalapeños, and tangy sauces. With a crispy, savory bite in every dog, J's has become a go-to spot for comfort food lovers, whether it's a quick lunch or a late-night bite. The menu also features creative twists like loaded fries and veggie options, all served with friendly vibes and serious flavor.

Lee Concessions: If you've ever been to a Chicago festival, you know Mr. Lee. His chicken-on-a-stick is pretty famous! And we're guessing he is planning an Asian-inspired hot dog for the Windy City Hot Dog Fest (and hopefully on a stick!). Luckily Mr. Lee and crew have plenty of side items like fried Oreos and ice-cold lemonade to go with that dog. 2023 People's Choice Winner!

Sausage Fest Food Truck: Sausage Fest Food Truck is a Chicago-based mobile eatery serving up a variety of gourmet sausages, including bratwurst, Polish sausage, Kabanos, and plant-based options. Known for fresh buns and bold flavors, they offer both classic and vegan-friendly choices.

Tikka Masala Dogs: Now these sound fun! From the owners of Tandoor Char House in Lincoln Park come Tikka Masala Dogs! In 2021, Tandoor won "Best Taco" at the always popular Lakeview Taco Fest so while you may not think a hot dog can be transformed into a flavor sensation, think again! They were wildly popular last year at this festival and we know they'll shine again!

Entertainment Schedule

Main Stage:

Friday

4:00pm – Viceroy
6:00pm – Fueled By Emo
8:00pm – Loudernow

Saturday

12:30pm – Mariachi Los Palmeros
2:00pm – Largemouth Band
3:30pm – Whatever, Nevermind (Nirvana)
5:30pm – RICO! (Santana)
8:00pm – Journey Recaptured

Sunday

12:30pm – School of Rock Chicago
2:30pm – XOCHI
4:00pm – Rearview (Pearl Jam)
6:00pm – Too Fighters (Foo Fighters)
8:00pm – KASHMIR (Led Zeppelin)

Community Stage:

Friday

5:00pm – Hugo Elvis
6:00pm – Mark Dvorak
7:00pm – Tavern Cats
8:00pm – Last Bar on the Left

Saturday

1:30pm – A Short Leap Theater Company
3:00pm – One River
4:30pm – Marianne + The Imaginary Band
6:00pm – Rob Moore
7:30pm – C3zr

Sunday

12:30pm – Ballet Folklorico de Chicago
2:30pm – ChickenFat Orchestra
4:00pm – The Val Leventhal Band
5:30pm – RedBud Park
7:00pm – Largemouth Band

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Led Zeppelin & Journey tributes highlight Hot Dog Fest

Ketchup or no ketchup?

That could be the hottest topic of discussion among those attending the annual “Windy City Hot Dog Fest” on Friday through Sunday, May 30-June 1, in the 4000 block of North Milwaukee Avenue in the Six Corners commercial district on Chicago’s Northwest Side. The Portage Park street festival will be open from 4 to 10 p.m. Friday and noon to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday along Milwaukee Avenue between Cuyler Avenue on the north and Irving Park Road on the south. The event is being organized by the Six Corners Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Vienna Beef.

Hot dog vendors from the Chicago area will compete to be the “Top Dog!” Those vendors are Baked Cheese Haus, Bust Outs, Byron’s Hot Dogs, Chicago’s Doghouse, Frannie’s Cafe, J’s Bacon Hot Dogs, Lee Concessions, Sausage Fest Food Truck and Tikka Masala Dogs

“For something different, Chicago’s Dog House in Lincoln Park returns with its unique hot dogs. This year, they are introducing Clifford the Big Red Dog, a jumbo 1/4 lb. hot dog topped with crunchy Flamin Hot Cheetos and gooey melted cheese for a fiery, bold bite. For those craving Mexican flare, try J’s Bacon Hot Dogs wrapped with bacon Sonora style,” event organizers said.

The hot dog eating contest will start at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 31. A kids’ area also is planned, and there will be arts & crafts vendors, including Polar Bare Bath (soaps and body care), Lil Bird Kitchens LLC (jarred relishes) and Papa Caps Foods (hot sauces). In addition, the “Top Dog Parade” will start at noon Sunday, June 1. Registration for the dog parade is at windycityhotdogfest.com.

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