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## **Countdown Continues: Less Than 3 Weeks to Go 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sahuarita Pecan Festival Announces Culinary Arts Scholarship Competition This Saturday**

SAHUARITA, Ariz. – Are you ready for the thrills and spills of Southern Arizona’s very own cooking competition? With just under 3 weeks left until event day, the Sahuarita Pecan Festival has teamed up with local chefs, Sahuarita High School’s Culinary Arts Program and the Quail Creek community for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pecan Festival Culinary Arts Scholarship Competition.

The contest, “Iron Chef: Pecan,” will be this **Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 5pm – 9pm** at the **Quail Creek Clubhouse**. Tickets are on sale now for \$20 and can be purchased by contacting Elizabeth Gallagher, Sahuarita High School Culinary Arts Instructor, at [EGallagher@sahuarita.net](mailto:EGallagher@sahuarita.net) or at Quail Creek’s main office, the Green Valley Chamber of Commerce and Creative Edges Custom Framing.

The “Iron Chef: Pecan” competition will feature teams of Sahuarita High School Culinary Arts students paired with renowned chefs from across the Santa Cruz River Valley going head to head competing for the titles of best pecan appetizer and best pecan dessert creation. Our volunteer culinary stars include Chef Christopher Floyd of Quail Creek, Chef Rodney Timm of La Posada, Chef Tara Westin of La Posada and Chef Wendy Gauthier of Chef Chic Catering.

And the best part? The audience gets to taste and judge these exquisite creations!

The Culinary Arts Scholarship Competition will also showcase live entertainment and a complimentary wine tasting provided by One Hope Wines of Young’s Market. One Hope Wines donates 50% of all profits to various charities based on the bottle purchased.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sahuarita Pecan Festival will be held on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Green Valley Pecan, 1625 E. Sahuarita Road. It will feature the popular Sahuarita Pecan Classic and



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Nut Run, foods, arts and crafts from the Santa Cruz River Valley and surrounding areas, great music, dancing and family-friendly activities.

For the latest updates, please visit the official Festival sites at:

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