# NPD 2021 Confirmed Participants & Offerings

**BOH Pasta & Pizza** 

Bravery Chef Hall 409 Travis St. Houston, TX 77002 IG: @bohpasta

**Description of offering:** Downtown destination known for its eclectic seasonal house made pastas and Roman-style pizza al taglio is extending picnic box lunches for \$14 on NPD only. Each box includes half of a sandwich, chips, drink, and cannoli. Three sandwich choices include the **Prosciutto di Parma** with fresh mozzarella on ciabatta; **Chicken Pesto Salad** with tomato conserva on ciabatta; or a **Caprese** with marinated tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, and basil on ciabatta. All sandwiches can also be made as salads for the same price.

**About BOH Pasta & Pizza:** Boh Pasta & Pizza specializes in daily fresh made pastas paired with high quality ingredients and Roman style pizza al taglio. A unique style of pizza where the dough takes a minimum of 72 hours to proof and has a crispy but airy texture. Located inside of Bravery Chef Hall and open for dinner from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday to Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday & Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday.

# Photography (Courtesy of BOH Pasta & Pizza):

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# <u>Common Bond</u> Montrose, Heights, Med Center and City Place locations IG: @commonbondbistroandbakery

**Description of offering:** For National Picnic Day, Common Bond is pleased to offer an overthe-top, delicious picnic tote, perfect to take to Buffalo Bayou Park or your neighborhood park! The tote (\$50) will include **1 Trio of Bruschetta** (6 bite size pieces 2 of each) in Spring Pea & Mint / Ricotta & Radish / Eggplant & Goat Cheese; **1 Meat, Fruit & Cheese Plate; Choice of 2 Sandwiches** in Ham & Cheese Baguette, Tomato & Burrata, Smoked Salmon Croissant, or Tarragon Chicken Salad Croissant; **chips**; 1 pack of snickerdoodle cookies; and 1 tote bag. For more information, please visit <u>https://www.commonbondcafe.com/store/product/Picnic-tote/</u>.

**About Common Bond:** In every city, village and town the "common bond" that everyone shares the love of good food. It bridges together all ages, cultures and beliefs. From this idea Common Bond Bistro & Bakery was opened in May 2014 in the Montrose area of Houston, TX. We now have 7 locations across the city of Houston where the community gathers to dine and bond over good food, extraordinary pastries and custom cakes.

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### Frank's Americana Revival 3736 Westheimer Rd. Houston, TX 77027 IG: @frankshoustontx

**Description of offering:** Whether you are working from home or need snacks for an outdoor picnic, Frank's Americana Revival can provide boxed lunches for any occasion. For \$15 per person, the boxed lunch includes a choice of a sandwich along with a bag of chips and a cookie. This special boxed lunch menu also includes the **Box Salad** option for \$12 per person, which includes your choice of a salad and a cookie. School lunches priced at \$6 per person are ideal for the kiddos, as they include a kids sandwich, red grapes, waffle chips, and a cookie. Orders must be placed 24 hours in advance for delivery or pick up. Frank's will also be offering 25% off select wines with the use of the code "picnic" when ordering.

**About Frank's Americana Revival:** Frank's Americana Revival is a neighborhood favorite blending together the best of classic, nostalgic dishes with regional influences and contemporary twists. In a refined yet comfortable atmosphere, customers enjoy fresh, American fare and excellent service amongst the mid-century décor. Inspired by the great neighborhood dining institutions of the United States, the team is committed to supporting local businesses and suppliers that are carefully selected to meet the restaurant's high standards. Frank's extensive wine list includes over 170 wines, with fifty percent of the wines originating from American grapes. For more information, please call 713.572.8600, or visit <a href="https://www.frankshouston.com/">https://www.frankshouston.com/</a>. Follow us: <a href="https://www.frankshouston.com/">Facebook, Instagram</a> and <a href="https://www.frankshouston.com/">Twitter</a>.

# Photography (Courtesy of Frank's Americana Revival):

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#### La Lucha

1801 North Shepherd Dr. Houston, TX 77008 IG: @laluchatx

**Description of offering:** For \$59.95, La Lacha will be celebrating NPD with the family pack offering, which includes The La Lucha classic fried chicken (8 pieces), a Superica entrée salad, brussels sprouts, collard greens and a bottle of Bisol Prosecco, served with four biscuits, pickles, honey sambal and jam. Please allow 30 minutes for fried chicken as they cook to order. Feeds four. Will be offered all weekend (4/23-4/25).

**About La Lucha:** An homage to Ford Fry's childhood visits to the shuttered San Jacinto Inn, a longtime institution famous for over-the-top fried chicken and Gulf seafood dinners, La Lucha– the fight–references the Battle of San Jacinto and the somewhat rambunctious leanings of this indulgent neighborhood dinette. The bar, lounge and Gulf-centric eatery with a vintage vibe marries a core menu of fresh, Gulf Coast-only oysters and other seafood with hearty Southern plates in a warm, inviting atmosphere.

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#### Loch Bar & Ouzo Bay 4444 Westheimer Rd. Houston, TX 77027 IG: @lochbarhouston | @ouzobayhouston

**Description of offering:** Indulge in an ultra-luxe picnic this National Picnic Day. River Oaks District sister concepts, Loch Bar and Ouzo Bay, have curated a lavish picnic spread that includes one bottle of Gruet Sauvage sparkling wine, a trio of Greek spreads with pita and crudité, two crab cakes, a mixed green salad and Loch Bar's signature Old Bay chocolate chip cookies (\$115). The assortment comes served in a beautiful wooden basket for diners to keep. Orders can be placed via phone at 832.430.6601 or 832.430.6610.

**About Loch Bar:** Located in the bustling River Oaks District, Loch Bar is a classic seafood tavern with a Houston spin. Loch Bar features one of the city's most expansive whiskey libraries and raw bars, a live tank, caviar specials and a wide selection of local craft beers and handcrafted cocktails. The restaurant also presents live music seven days a week.

**About Ouzo Bay:** Open in the heart of River Oaks District, Ouzo Bay boasts an airy space that highlights the Mediterranean's vibrant costal culture. Modern interiors punctuate bright design elements and whimsical features as well as an impressive raw display highlighting fresh catches flown in daily from across the globe. The spacious restaurant includes an expansive canopied patio, private dining area and indoor-outdoor fireplace. Expect to see a live DJ Friday-Sunday night when the restaurant seamlessly transitions into a nightlife destination.

#### Photography (courtesy of Kirsten Gilliam):

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Ouisie's 3939 San Felipe St. Houston, TX 77027 IG: @ouisiestable

**Description of offering:** Ouisie's Table Restaurant & Gardens will be offering its fabulous chicken salad sandwich, a signature sandwich which goes back to Ouisie's early years some 40 years ago. It will come with house-made chips, fresh fruit, and a choice of a bottle of Rose or Sancerre wine. The National Picnic Day Package will be offered to go via pick-up for \$20 a package or served in-house for \$25 (tax and gratuity not included).

**About Ouisie's Table:** Known for its Southern ways and eclectic tendencies, Ouisie's Table, 3939 San Felipe, presents an imaginative menu inspired by the regional cuisines of Texas, Louisiana and the South. Comfortable yet elegant, Ouisie's is in a building designed by founder Elouise Adams Jones, now retired. The building has a comfortable farmhouse feel to it with worn wooden floors, side rooms with fireplaces and lots of personal knickknacks about. One room even appears to be a long screened-in porch (but has air conditioning). The current location opened in 1995, as a larger, more formal reincarnation of the original Ouisie's Table which opened near Rice Village in 1973. For information, call 713-528-2264 or visit <u>www.ouisiestable.com</u>.

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Picnic on the Green Kuhl-Linscomb 2418 W Alabama St. Houston, TX 77098 IG: @picnicorgreen, kuhllinscomb

**Description of offering:** Mobile café based at Kuhl-Linscomb, Picnic on the Green, is offering bundles for what they know best: picnics. For a limited time only, the team has created three bundle packs that must be ordered online by April 21<sup>st</sup> for pick-up at Kuhl Linscomb or complimentary local delivery that will take place on April 23rd. The **Southern Trio** pack serves 2 people (\$32) and includes a signature chicken salad, Greek pasta salad, fruit, and a selection of mason jar cheesecakes. The **Texas Hill Country Picnic** bundle serves 2 people (\$32) and includes fresh mint watermelon lemonades, brisket sandwiches, tomato salad, potato salad, and Texas sheet cake. The **Picnic in Paris** pack serves 2 (\$40) and is comprised of sparkling blackberry limeades, an assortment of meats and cheeses, French baguette, salad, seasonal fruit and a raspberry almond French financier. To order, visit https://picnic-on-the-green.square.site/ or by calling 877.447.8529.

**About Picnic on the Green:** Picnic on the Green is a mobile café serving Houston & surrounding areas. The team focuses on fresh, delicious bistro-style favorites that are uniquely different. The mobile café specializes in Special Event Catering and Event Planning, Ready-To-Go Picnic Packs for meetings, and off-site catering.

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Pondicheri 2800 Kirby Dr Houston, TX 77098 IG: @pondicheri

**Description of offering:** Pondicheri will be offering the warm pressed **Naanwich** sandwich with choice of chicken or mushroom, cheese, greens, and mango chutney and chewy **Chocolate Chili cookie** with spiced walnuts bundle for \$15 on National Picnic Day. Offer available all day on 4/23. For takeout only.

**About Pondicheri and Pondicheri Bake Lab + Shop:** Established in Houston in 2011, Pondicheri offers an eclectic array of Indian-inspired dishes, with counter service during the day and full-service dining at night. The menu, which is curated by Executive Chef and Owner Anita Jaisinghani, includes dishes that represent authentic (yet reinvented) preparations from all over the Indian subcontinent. Blending Indian cuisine with local ingredients, the upper Kirby restaurant serves an array of breakfast, lunch, and dinner items from a scratch kitchen, with a selection of rotating weekly specials. Over the years, the restaurant has earned Jaisinghani national acclaim with two James Beard nominations – one for Best Chef: Southwest in 2018 and one for Best Chef: Texas in 2020. In 2014, the Pondicheri Bake Lab + Shop made its debut. The beautifully designed space is located upstairs just above Pondicheri Restaurant. It offers a menu of small savory plates, tea, coffee, chef Jaisinghani's infamous baked goods, and select <u>Pondi Shop</u> merchandise. The two entities, both owned and operated by Jaisinghani, are located at the southwest corner of Kirby and Westheimer in the Arrive complex. To learn more, please visit <u>https://www.pondicheri.com</u>.

#### Photography (Courtesy of Pondicheri):

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#### Postino Wine Café (Montrose & Heights) Montrose: 805 Pacific St. Houston, TX 77006 Heights: 642 Yale St. Houston, TX 77007 IG: @postinowinecafe

**Description of offering:** Swing by either Postino WineCafé location for National Picnic Day to grab the **Snacker's Delight Picnic Package**, made to share with friends for a picnic in the park. The picnic pack includes two "Snacky Things" (appetizers) and one signature Bruschetta Board for \$35. Kick your picnic up a notch and add a bottle of wine from Postino's Lucky 7 Lineup for an additional \$15. This offer is available all day on April 23. Orders can be placed in person, online or via phone.

**About Postino WineCafé:** Postino WineCafé was born in an historic 1940s-era Arizona post office in 2001 and has since been dedicated to giving customers a hyper-localized experience within the community. Postino co-founders Craig DeMarco and Lauren Bailey built the Postino brand on a foundation of revitalizing historically relevant buildings that are integral to the neighborhoods that surround each location. The menu offers wine from a bevy of varietals; a wide selection of beer on tap and in bottles & cans; an eclectic selection of snacks, soups, salads, and paninis; over 10 different types of bruschetta; three gotta-have desserts; and a host of non-alcoholic beverage options. Postino Montrose is located at 805 Pacific St. and Postino Heights is located at 642 Yale St. Both locations are open Monday - Thursday from 11 AM to 11 PM; Fridays from 11 AM to 12 AM; Saturdays from 9 AM - 12 AM; and Sundays from 9 AM to 10 PM. For more information, please visit PostinoWineCafe.com.

#### Photography (courtesy of Alex Montoya):

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Safina Mediterranean InterContinental Houston - Medical Center 6750 Main Street Houston, TX 77030 IG: @safinahouston

**Description of offering:** This National Picnic Day, diners can choose their preference —hot or cold— when ordering a picnic pack from Safina Mediterranean located in the posh InterContinental Houston – Medical Center. The **Hot Picnic Pack** (\$15) includes Mediterranean snacks such as vegetable curry samosa, falafel, artichoke beignet and tahini dressing. The **Cold Picnic Pack** (\$22) features a cheese and charcuterie board with artisanal cheeses, cured meats, house preserves, marinated olives, assorted nuts and assorted crackers. Both packages are available to go, and orders can be placed over the phone. Offer is available all day on April 23.

**About Safina:** Revel in modern design paired with unrivaled hospitality in the heart of the Texas Medical Center at the InterContinental Houston - Medical Center. Adjacent to the world's largest medical center, this AAA Four Diamond property ranks in the top five recommended hotels by TripAdvisor and provides easy access to the city's top attractions such as NRG Stadium, the Houston Zoo, and Hermann Park with METRORail or rentable Bcycle bikes, within walking distance of the property. If rest and relaxation is your aim, take comfort in the hotel's spacious luxury suite or discover the acclaimed Mediterranean flavors and beautiful décor of Safina or crafted cocktails at The Naturalist Café and Lounge. Lebanese for boat, Safina not only transports with its food, but also a luminous ambiance that beautifully captures the spirit of the Mediterranean with soaring ceilings, walls of glass, whitewashed plaster and dramatic pops of color including mosaic tile work. While retaining an open feeling, the restaurant is divided into four spaces: lounge, coffee bar, dining room and private dining room. Guests enter through the lounge, which evokes beach references with sand-colored, variegated stone flooring, blue soft seating and an impressionistic glass bird - or fish depending on the eye of the beholder installation floating overhead. The transition into the three progressively more formal areas is made by a series of signature stone arches leading to the private dining room, where they frame an intensely vivid garden mural by Mahmoud Farshchian, an internationally-acclaimed master of Persian painting and miniatures.

# Photography (courtesy of Alex Montoya):

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The Blind Goat Bravery Chef Hall 409 Travis St. Houston, TX 77002 IG: @theblindgoathtx

**Description of offering:** Make the best out of National Picnic Day and order picnic-friendly items from modern Vietnamese gastropub, The Blind Goat. Popular items include Eggrolls (\$6) with 3x pork & shrimp, fresh vegetables for wrapping, and fish sauce vinaigrette for dipping; Sticky Wings (5x \$11 / 10x \$20 / 20x \$35) with antibiotic & hormone-free chicken, fish sauce, garlic, lime, Vietnamese herbs; and the Shrimp Sammie (\$10) - Chef Christine Ha's version of a shrimp po-boy - with aioli, cilantro, pickled carrot and daikon.

**About The Blind Goat:** The Blind Goat is a modern Vietnamese gastropub from Christine Ha, the visually impaired winner of MasterChef season 3. The concept was nominated for a James Beard Award for Best New Restaurant in America in 2020. The Blind Goat is located downtown inside Bravery Chef Hall at 409 Travis St., Houston, TX 77002.

# Photography (Courtesy of The Blind Goat):

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# The Grove

1611 Lamar St. Houston, TX 77010 IG: @grovehouston **Description of offering:** On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, the restaurant on Discovery Green is offering 20% off all bottles of wine (dine in or to-go) and an artisanal cheese tray to-go. On this day only, from 1-5 p.m., the restaurant is allowing guests to order happy hour menu items for takeout.

**About The Grove:** The Grove restaurant offers a modern and elegant urban dining experience unlike anything else in downtown Houston. Ideally located on the South end of Houston's modern, urban park Discovery Green, the legendary Schiller Del Grande Restaurant Group's delivers a one-of-a-kind setting to celebrate National Picnic Day with your friends and family. The Grove is the definitive see-and-be-seen culinary hotspot in Houston's urban core and has redefined downtown dining since opening in January 2008.

# Photography (Courtesy of The Grove):

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Xin Cháo 2310 Decatur St. Houston, TX 77007 IG: @xinchaohtx

**Description of offering:** Modern Vietnamese restaurant by Christine Ha Xin Chào has created a picnic bundle for 2 that includes special off-menu items. For \$40, one can pre-order this offering that includes two **Smoked Brisket Bánh Mì** with Texas BBQ brisket smoked in-house, spicy miso aioli, cucumber, cilantro, pickled carrot & daikon, and French baguette; **BBQ Shrimp Chips** lightly dusted with the restaurant's BBQ rub; and one bottle of **Gratien & Meyer sparkling rosé (**750 mL).

**About Xin Chào:** Xin Chào, which means "hello" in Vietnamese, is a modern Vietnamese restaurant from Chefs Christine Ha and Tony J. Nguyen. Xin Chao has a full bar complete with craft cocktails, a large patio, and is located in Old Sixth Ward at 2310 Decatur St., Houston, TX 77007.

# Photography (Courtesy of Xin Chào):

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