



The Taste of Crystal River will be an annual signature event hosted by Crystal River Main Street each October at Crystal River Town Square. This year the event will take place on Saturday October 16, 2021 from 4:00pm – 9:00pm.

Any restaurant business located in Crystal River is open to participate.

Main Street will provide large tents and two 8 foot tables per restaurant as well as power outlets. Each restaurant will provide one appetizer/tapas type small plate per person that attends. This could be one or two individual items off your appetizer menu (like ONE jalapeno popper and ONE fried shrimp), a smaller portion of soup or salad or a mini version of an entrée or sandwich. Each restaurant will need to provide table covering/cloths, table signage and décor. A menu sign describing the item served and any major food allergens is required to be sent to Main Street (by October 11) to have printed for the event.

Each restaurant will receive \$1 per ticket to help offset food costs (to be paid within 10 days after the event). The restaurants will be aware of the approximate head count (from ticket sales) the Monday morning prior to the event.

Main Street is working with the Crystal River High School Culinary Arts department to provide volunteers for the event. It is the responsibility of each restaurant to staff your table, volunteers will not be permitted to handle food.

Main Street will provide tables and chairs for the guests as well as live entertainment throughout the night.

Main Street will sell beer and wine at the event. Each guest will receive one free drink with ticket admission or be able to purchase a VIP ticket for open bar (beer & wine only) or additional servings available for purchase.

Upon arrival each guest will receive a numbered punch card that will correspond to each restaurant's table number, it will also have a spot for their free drink. We will have volunteers at each station to punch the guest's ticket to ensure we only have one Taste plate per restaurant per guest consumed.

We are looking forward to a great event and it won't be the same without your participation! Any questions or concerns, please reach out to Meredith Linley at meredith@crystalrivermainstreet.com or 352-212-4077.