



## October 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 South Sound Food Summit Overview

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### **Friday 10/20 6-9PM** *Local Flavors Tasting Salon*

The Friday evening tasting salon will feature live music, a short program with local food leaders, and will feature over 30 local food & beverage vendors ranging from restaurants, local products, wineries, breweries, & more.

Guests will enjoy sips & bites of the south sound's finest flavors among great company. You won't want to miss this opportunity to taste the bounty of Sound Food!

\$30 before September 1  
\$40 September 1 – October 15  
\$50 at the door (if space available)

### **Saturday 10/21 9AM-5:30PM** *Celebration of Sound Food Culture Summit*

The Saturday Summit is a unique day-long community food summit designed to celebrate, educate & engage the beautiful and diverse south sound community using local food as our centerpiece.

The summit will connect a broad cross-section of our community for a day full of meaningful cross-cultural conversations, presentations & fun food-related activities!

\$40 before September 1  
\$50 September 1 – October 15  
\$60 at the door (if space available)

## **Connect with the South Sound Food Summit By:**

### **Host an Activity, Conversation or Presentation on Saturday 10/21**

We are currently recruiting presenters and session leaders to host break-out sessions during the Saturday summit. We expect 300-400 attendees on Saturday, and one unique quality of this year's summit is that we intend to include families with children, high school youth, and a variety of partners from throughout our community. Over the course of the day, there will be a total of 18 break-out sessions (75 minutes long) that can include 30-100 people each. Everyone is part of the food system & we welcome any one to offer a session! We deeply value the perspective of our community's youth, seniors, tribal members, farmers, grocers, and folks with limited incomes and encourage anyone with an interest to propose a session. We value collaboration, diversity and experiential learning. We want this summit to be both joyful and accessible to all who attend. Attendees will have various levels of experience with the food system – please consider how your session can be inclusive and support differences in understanding and learning styles.

This summit is truly intended to be a celebration of local food culture, and we anticipate sessions ranging from arts, like making seed mandalas or food poems, to panel presentations, with restaurateurs exploring the economic opportunities of local food businesses, to environmental education activities like native plant walks & water sampling sessions. Our budget is very limited and we are not able to offer a supply budget for all sessions; if you wish to host a session and have known needs that you are unable to source, please let us know on the [session submission form](#) and we will work with you to try to get your needs met through donations. Please send your [completed session submission](#) form to [southsoundfood@gmail.com](mailto:southsoundfood@gmail.com) by September 14<sup>th</sup> and we will follow-up with you by September 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **Host a Tasting Booth on Friday 10/20**

We are looking for local restaurants, food processors, caterers, brewers, distilleries, and other businesses that source local foods (or want to begin sourcing locally!) to join us for a tasting salon Friday evening. We anticipate 300 attendees and invite our vendors to source small bites & sips to share with our community & help spread the word about your business. Details are still being sorted out – please email [southsoundfood@gmail.com](mailto:southsoundfood@gmail.com) if you are interested in learning more and you will be connected with the tasting salon organizing team to explore opportunities.

## **Register to Attend the Tasting Salon, Summit or Both**

We believe that this year's summit is an opportunity to connect diverse perspectives from within the food system and we want to engage people and communities who have rarely been at the center of the dialogue in past years. With this in mind, there are several ways to attend the tasting salon and food summit.

To participate in the tasting salon, anyone can purchase a ticket (on sale Tuesday 8/15 at [www.ssfoodsystemnetwork.org](http://www.ssfoodsystemnetwork.org)) or you can contact [southsoundfood@gmail.com](mailto:southsoundfood@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering. Volunteer opportunities will be limited at the Friday tasting salon, so please let us know if you're interested and we'll try to accommodate as many wonderful volunteers as we have need for. The volunteer rate for the tasting salon is \$15 (since all volunteers will have full tasting privileges.)

To participate in the food summit, there are three ways to connect – register as a general guest, register as a volunteer for a reduced rate, or attend as part of a delegation with a specific organization or community. Anyone can purchase a ticket (on sale Tuesday 8/15!) or you can contact [southsoundfood@gmail.com](mailto:southsoundfood@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering. There will be numerous volunteer roles on Saturday, ranging from session note taker, childcare, facilitation, registration, evaluation and more. Please email us if you're interested in volunteering on Saturday. The volunteer rate for the summit is \$20, including 2 meals & a snack.

If you are connected with a community or organization that is interested, passionate, and/or impacted by the food system and you'd like to sign up as a delegation, please contact [southsoundfood@gmail.com](mailto:southsoundfood@gmail.com). We ask that all delegations plan to send 5 people total, and assign a delegation lead who will help coordinate with the summit planning committee. We will host a delegate meeting in early October so that we can explore the goals, concerns & leadership aims of our delegate partners. Examples of delegate partners include high school youth enrolled in GRuB, elders recruited through Senior Services of South Sound, Thurston County Food Bank clients, local high school FFA groups and many others. There is room for up to 30 delegations. Recruiting delegate partners is our key strategy to ensure that marginalized voices have the opportunity to contribute and help shape the conversation about local food in the south sound. Registration fees are waived for delegations.

## **Sponsor the Summit & Sound Food Messaging Campaign**

Visit [www.ssfoodsystemnetwork.org](http://www.ssfoodsystemnetwork.org) for all the details on sponsorships ranging from \$250-\$10,000. The South Sound Food System Network is fiscally sponsored by the Thurston Chamber Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit.

## **Questions? Suggestions? Feedback?**

Please contact [southsoundfood@gmail.com](mailto:southsoundfood@gmail.com) or learn more at [www.ssfoodsystemnetwork.org](http://www.ssfoodsystemnetwork.org).