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SUMMER'S FAVORITE FOOD & BEVERAGE COMPETITION RETURNS TO THE STATE FAIR

WEST ALLIS, Wis. – June 12, 2024 – The official sign that the Wisconsin State Fair is approaching is the annual reveal of The Sporkies and Drinkies Finalists. Wisconsin State Fair officials are pleased to share a stellar list of the 2024 Sporkies and Drinkies Finalists.

Eight Sporkies finalists have been selected from 37 mouth-watering entries and four Drinkies finalists have been selected from 20 thirst-quenching entries. On Tuesday, July 31, a panel of local celebrity judges will choose who wins the coveted Golden Spork and Cup awards. These ingenious dishes and drinks are judged on appearance, presentation, creativity, originality, and of course, taste.

The Drinkies Finalists:



Fairway Fusion - Old Fashioned Sipper Club

The Fairway Fusion takes a refreshing twist on a summer classic – the Arnold Palmer. This sipper is equal parts sweet tea and lemonade with a mix of pineapple and key lime juices, a splash of coconut syrup, and topped with fresh mint leaves and a lime wedge for garnish.



Glazed Donut Coffee Float - Fluffy's Hand Cut Donuts

The Glazed Donut Coffee Float features rich glazed donut-infused iced coffee over creamy vanilla ice cream, topped with a golden glazed donut hole, and delicate glazed donut crumbles. Every sip is a journey into sweet, caffeinated paradise!



<u>Purple Pickle Lemonade</u> - Tropics

Take a traditional Fair favorite, fresh squeezed lemonade and add a new Fair favorite, pickles! Sweet and tart, the Purple Pickle Lemonade mixes lemonade, pickle juice, and baby dill pickles together for a refreshing drink. Plus, adding Butterfly Pea Flower naturally makes the drink purple for extra fun!



Tropical Sunset – Deep-Fried Mashed Potatoes On-a-Stick

The Tropical Sunset is a sparkly twist on a favorite refreshing drink! This drink consists of jasmine green tea infused with strawberry, mango, and pineapple juice with 100% edible, FDA approved glitter. Hold up this refreshing drink to the sun, give it a swirl, and watch the whole State Fair shimmer.

The Sporkies Finalists:



Cool Ranch Doritos Pickle - Deep-Fried Mashed Potatoes On-a-Stick

Bite into the Cool Ranch Doritos Pickle! This large dill pickle is spiral-cut on-a-stick, rolled into crushed up Cool Ranch Doritos, and deep-fried. Served up with ranch dressing for dipping and be set for a delicious day!



Deep-Fried Lemonade Bites - Saz's BBQ

Nothing is better than a refreshing ice-cold lemonade break on a hot summer day. Take it up a Fair notch with a "sip" of these Deep-Fried Lemonade Bites. Made with Hawaiian sweet rolls dipped in a French toast batter, a homemade lemonade curd filling, deep-fried to golden perfection, and tossed in a lemon sugar with a drizzle of icing.



<u>Dirty Chai Cinnamon Roll Lumpia</u> – Lumpia City

The Dirty Chai Cinnamon Roll Lumpia takes the best part of a cinnamon roll, the gooey center, adds a little spice, and rolls it up in a crispy lumpia wrapper. This unconventional dessert is made with fresh dough, chai-spiced brown sugar butter, and cream cheese espresso frosting.



Elote Corn Ribs - **Tropics**

Take the Midwest staple of corn on the cob but add a little spice! The Elote Corn Ribs are made from corn on the cob with the cob acting as the "bone" of the corn "rib," tossed in hickory smoked batter and deep-fried. Dusted with cotija cheese, these ribs will be served over a bed of crisp kettle chips with a side of homemade Elote dip with a lime wedge on the side.



Elvis Nachos - Slim McGinn's Irish Pub

Bringing back a blast from the past in the form of this shareable sweet and salty boat full of love. The Elvis Nachos feature homemade peanut butter banana sauce over Slim's famous deep-fried potato chips and topped with chopped peanuts, chopped banana chips, and crumbled bacon that Fairgoers can't help falling in love with.



Hot Ham and Glazers - Bud Pavilion

Enjoy this take on the Wisconsin tradition of "Sunday Hot Ham and Rolls" but luckily, Hot Ham and Glazers is now served every day of the Wisconsin State Fair! Thinly sliced, savory, smoked hot ham covered with creamy, melted Swiss cheese, and drizzled with spicy and sweet raspberry jam stuffed between two iconic Kwik Trip™ Glazers donuts. Served warm, it's a sweet and savory, melt-in-your-mouth experience!



Loaded Baked Potato Churro - WürstBar

Dig into all the goodness of a loaded baked potato with a crispy, deep-fried outside layer! The Loaded Baked Potato Churro is stuffed with the classic baked potato toppings like bacon, chives, and cheddar cheese with housemade sour cream and onion dipping sauce on the side.



Rise and Swine - Camp Bar

Shatter the myth that dessert can't be for breakfast with the Rise and Swine! This warm brioche-based waffle has pearl sugar nestled into the dough, giving it just the right amount of sweet and caramelization. The waffle is then topped with Camp Bar's Classic Vanilla Custard, a drizzle of Wisconsin maple syrup, gooey caramel sauce, toasted crunch bits, a dusting of powdered sugar, and for a savory twist, two made-to-order breakfast sausage links.

All the Sporkies and Drinkies items entered will be available for purchase during the 2024 Wisconsin State Fair. A massive 13-foot Spork or Drinkie statue will be displayed at all finalists' locations. All vendors who entered either competition will display a sticker at their State Fair location(s). See a full list of The Sporkies and Drinkies items here.

About the Wisconsin State Fair

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