



Sunday, February 26th, 2023
11:00am-2:00pm
Bayfront Convention Center
1 Sassafras Pier, Erie, PA 16507

Coffee is a force in our lives. It moves us. We gather around cups of it with good friends and conversation.

St. Martin Center, Inc.'s Erie's Best Coffee fundraiser is back! Over 550 people attended the 2020 event to vote for their favorite coffee. This event works like other tasting events: guests pay an admission, sample coffees, and vote! Celebrity judges also cast their vote. The event is family-friendly with activities for kids.

You're an Erie asset, and this is your chance to show off and gain new customers! We hope you'll join us.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How does the event work?

Setup begins at 9AM. You'll have your own booth. You can arrive with your coffee ready, or have it brewed on site by Mill Creek Coffee (indicate your choice on the form). Throughout the day, you'll give samples to patrons who will vote for their favorite. Winners are announced at the event. Your table must be set, staffed, and serving coffee for the duration of the event. Tear-down is immediately after the event.

How is a winner determined?

The Erie's Best Coffee title is comprised of People's Choice votes for shops located in the City of Erie. Additional categories include Best Decaf, Best Flavored, Best Franchise, and Traveler's Choice Award which is given to a shop that is outside of the City of Erie. A celebrity judge panel will conduct a blind taste test to determine the Celebrity Judge Award.

Can I give out food, too?

You are welcome to provide food samples! The Bayfront Convention Center requires that food and beverage samples must not be greater than 3 ounces and must be related to the event theme (desserts, pastries, etc. are recommended). For public health reasons, restrooms, concession stands and/or facility kitchens may not be used as exhibitor clean-up areas. The Department of Health requires food samples to be prepackaged and individually wrapped at your facility prior to the event (otherwise, we have to get special licensing).

Can I sell anything?

You can sell gift cards, merchandise, and pounds of coffee to go at your table. You cannot sell food, but can pass out samples that are 3 ounces or less (see above). The Bayfront Convention Center will sell concessions.

How much coffee will I need?

We had 550 people attend the 2020 event. Vendors indicated they went through 5-8lbs of coffee. We hope to have at least this many attend in 2023.

Questions? Contact Jessica at 814-452-6113 x216 or jkrugger@stmartincenter.org.
All event proceeds benefit St. Martin Center, Inc.

