



Sunday, February 25th, 2024
11:00am-2:00pm
Ambassador Banquet & Conference Center
7794 Peach St. Erie, PA 16509

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 700 people attended the 2023 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, Best Specialty, 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?

Yes! We encourage you to give samples of food, and you can also sell food. The Department of Health requires all food to be prepackaged and individually wrapped at your facility prior to the event (otherwise, we have to get special licensing). Please do NOT package food at the event! For public health reasons, restrooms, concession stands and/or facility kitchens may not be used as exhibitor clean-up areas.

Can I sell anything?

You can sell food (see above), gift cards, merchandise, and pounds of coffee to go at your table.

How much coffee will I need?

Vendors indicated they went through roughly 3-5lbs of coffee. This largely depends on the amount you give each person. If you opt for a "sample" of 3-4oz, you'll use less coffee than if you give a full mug.

Questions? Contact Jessica at 814-452-6113 x216 or jkrugger@stmartincenter.org.

All event proceeds benefit St. Martin Center, Inc.

