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2022 NATIONAL BUFFALO WING FESTIVAL – FACT SHEET

Where: Highmark Stadium – “Home of the Buffalo Bills”
(One Bills Drive Orchard Park, NY 14127)

When: Saturday, Sept. 3, 2022 (12-9pm)
Sunday, Sept. 4, 2022 (12-7pm)

Price: Admission is \$20. Children under 8 are free.

Parking: FREE Parking

More Info: www.BuffaloWing.com

MAIN STAGE (on-field) SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 3rd

Noon Festival Opens
12PM Live Music by Rusty Nickel
2PM Celebrity Influencer Sauce-Off
3PM Amateur Wing Eating Contest
4PM USA Mullet Contest
5:30PM Eric Badlands Booker Rap Show
6:00PM Buffalo Buffet Bowl
7:00PM Bobbing for Wings
7:30PM Live Music by Rusty Nickel
9:00PM Closing Ceremonies

Sunday, Sept. 4th

Noon Festival Opens
12PM Dennis George – Quiz Master
1:00PM Baby Wing Pageant
2:00PM College Wing Eating Championship
2:30PM Buffalo Media Craft Wing Award
3:00PM Bobbing for Wings
3:30PM Hot Wing Eating Contest
4:30PM George Shea Live
5:00PM United States Chicken Wing Eating Championship
6-7PM Live Music by Rusty Nickel

*Live music by Rusty Nickel all weekend

About the National Buffalo Wing Festival:

The National Buffalo Wing Festival returns to Highmark Stadium on Sept. 3rd and 4th 2022. Now in its 21st year, celebrating its 20th festival, has over the past 10 years averaged 50,000+ attendees that have been tracked from all 50 states and 44 different countries, featuring 25 local, regional, national and international eateries serving more than 100 styles of chicken wings. Other activities include live music, a baby wing pageant, amateur and XXXHot chicken wing eating competition, celebrity influencer sauce-off competition, bobbing for wings, and the United States Buffalo Wing Eating Championship.

Wing & Food Vendors:

Anchor Bar-Buffalo, NY
Alchemy Peppers – Boston, MA
Center Street Grille-Enola, PA
Danny's South-Orchard Park, NY
Barefoot Buddha – US Virgin Islands
Limp Lizard – Syracuse, NY
Steelbound Brewery & Dist. – Ellicottville, NY
Perry's Ice Cream-Akron, NY
Tree's Wings & Ribs – Royal Palms, FL
The Blind Rhino-Norwalk, CT
The Old Union Hotel-Binghamton, NY
Checker's Restaurant – USA

Bocce Club Pizza-Amherst, NY
Buffalo Wild Wings-National
Archer's Tavern – Dayton, OH
Doc Sullivan's- Buffalo, NY
Double Dubs – Laramie, WY
Not Just Cakes – Buffalo, NY
Millie's Café-Ottoville, OH
Pop In Bob's Kettle Corn-Buffalo, NY
Wegmans – Rochester, NY
Wing It On! – Raleigh, NC
Wings Army-Mexico

Competitive Food Eating:

U.S. Chicken Wing Eating Championship
Amateur Wing Eating Championship
College Wing Eating Competition

Buffalo Buffet Bowl Eating Contest
Hot Wing Eating Championship

Amateur Cook-Offs:

Celebrity Influencer Sauce-Off

Pageants:

Baby Wing Contest

Other Signature Events:

Bobbing for Wings
National Restaurant Sauce-Off Competition

Live Music and Entertainment Offerings:

Rusty Nickel Boomerang
Dave Turner Scott Celani

Festival Emcees

Quiz Master Dennis George and Jickster from 97 Rock Radio

Hot Sponsors:

St. Bonaventure *Jim Beam * Tri-Fri Oil * Wegmans

Event Sponsors:

Marie's Blue Cheese * Russell's Steaks Chops and More* Seneca Resorts & Casinos * Tums
Lake Shore Savings* William Mattar*Howard Hanna

Buffalo Booster Sponsors:

Yuengling Beer * Freed Maxick * D'Youville College

Highmark Stadium – “Home of the Buffalo Bills”**An opportunity for Bills fans to hang out on the field**

After 19 years at the home of the AAA Buffalo Bisons baseball team, the festival was forced to relocate due to structural changes to the ballpark and scheduling conflicts. This created an opportunity to take the Wingfest to the next level as the Buffalo Bills offered up their stadium for Buffalo’s iconic festival. The partnership in year one was a great success, and it was agreed that the stadium was a perfect place for the future of the festival. Attendees can chow down at restaurant row on the main concourse, then enjoy live music, activities with sponsors, contests and a cold beverage right on the turf where the Buffalo Bills play. It’s a great photo opportunity for family and friends.

FREE Parking

The festival and Buffalo Bills offer FREE parking to all attendees

Restaurant Row

Over 20 local, regional, national and even international eateries will be on hand serving over 100 different styles of wings as well as other local Buffalo favorite foods. The regional twists on wings from all over the country make the Wingfest the most unique food festival in the country. Two of the restaurants coming back this year that won multiple awards at last year’s Wingfest caught a lot of fame last year because of the honors that they received right here in Buffalo. Double Dubs from Laramie, WY was selected by Guy Fieri for an episode on the Food Network’s Diners, Drive-ins, and Dives. Also, the Blind Rhino out of South Norwalk, CT was recognized because of their Wingfest awards to be the official wing of last year’s Super Bowl VIP Party in Los Angeles.

The “Coop” by Seneca Resorts & Casinos - Entertainment Pavilion

New this year is an entertainment area that features live music all weekend long. The Jim Beam Distillery experience will be rolling into Buffalo sampling some of their best bourbon products. Interactive games will also keep festival goers busy. Barone Fini Wines will be sampling some of their finest offerings. Also, a big 9’ x 6’ TV screen will be showing all the activities and contests from the field’s main stage. Of course some of WNY’s finest brews will be on hand including a Yuengling beer market.

The Pepsi Club – indoor air-conditioned seating

The National Buffalo Wing Festival offers guests the opportunity to enjoy their wings in an air-conditioned suite with open seating and a bar. It is open to all festivalgoers for relief from sun or just to sit, relax and enjoy their wings!

Philanthropy:

Over the past 21 years, the National Buffalo Wing Festival has raised more than \$420,000 for local charities. The festival will again give back to the community with this year’s beneficiaries including [Alzheimer’s Association Western New York Chapter](#), and [FeedMoreWNY.org](#)

National Media Coverage

Wingfest has been showcased by such national media as the Food Network (*All-American Festivals*, *Unwrapped*, *Throwdown with Bobby Flay* and *Emeril Lagasse Live*), the Travel Channel (*Bar Food Paradise*, *Taste of America* and *Food Wars*), NBC's *Today Show*, ABC's *The View*, *The CBS Morning Show*, ABC Morning Show, BBC, Regis & Kelly, *Fox and Friends* and even a PBS documentary.

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MORE INFORMATION: To learn more, visit BuffaloWing.com or follow along at www.facebook.com/BuffaloWingFestival, [@WingFest](https://twitter.com/WingFest) and by using the hashtag #WingFest22.