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Hello,

SPORTS for Exceptional Athletes is hosting for our members the 20th annual "A Taste 4 SPORTS" gala fundraiser on Thursday, June 3rd from 6:00 - 9:00pm at the Balboa Park Club (2150 Pan American Road West, San Diego 92101) in beautiful Balboa Park. **We would be proud to have you donate one or more menu/drink items this year.**

"A Taste 4 SPORTS" will feature food from some of San Diego's best local restaurants, appearances by notable local celebrities and sports figures, entertainment, a fabulous silent auction, raffle and lots of fun. The 2026 event featured food and drink from 14 restaurants, personal chefs, caterers and wineries. The 2026 Food & Drink Sponsors included: AleSmith Brewing Company, Bread & Cie, CaliFino Tequila, Creative Ideas, Five Guys, Guillermo's-Pepe's Street Tacos, Haley's Fabulous Desserts, MC Sweet Treats, Mimi's Kitchen, Pick Up Stix, Pizzabilities, Richard's Bees, Screaming Pete's BBQ, and Super Nova Café. The 2026 "A Taste 4 SPORTS", attended by over 200 guests, raised over $70,000 to support sports programs for athletes with developmental disabilities in San Diego County.

For planning purposes, we are estimating this year approximately 300-350 people at "A Taste 4 SPORTS". Set up will be buffet style with guests moving from table to table to sample the food from the various restaurants. Restaurants participating in "A Taste 4 SPORTS" must prepare the food off-site; bring food, serving trays and utensils; provide 1-2 staff to serve the food from their table; and clean-up their serving station afterward. "A Taste 4 SPORTS" will provide 1 serving table and 1 work table, chairs, plates, cutlery and linen. A sink is available for clean-up.

SPORTS for Exceptional Athletes (S4EA) is a non-profit (Tax ID 20-8886536) sports program serving athletes with developmental disabilities ages 5 through adult in San Diego County. The purpose of SPORTS for Exceptional Athletes is to create enhanced opportunities for people with and without disabilities to interact and form lasting bonds of friendship through shared sports and recreational activities in their community. S4EA serves 1,400 athletes with developmental disabilities who have the opportunity to train and compete in 20+ different sports offered in 4 seasons throughout the year.

On behalf of the athletes and volunteers at SPORTS for Exceptional Athletes, I thank you for your consideration of this request. Proceeds from "A Taste 4 SPORTS" will support programs to enhance the lives of athletes with developmental disabilities through sports in San Diego County. If you have any questions or for further information, please contact Walter Jackson at (858)565-7432 or visit the website www.s4ea.org/taste4sports

We look forward to your support!

Best in SPORTS,

Walter A. Jackson

Walter Jackson, S4EA Executive Director