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SHERIFF AND JOBTRAIN TEAM UP IN CULINARY COOK-OFF First Ever Event Promises to be a Gastronomic Extravaganza

Redwood City, CA: Cops may love doughnuts, but the August 17 Culinary Cook-off at the San Mateo County Jail will showcase inmate cooking talent that goes way beyond such pedestrian fare. But the proof will be in the pudding when three judges select winners from several dishes prepared by inmate-chefs. Sheriff Greg Munks and JobTrain's Master Chef Adam Weiner have teamed-up to host the competition.

JobTrain, based in Menlo Park, is the innovative 45 year old institution that offers everything from full-time vocational training to GED preparation. One program in the JobTrain curriculum is its award winning culinary training regimen headed by Chef Adam Weiner. Chef Weiner came together with the Sheriff's Office to create a parallel culinary program within the county jail. The jail program tracks JobTrain's regular curriculum so inmates can continue classes at the Menlo Park campus upon release. The objective is to prepare inmates for jobs in the food service industry and to hopefully reduce the criminal recidivism rate.

At this year's first ever competition, four teams of inmates will each prepare a culinary masterpiece under the guidance of Chef Weiner. Judging will be by celebrity chefs and local dignitaries.

The culinary cook-off's purpose is to showcase the community partner inmate programs offered at the Sheriff's Maple Street jail complex. Members of the media are welcome.

Location: Sheriff's Maple Street Facility
1590 Maple Street
Redwood City
Time: 9am to 1pm

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If you'd like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview with Adam Weiner, please contact Lori Stone at 650/330-6454 or lstone@jobtrainworks.org.