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**TEAM GULF COAST FEATURING 21 CHEFS IS HEADED TO  
COMPETE IN THE WORLD'S LARGEST FOOD FIGHT**

Can you make a burger, dessert, sandwich, bacon, steak or seafood dish that's worth \$100,000? The members of Team Gulf Coast certainly think they can, and they are all making plans now to prove it. These chefs successfully qualified for the world's largest event in Food Sport- the World Food Championships (WFC). From Nov 9-15<sup>th</sup>, they will be competing for a \$300,000 prize purse and the title of 2016 World Food Champion in Orange Beach, Alabama.

Team Gulf Coast is made up of 21 chefs that are competing against 430 different teams from across the world who will be seeking the ultimate food crown. These chefs won the chance to compete at WFC by winning a qualifying event. As a result, one of these chefs will now have a shot for a major payday at WFC, where \$100,000 is awarded for the best dish overall and \$10,000 is awarded in nine different categories: BBQ, Chili, Dessert, Bacon, Sandwich, Seafood, Burger, Steak, and Recipe.

Competing in Seafood: Chef Chris Sherrill, Chef Matthew Brown, Chef Haikel Harris, Chef Brody Olive, Chef Chris Kelly, Chef Paul Kerr, Chef Rudy Rudolph, Chef Jason Perry, Chef Acie Vincent, Chef Josh Quick, Chef Bill Howard.

Competing in Steak: Chef Scott Smith, Chef Tim Chyrek, Chef Jordan Wakefield.

Competing in Sandwich: Chef Brandon Burleson, Chef Ira Gallon

Competing in Burger: Chef Tricia Horton

Competing in Dessert: Chef Pamala Nye

Competing in Recipe: Chef Fletch Miller

Competing in Bacon: Chef John Hamme

Competing in BBQ: Brian Potter

You can cheer on Team Gulf Coast by following them on Facebook or following the results at [www.worldfoodchampionships.com](http://www.worldfoodchampionships.com). There's also a good chance that these chefs will be seen on TV, as this event is filmed for national cable television each year. It has been seen on the A&E Network as well as the Discovery Network.

### **Media**

If you would like information about media credentials at the event, please follow this link: <https://worldfoodchampionships.com/media>

### **About the World Food Championships**

The World Food Championships is the largest competition in Food Sport, where champions of previous events convene annually for a chance at winning the Ultimate Food Fight and a share of more than \$300,000 in cash and prizes. Now in its fifth year, The World Food Championships platform ranges from live-event competitions to a robust multimedia platform that helps pro chefs, home cooks, and competition teams achieve food fame and fortune as TV's next big food stars.