



**Kalahari Resorts & Conventions in Pocono Manor Hosts Over 1400 at  
Property-Wide Food & (Not Just) Wine Festival**

*Known for its culinary excellence, the resort hosted guests that enjoyed chef bake offs, food tastings, drinks from local and national brands and world-class entertainment*

**Pocono Manor, PA (April 14, 2025)** – Kalahari Resorts in Pocono Manor, home to Pennsylvania’s Largest Indoor Waterpark, hosted its second annual [Food & \(Not Just\) Wine Festival](#) on Sunday, April 13, 2025. This festival featured over 75 local and national beverage vendors, dozens of food samples from the resort’s on-site restaurants and catering, and live entertainment, including Basic Cable, a variety of live music, mirror ball contortionists, stilt walkers and more.

“Many people know Kalahari for our incredible waterpark resorts, so we wanted to demonstrate our commitment to providing beyond expectations culinary and entertainment experiences to the community as well,” said Don Pleau, General Manager, Kalahari Resorts and Conventions, Pocono Manor. “The support from guests and local vendors alike has been sensational. With over 70 beverage partners, 32 food sampling stations and dozens of entertainers bringing this year’s celebration to life, the festival showed its over 1400 guests a true taste of what Kalahari has to offer.”

During the resort-wide festival, Kalahari Resorts transformed into an immersive culinary experience. Eventgoers enjoyed food tastings from Kalahari’s culinary experts, drink samples from local and nationally beloved brands and award-winning entertainment.

“Our goal at Kalahari Resorts is to provide every guest a beyond-expectations experience, but this is just a sliver of what we offer here,” Pleau continued. “Guests at this year’s festival described the experience as ‘unbelievable’ and ‘not to be missed.’ Guests mentioned they can’t wait to come back and experience our restaurants and holiday buffets!”

Festival guests participated in chef demonstrations like the Pastry Showdown featuring three Kalahari pastry chefs from three of Kalahari Resort’s company pastry chefs, a wine sampling demonstration from Caymus winery, sourdough class and bourbon tasting with Old Forester.

“At Kalahari we want guests to experience that vacation feeling of getting carried away, or how we like to say getting Kalahari’d Away,” Pleau continued. “With this festival selling over 1400 tickets, we heard several guests mention that they came to the event and felt as if they were transformed into the culinary day of their dreams. We are pleased to hear so many members of the community being blown away and look forward to our upcoming Food & (Not Just) Wine festival in Round Rock, Texas.”

The Pocono’s resort festival marks the first of two Food & (Not Just) Wine Festivals that Kalahari will host at its resorts nationwide. This May the newest Kalahari Resorts in Round Rock, Texas (where the Food & (Not Just) Wine Festival originated) will host its event for a fourth year.

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### **About Kalahari Resorts & Conventions**

Kalahari Resorts and Conventions in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, Sandusky, Ohio, the Pocono Mountains, Pennsylvania, and Round Rock, Texas, and opening soon in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, delivers a beyond-expectations waterpark resort and conference experience all under one roof. The authentically African-inspired Kalahari Resorts, privately owned by the Nelson family, is home to America's Largest Indoor Waterparks. Todd and Shari Nelson, the founders of Kalahari Resorts, were honored with an induction into the Wisconsin Business Hall of Fame in 2023. Kalahari Resorts features well-appointed guest rooms and suites, the full-service Spa Kalahari, a fun-filled family entertainment center, on-site signature restaurants, unique retail shops and a state-of-the-art convention center. For more information, members of the media are encouraged to visit [kalaharimedia.com](http://kalaharimedia.com).