



## SURVIVAL GUIDE:

*Everything to know about the  
Chicago cultural festival*

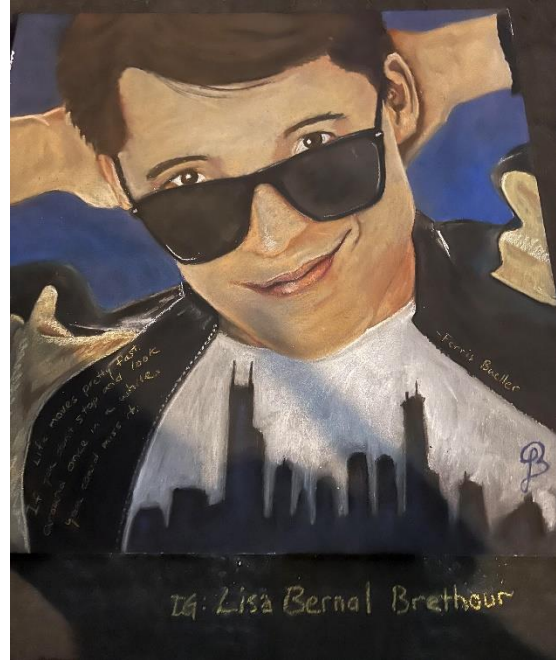
**Sunday April 30th, 2023**

**Mesa Riverview Park**

**(2020 Cubs Way Mesa, AZ 85201)**

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## A BIG CHICAGO FEST WEST WELCOME!

For many years, Mesa Arizona has been nicknamed the “Western Most Suburb of Chicago” and for good reason! It has been home of the Chicago Cubs for Spring Training for over 70 years, and a major landing zone for Chicago’s winter visitors, who are affectionately called “snowbirds” by Arizona natives.

We are beyond excited to have you join us in the 2nd annual Chicago Fest West Festival as we share and celebrate the vibrant culture of all-things Chicago! We invite you to show off your favorite team colors or other Chicago-inspired attire and enjoy your time

at Chicago Fest West! Sports team hats, tees, and colors of Chicago are welcome whether you are a southsider, northsider, or midwesterner. We have something for all!

[Photos display original artwork of: Chalk Artists Jennifer White and Lisa Bernal Berthour and Adrian Ramirez, 2023 Mural Artist]

## 2023 QUICK EVENT DETAILS

<b>DATE</b>	Sunday, April 30th 2023 <i>(Rain or Shine)</i>
<b>STARTS AT</b>	1:30 pm.
<b>ENDS AT</b>	9:30pm
<b>LOCATION</b>	2020 West Cubs Way at Mesa Riverview Park (North of Rio Salado Parkway)
<b>WHO</b>	Everyone - <i>this is a family-friendly event!</i>
<b>WHAT'S THERE</b>	Chicago Food Vendors, Car Show, Music, Dancing, Bags Tournament, Chalk Artists, Mural Wall, Baseball Harry Carey Photo Exhibit, VIP Area the Dugout, Performers and much more.

# WHAT IS CHICAGO FEST WEST?

Chicago Fest West (CFW) is a family-friendly cultural event that celebrates all-things Chicago with a full day of live music, food, dance and fanfare. The 2023 Chicago Fest West takes place the last weekend of April and is being held in conjunction with the Sangria Festival. The Sangria Festival is taking place on Saturday, April 29th, while Chicago Fest West is taking place on Sunday, April 30th.

Chicago Fest West is held at Mesa's Riverview Park, just north of Rio Salado Parkway and east of the Cubs Sloan Park Stadium along CUBS WAY (2020 Cubs Way, Mesa, Arizona 85201).

DJ music begins at 1pm. Live bands start at 2:00 pm. The festival will end at 9:30 pm.

**Tickets for the event can be purchased prior to the event on Eventbrite**

**<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/chicago-fest-west-in-mesa-az-april-30th-2023-music-food-fun-tickets-534681766557?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>. We recommend that you buy in advance, as the cost increases for each ticket purchased the day of the event.**

Proceeds from the event support College Bound AZ a local 501c3 Non-Profit that supports underserved youth as they go to and through college.



# COLLEGE BOUND AZ

College Bound AZ (CBAZ) is a 501c3 Not-For-Profit organization that provides direct one-on-one services to help underserved youth achieve their dream of a brighter future through education. College Bound supports the students to and through college completion. College Bound services include a middle school college introduction and mentoring program called Jr. Rise Scholars, a high school college access program called Rise Scholars and student internships, laptops for college, and a college food pantry to help keep low-income students in college. College Bound works with 11 school districts, various charter schools, and has its offices on the East Valley Institute of Technology campuses in Mesa.

Established in 2010, College Bound AZ has been steadily advancing as the premier nonprofit community resource, guiding aspiring under-represented students on their journey to college through mentorship, college access, guidance, and support. College Bound AZ operates in the greater metropolitan Phoenix area and delivers indispensable direct assistance to students in grades 7 through college, serving approximately 2500 students through its junior high, high school, and college programs.

College Bound AZ is an Arizona Qualified Charitable Organization (QCO) QCO 22096, a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit charity, and a Certified Autism Center. All philanthropic contributions to College Bound AZ are fully tax deductible as allowed by law.

For more information, visit [www.cbaz.org](http://www.cbaz.org) or <https://www.collegeboundaz.org/>



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# LIVE MUSIC LINEUP

(Times may vary slightly)

TIME (PM)	LOCATION: MAIN STAGE (Rain or Shine)
1:00 - 1:30	DJ Memo, National Anthem, Bag Pipes, and song <i>Chicago</i> Kickoff
2:00 - 3:15	The JNX
3:15 - 3:35	DJ Memo
3:35 - 5:05	Blues Man Mike and the Blues Review
5:05 - 5:30	DJ Memo Sponsor Thank You, Medallion Hunt Winner, Cameo by Blues Brothers
5:30 - 7:00	Surrender - The Cheap Trick Experience
7:00 - 7:20	DJ Memo
7:20 - 8:50	Uncorked
8:50 - 9:30	DJ Memo

TIME (PM)	LOCATION: SECOND STAGE (Rain or Shine)
4:30 - 5:15	Las Sendas Fred Astaire Dancers
5:30 - 6:15	Desert Sounds Mariachi Players
6:30 - 7:15	TBD
7:30 - 8:15	Comedian Rob Maebee





# TICKET INFORMATION

TICKET TYPE	COST	DESCRIPTION
<b>General Admission</b>	<b>\$22.00</b>	admission into the festival and access to stages for musical performances
<b>Dugout Ticket</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	includes exclusive entrance; separate parking area with free food and 2 drink tickets; re-entry privileges; preferred viewing area; private restrooms and other amenities
<b>Youth Ticket</b>	<b>FREE</b>	16 and under

## How do we purchase our tickets?

Tickets are available for purchase at [chicagofestwest.com](http://chicagofestwest.com) or on Eventbrite at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/chicago-fest-west-in-mesa-az-april-30th-2023-music-food-fun-tickets-534681766557?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>. Go to the [www.chicagofestwest.com](http://www.chicagofestwest.com) website and click the Buy Tickets button in the upper-right corner of the landing page.

## Can we purchase tickets at the gate?

Yes. However, the cost at the door does increase to \$26.00 for a General Admission ticket and \$120 for a Dugout ticket.

## Do I have to wear a wristband?

Yes. Tickets will be scanned at the events and festival attendees over 21 will be provided with a wristband upon admittance. Those 21 and over with a VIP Dugout ticket will be provided a special wristband.

**FOR FULL DETAILS ON CHICAGO FEST WEST VISIT [www.chicagofestwest.com](http://www.chicagofestwest.com)**

# PARKING INFORMATION

Festival parking is \$5.00 in the east side lot, just north of Cubs Way and in the parking garage. The nearby parking garage provides covered parking. Drivers will be directed to the parking garage upon arrival once surface parking is full, as the parking garage is usually the last parking area filled.

Handicap and VIP parking is available, and those in need will be directed to the Handicap parking lot north of Cubs Way on the westside of the festival site. See parking map below.





# EVENT SECURITY

Patrons are subject to a search upon entry. Security screening may be requested by law enforcement personnel before entry.

All bags are subject to search before entry. While it is not required for bags to be clear, bags cannot be larger than 12x16.

Persons who do not comply with the search policy will be refused entry to the event.

Please note: The following items are <b>PROHIBITED</b> from Chicago Fest West		
air horns/noisemakers.	Sharp objects and selfie Sticks	Weapons of any kind (including toy guns, ammo, knives, tasers, pepper spray, firearms)
Cigarettes, e-cigs, vapes	Instruments	
Drugs/paraphernalia	Hula-Hoops	Large chains, chain wallets, or spiked jewelry
Glow sticks/LED Gloves	Flags	Unauthorized/unlicensed vendors. No solicitation or materials, including: handbills, flyers, stickers, etc.)
Laser pens/pointers	Lighters	
Spray paint/Markers	Flares	Any wheeled device, powered or not (i.e. skateboards, wagons, bicycles, etc) <i>EXCEPTION: ADA mobility devices</i>
Totems	Hammocks	
Fireworks	Large Misters	Tents, umbrellas larger than 3 feet in diameter, canopies, or shade structures
Pets (service dogs OK)	Drones/Go Pros	
Walkie-Talkies	Coolers, glass, cans	Large bottles. One-two sealed water bottles are OK.
stuffed animals	Professional Cameras w/o media pass	
Inflatables	No outside food or beverage/alcohol	

Video or audio recording equipment without a Media Pass	No balloons, balls, beach balls, frisbees and any other projectiles
Large purses or bags (must be less than 12X16)	

## CELL PHONE CHARGING STATIONS

For your convenience, a charging station to recharge your cell phones and portable devices is available at the CFW Information and Lost and Found Booth, adjacent to the festival entrance

## REFUND POLICY

*This festival is a rain or shine event. Tickets are non-refundable.*

However, if the festival is rescheduled, your passes will automatically be honored at the new date. Should you be unable to attend the new date, refunds will be offered within 30 days of the announced rescheduled date.

If the festival is canceled, your passes will be refunded through our ticket vendor. Chicago Fest West cannot verify the policies of third-party ticket resellers.

## SMOKING GUIDELINES

This is a family-friendly event. Smoking is allowed only in designated spaces at the festival. Please be courteous to non-smokers.

# FAQ

## (Frequently Asked Questions)

**Q: Is this festival ADA accessible?**

A: Yes. There will be ADA bathrooms and parking available.

**Q: If I leave the festival, can I re-enter the festival again later?**

A: Reentry is prohibited, unless you have a VIP ticket.

**Q: Is this a cash or credit event?**

A: Credit is preferred. However, both will be accepted. Vendors at the festival will decide what form of payment they want. CFW highly recommends credit/debit cards for payment, even the \$5 parking fee.

**Q: Should I bring sunscreen and wear a hat?**

A: Arizona can get very hot, even in April with plenty of sunshine. We suggest that you wear a Hat (Chicago Sports Teams are a good bet) Therefore, please come prepared with sunscreen, water, hat and a blanket to relax on. Folding chairs are allowed too. Evenings do cool off but that is not until the sun goes down!

**Q: Where can I stay near the Chicago Fest West Festival?**

A: The Marriott and Sheridan are located on the Riverview Park property, however there are also numerous lodging options near the venue.

**Q: Is there a Lost and Found on site?**

A: Yes. If you lose an item proceed to the main entrance. There is a Lost and Found located at the information booth inside the festival area.

**Q: Are there medical and/or first aid services on site?**

A: Yes. There is a medical and first aid tent near the main festival entrance.



**Q: Will there be free drinking water available?**

A: There will be free refill stations for service animals inside the festival. However, patrons should be prepared to purchase drinking water should they want it. Water can be brought into the venue, when in approved sealed plastic bottles.

**Q: Can I bring an umbrella?**

A: Yes. Personal sized umbrellas are permitted to shade from the Arizona sun. However, large sized umbrellas (i.e. pool/beach umbrellas) are not permitted. When using an umbrella, please be considerate of those around you.

**Q: Will there be a dance area near the stage?**

A: Yes. This year's event will have a designated dance area for people to move their bodies and enjoy the music.

**Q: Is this event pet-friendly?**

A: No. Unfortunately to maintain safety of people and pets, only service animals are permitted at Chicago Fest West. We can expect 15,000 people and things can get very crowded.

**Q: Can I bring medical supplies to Chicago Fest West?**

A: If you need to bring in medical items or supplies, identify yourself to security prior to entering the venue. Security will alert the appropriate medical staff who will provide a secure area to store all items. Please note there is no needle disposal available. Therefore, all medical needles need to be secured by the user and then taken to a proper medical disposal unit offsite.

Medical items that are not available for purchase on-site may be brought in. Please note that you may need to provide an official doctor's note or prescription confirming the item's necessity.

**Q: How can I get to Chicago Fest West?**

A: The Mesa Riverview park is located on the northwest corner of Dobson Rd and Rio Salado Parkway. Rio Salado can be reached via an exit off of the 101 Freeway and Dobson can be reached off of the 202 Red Mountain freeway. Once you exit off of Dobson and onto Cubs Way, drive approximately 800 feet and the Chicago Fest West site is just north of Cubs Way in the ball fields. **See Map.** If you exit

onto Rio Salado from the 101, drive approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile and enter off of Sheffield Rd and follow it around to Cubs Way. The festival is east of Sheffield Rd. There is parking available on-site for a fee of \$5. However, the park is also accessible via Uber, Lyft, or taxi services. Depending on your location, it may also be within walking/biking distance.