



# Michael's

CHICAGO-STYLE RED HOTS • SINCE 1977

## EVENT PLANNING GUIDE

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# CELEBRATE CHICAGO-STYLE!

Legendary cuisine served in our welcoming atmosphere has made Michael's the premiere event destination on the North Shore for 40 years. Conveniently located in the heart of downtown Highland Park, Michael's is ideal for corporate events and all of life's celebrations!

## THE SPACES

Available 7 days a week for all special events, Michael's can accommodate both semi-private parties ranging from 15 to 100 guests OR full venue buyouts for up to 225 guests. Our guest capacity can increase with additional furniture rental and inventive floor plans.

## THE CUISINE

Michael's offers "Counter Service" packages for Full Venue Buyouts. For Semi-Private Events, we offer stationed dining displays including all of Michael's favorites. Enhance either package with elegant passed appetizers, signature cocktails, and tempting sweet treats.

## THE TEAM

Every event at Michael's includes our complimentary event consulting to assist with your event decisions including décor, linens, floral displays, entertainment, centerpieces, invitations and video memoirs. Our team is ready to plan and execute your design vision. From start to finish, expect a full service planning experience!



### SEMI-PRIVATE EVENT SPACE

SEATED CAPACITY 100 | STANDING CAPACITY 150

Located in the east portion of the restaurant.  
Ideal for social gatherings, birthday parties, and corporate meetings.  
Access to JUMBO Screen TV, 5 flat panel HD TVs, and a private bar

### FULL VENUE BUYOUT

SEATED CAPACITY 150 | STANDING CAPACITY 225

Ideal for Mitzvahs, Company parties, and Social engagements requiring exclusivity.  
"Counter Service" menu packages are designed specifically for venue buyouts.  
Access to nightclub quality sound and lighting, flat screen TVs, dance floor and DJ booth

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# PARTY STARTERS

PRICED PER DOZEN, 2-DOZEN MINIMUM

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**CAPRESE SHOOTERS** Fresh mozzarella, grape tomatoes, nut-free basil pesto (*Gluten free*) \$24

**CHEESE QUESADILLAS** Sour cream, house-made salsa \$22

**CRISPY POTATO SKINS** Merkt's cheddar, sour cream, scallion \$24

**HUMMUS CUP** Red pepper and garlic hummus, toasted pita chips (*Gluten free w/ veggies*) \$22

**MINI CHEDDAR CHAR BURGERS** Merkt's cheddar, brioche bun \$36

**MINI 'CHICAGO STYLE' CHAR DOGS** Traditional toppings, poppy seed bun \$36

**SOFT PRETZEL BITES** Stone ground mustard dipping sauce (*Kid friendly*) \$18

**SPINACH STUFFED MUSHROOMS** House-made spinach soufflé topped with aged cheddar \$24

**SPINACH & VEGGIE CUP** Creamy dip with fresh cut carrots, red bell peppers, and celery \$22

**TERIYAKI CHICKEN SKEWERS** Asian dipping sauce (*Gluten free upon request*) \$28

**GRILLED STEAK SKEWERS** Dipping sauce (*Gluten free upon request*) \$32

**TOMATO BASIL GARLIC BREAD** Served warm with a classic marinara sauce \$18

**TOASTED RAVIOLI** Crispy cheese ravioli, Pomodoro sauce (*Kid friendly*) \$21

**TUSCAN BRUSCHETTA** Crostini, roasted pepper, tomato basil, shredded Parmesan \$18

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# SNACK STATIONS

20-GUEST MINIMUM

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**STICKS AND DIPS** Hummus & Spinach dip, fresh veggies, toasted pita chips \$3.50 / guest

**CHIPS AND GUACAMOLE** Yellow corn chips, house-made salsa \$3.50 / guest

**SEASONAL FRUIT PLATTER** \$3.50 / guest (*Gluten free*)

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Pricing exclusive of service charge and tax.



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# COUNTER SERVICE PACKAGES

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For **FULL VENUE BUYOUTS**, Choose from three menu options. Packages include "open counter" service and unlimited fountain drinks, coffee, and iced tea.

## **MICHAEL'S FAVORITES MENU**

Hot Dogs, Char Dogs, Char Burgers, Charbroiled Chicken Breasts, Chicken Fingers, French Fries with Merkt's Cheddar Cheese

Our Legendary Salad Bar including all 65 toppings

\$19 / guest

## **PREMIUM OPEN COUNTER MENU**

Literally anything you want from this menu!

Hotdogs, Char dogs, Jumbo Char Dogs, Char Burgers, Turkey Burgers, Veggie Burgers, Buffalo Burger, Charbroiled Chicken Breasts, Skirt Steak Sandwiches, Italian Beef, Chicken Fingers

French Fries, Cheddar Fries, Sweet Potato Fries, Mike's Bites, Onion Rings, Mozzarella Sticks, Housemade Soups and Chili, Michael's signature Merkt's Cheddar Cheese

Legendary Salad Bar including all toppings and proteins, Stuffed Baked Potatoes and Signature Wraps

\$24 / guest

## **MICHAEL'S DELUXE GRILL MENU**

Teriyaki Skirt Steak, Lemon & Herb Chicken, and Grilled Salmon  
Grilled Seasonal Vegetables, Baked Potato Bar with Toppings  
Our Legendary Salad Bar incl. all 65 Toppings, Dinner Rolls with Salted Butter

\$29 / guest

## **KIDS COUNTER (8 And Under)**

Cheese Pizza, Grilled Cheese, Chicken Fingers, Kids Burger  
French Fries, Veggie Sticks, Fruit Slices

\$10 / child

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# STATIONED MENU PACKAGES

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For **SEMI PRIVATE EVENTS**, choose from a selection of Michael's favorites.  
Menu packages include buffet service, Chicago-style toppings, fountain beverages, coffee and iced tea.

## THE "RED HOT" CLASSIC

### CHOOSE (2)

Jumbo Char Dogs, Char Burgers, Charbroiled Chicken Breasts, Chicken Fingers

### CHOOSE (2)

Chopped Salad, Caesar Salad, Asian Salad, Debbie's Salad, Greek Salad  
*Add protein to any salad \$2/guest*

### CHOOSE (1)

French Fries, Onion Rings

\$18 / guest

## THE "TOP DOG" SPREAD

### CHOOSE (3)

Char Dogs, Jumbo Char Dogs, Char Burgers, Veggie Burgers,  
Charbroiled Chicken Breasts, Chicken Fingers  
*Substitute our "Chosen" Jumbo Kosher Char Dog for \$2/guest*

### CHOOSE (2)

Chopped Salad, Caesar Salad, Asian Salad, Debbie's Salad, Greek Salad  
*Add protein to any salad \$2/guest*

### CHOOSE (2)

French Fries, Sweet Potato Fries, Mike's Bites, Onion Rings,  
Mac N' Cheese, Housemade Soups, Chili

\$23 / guest

## THE "LITTLE DOG" SPREAD (8 And Under)

### CHOOSE (2)

Cheese Pizza, Grilled Cheese, Chicken Fingers, Kid's Burger

### CHOOSE (2)

French Fries, Veggie Sticks, Fruit Slices

\$10 / guest

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# CREATE YOUR OWN SALAD BAR

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### SALAD GREENS

CHOOSE (2)

Field Greens, Romaine/Iceberg Mix, Spinach, Kale

### TOPPINGS

CHOOSE (12)

Artichoke hearts, bacon, bean sprouts, beets, black beans, broccoli, carrots, celery, cauliflower, cheddar, corn, cranberries, cucumber, edamame, egg, egg whites, feta, fresh mozzarella, garbanzo beans, green peppers, hearts of palm, jicama, low-fat mozzarella, mushroom, olives, onions, pasta salad, peas, pepperoncini, radish, raisins, roasted red peppers, snap peas, sun-dried tomatoes, tofu, tomatoes, zucchini

### CRUNCH

CHOOSE (3)

Rice noodles, croutons, fried onions, roasted soy nuts, sesame buds, sunflower seeds, wasabi peas, wontons

### DRESSING

CHOOSE (4)

Asian, balsamic vinaigrette, blue cheese, Caesar, Greek, honey mustard, thousand island, wasabi cucumber, low fat ranch, low-fat cucumber dill, fat-free Italian, balsamic vinegar, red wine vinegar, olive oil

\$10 / guest

ADD GRILLED CHICKEN OR ROASTED TURKEY \$4 / guest

ADD SOUP OF THE DAY OR CHILI FOR \$4 / guest

ADD A SELECTION OF MINI SANDWICHES \$48 / dozen

ROAST BEEF, GRILLED CHICKEN, TURKEY CLUB

ADD A SELECTION OF SIGNATURE WRAPS \$55 / dozen

TURKEY CLUB (2), CHICKEN CAESAR (2), ASIAN CHICKEN (1), VEGGIE (1)

ADD ITALIAN BEEF SANDWICHES \$8 / guest

3" ITALIAN ROLLS, ROASTED BEEF, SWEET PEPPERS, AND HOT GIARDINIERA

## HAVE A MICHAEL'S SALAD SERVER CHOP, TOSS, AND DRESS YOUR SALAD FOR YOU!

\$65 FOR 2 HOUR SERVICE, CAN ACCOMMODATE UP TO 50 GUESTS

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# "ON THE ROCKS" MENU

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PRICED PER GUEST, GUEST MINIMUMS APPLY. PACKAGES INCLUDE STANDARD MIXERS AND GARNISH

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## THE BASICS

Domestic Beer, House Wine & Soft drinks

2 hours - \$15 / guest    3 hours - \$21 / guest

Add Frozen Margaritas & Seasonal Frozen Spritzes for \$3 / guest

Add a selection of Craft & Imported Beer for \$2 / guest

## PREMIUM OPEN BAR

Premium spirits include Kettle One Vodka, Beefeater Gin, Bacardi Rum, Jim Beam Bourbon,  
Dewar's Scotch, and Jose Cuervo Tequila

Domestic Beer, House Wine & Signature Frozen Margaritas

2 hours - \$20 / guest    3 hours - \$26 / guest

## ULTRA-PREMIUM OPEN BAR

Top shelf spirits including Grey Goose Vodka, Tanqueray Gin, Myer's Dark Rum,  
Makers Mark, Glenlivet Scotch, and Tres Agaves Tequila

Domestic, Craft & Imported Beer, Upgraded Wine, Sparkling Wine,  
Signature Frozen Margaritas & Seasonal Spritzes

2 hours - \$25 / guest    3 hours - \$32 / guest

## CONSUMPTION BAR

Domestic Beer \$3.99, Craft & Imported Beer \$4.99 - \$5.99

House Wine (White or Red) \$6.99, Upgraded Wine (White, Red, & Sparkling) \$7.99 - \$9.99

Premium Spirits \$5.99 - \$6.99, Top Shelf Spirits \$7.99 - \$9.99

Signature Frozen Margaritas & Seasonal Spritzes \$6.99

\$150 per bar set up and \$150 bartender fee required for all packages

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# FINISHING TOUCHES

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## **Sweet Home Chicago**

Leave your mark with a custom sweet table overflowing with artistically designed edible treats. Paired with specialty lighting and custom design elements this jaw dropping display tastes as good as it looks!  
\$14 / guest

## **Housemade Baked Goods**

House-made chocolate chip cookies, fudge brownies, and rice crispy treats \$4 / guest

## **Caramel Apple Dipping**

Crunchy flower shaped apples drizzled with rich caramel. Top with candy, cookies crumbles & nuts \$8 / guest

## **Smore Bar**

Skewered marshmallows ready to be toasted and covered with inventive toppings.  
Flavored graham crackers, Ghirardelli salted caramel squares and Reese's peanut butter cups to name a few \$8 / guest

## **Cookies & Milk**

Piping hot out of the oven, chewy Chocolate Chip cookies accompanied by shots of cold milk \$4 / guest

## **Seasonal Fruit**

Freshly sliced melons and berries \$4 / guest

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## **Coffee & Tea Service**

Served hot, with cream and sugar \$3 / guest

## **Build Your Own Sundae Bar**

Vanilla Ice cream or Frozen Yogurt

Chocolate Sauce, Caramel

Oreos, M&M's, Walnuts, Peanuts, Sprinkles, Whipped Cream, and Cherries

\$5 / guest

Add Cake Balls for \$2 / guest

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Food & Beverage minimums apply to all event space rentals and depend on the date and time of your event. For Full Venue Buyouts, there is a \$1,000 room set up which includes use of house tables, chairs, lighting and AV. For Semi-Private Space Rentals, there is a \$300 room set up fee. A 20% service charge will be added to your final bill based on food and beverage totals. A 20% deposit is required to confirm an event space rental, which will later be applied to the final bill. Pricing includes all serving pieces, buffet tables with linen, utensils, and disposable plate ware. A 10% administrative fee will be added to all third party charges, including rentals. Pricing is exclusive of F&B minimums, room set up charge, rentals, service charge, and tax. Additional Staff fees may apply for some requested services (passed appetizers, Security, AV tech)

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# GET THE PARTY STARTED

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