



Community Education Winter 2025

Learn with a Chef: Cast Iron Cooking

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Course Description:

Embark on a culinary journey through the art of cast iron cooking in this comprehensive three-part series, designed for both beginners and experienced cooks. You'll explore a variety of cooking techniques, from sautéing and frying to braising, stewing, and baking, while learning the unique benefits and versatility of cast iron cookware. Each class begins with a focused lecture, followed by a demonstration with optional participation. Whether you're looking to enhance your culinary expertise or simply want to explore the enduring appeal of cast iron, this series offers a rich and rewarding experience.

Learning Outcomes:

- Outcome -A brief history of cast iron
- Outcome -Where to buy, and equipment types
- Outcome - How to clean and store equipment to last for generations
- Outcome - How to use cast iron using different cooking methods
- Outcome - Great recipes to cook with various cast iron equipment types.

Course Schedule:

Date: 2/22/25

Day: Saturday

Time: 12:00pm - 3:00pm

Location: Kitchen 181

Sessions: 1

This immersive workshop brings together the essential cast iron cooking techniques of deep frying, braising and stewing, and baking in a single, hands-on session. The class opens with a foundational lecture introducing various types of cast iron cookware, proper care and maintenance, and tips on maximizing its durability and versatility. Students will receive a comprehensive booklet containing lecture key points, space for notes, class recipes, and additional recipes to practice at home, allowing them to solidify their new skills.

The workshop begins with an optional hand- on demonstration of deep frying using a Chicken Parmesan recipe, where students learn techniques to achieve perfectly crisp, even results. Next, the class dives into braising and stewing, focusing on using different heat sources—such as gas, electric, and induction—and mastering slow-cooking methods to create rich, flavorful dishes, demonstrated with a classic Irish Stew.

After a brief break, the class resumes with a session on cast iron baking, exploring the unique health benefits and heat retention properties of cast iron as students prepare Margarita Pizza and Apple Crisp. The workshop wraps up with an open Q&A session, where students can ask questions, discuss recipe adaptations, and gain extra tips, ensuring a well-rounded experience for anyone eager to master the art of cast iron cooking.

Selected Bibliography/Resources:

● Optional book: Cook It in Cast Iron: Kitchen-Tested Recipes for the One Pan That Does It All

By: Cook's Country / ISBN-10 1940352487

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