

Sweets & Snacks Expo

May 24-26, McCormick Place West, Chicago, www.sweetsandsnacksexpo.com



The Windy City will be "the" destination for candy and snack buyers when the 2011 Sweets & Snacks Expo comes to town this month. More than 130 new companies exhibited at the 2010 show, which was attended by more than 14,000 industry professionals, including 1,000 international visitors from more than 60 countries. This year promises even bigger exhibitor and buyer attendance. Among the participants will be those in the Gourmet Marketplace, a dedicated section for gourmet candy, chocolate and savory snacks.

Gourmet Events

Don't miss the following fun to take place within the Gourmet Marketplace during the 2011 Sweets & Snacks Expo.



2 Chicks with Chocolate's lead chocolatier, Stephanie Vazquez, will take you on an amazing cocoa journey, from Chocolate 101 to a Port Wine and Spice Tile pairing. Learn what it takes to perfectly blend six exotic spices and sea salts together without setting your mouth on fire.

www.2chickswithchocolate.com

Observe master pastry chefs from **The French Pastry School**, a premier international institution of pastry arts education, as they demonstrate their pastry skills, showing step-by-step how to use amazing techniques and recipes. www.frenchpastryschool.com



THE FRENCH PASTRY SCHOOL
City Colleges of Chicago



Join **Godiva's** chief chocolatier, Thierry Muret, in a tasting and interactive demonstration of the company's most popular chocolate offerings. Indulge in decadent chocolates and the new Godiva Chocolate Infused Vodkas, inspired by Godiva's best-selling Dark Chocolate Truffle and Double Chocolate Raspberry Truffle. Muret will take you through tasting notes, techniques and the inspiration behind the chocolatier's beloved chocolates and innovative products. www.godiva.com

Join the National Confectioners Association's Chocolate Council for **The Story of Chocolate**. Peek inside the tropical forests of Central and South America, West Africa and Southeast Asia at the origins of chocolate; touch the fruit of those trees, called cocoa pods; taste cacao nibs, the roasted and cracked seeds of that fruit; discover the unique properties of cacao nibs, essential to the manufacturing of chocolate; and find out how chocolate originally was used and how modern inventions has changed all that. www.thestoryofchocolate.com



2 Chicks with Chocolate
South River, N.J.

888-896-2449

www.2chickswithchocolate.com

Booths #1086 & #1686

New from 2 Chicks with Chocolate comes the Wine Collection, featuring four flavors: The Spicy Merlot (a bonbon featuring a 38 percent milk chocolate shell filled with smooth, milk chocolate ganache and infused with Merlot, cinnamon, orange and a touch of black peppercorn), The Cabernet Caramel (enveloped in a 64 percent dark chocolate shell with a touch of wine, smooth caramel and hint of salt), Tempranillo Ganache (a Spanish grape flavor in a smooth ganache with raspberry undertones) and Meritage Caramel (a blend of Syrah, Merlot and Zinfandel).

SRP: \$39.95 for a 12-piece box

Bauer's Candies Inc.
Lawrenceburg, Ky.

877-622-8377

www.bauerscandy.com

Booth #1459

Modjeskas have homemade marshmallow cream centers that are hand-dipped in rich and creamy homemade caramel, and then hand-wrapped.

SRP: \$4-\$4.95 per 4-ounce gift bag; \$8.50-\$9.85 per 8-ounce gift bag; 60 cents-\$1 per piece (bulk)



New Zealand Natural Goods
Manhattan Beach, Calif.



310-649-6964

www.nzng.com

Booth #1483

Expanding on its RJ's brand licorice line, New Zealand Natural Goods has introduced RJ's Natural Licorice Allsorts (naturally colored and flavored, in the following fruity combinations: Passion Fruit, Black Cherry, Lime and Orange); RJ's Licorice Allsorts (made with fruity flavors and a dash of coconut); RJ's Licorice Chocolate Twists (soft twisted black licorice pieces with Belgian chocolate-filled centers); and RJ's Raspberry Chocolate Twists (soft twisted raspberry licorice pieces with Belgian chocolate-filled centers).

SRP: \$3.99 per 7.05-ounce package

Simply 7

Houston

832-247-6343

www.simply7snacks.com

Booth #1529

Simply 7 Snacks' new Hummus Chips and Lentil Chips enhance the natural flavor of the hummus and lentils by adding herbs, spices and seasonings. Hummus Chips are available in Sea Salt, Tomato Basil and Spicy Chili Pepper varieties. Lentil Chips come in Sea Salt, Creamy Dill and Bruschetta varieties. All snacks are made with simple ingredients and contain no trans fat, cholesterol, artificial flavors or colors, additives or preservatives. They're also gluten-free.

SRP: \$2.99-\$3.49 per 5-ounce bag of Hummus Chips or 4-ounce bag of Lentil Chips; club-size pack also available; single-serve bag to come



Yumnuts

Norwalk, Conn.

203-354-9151

www.yumnutsnaturals.com

Booth #1283

Yumnuts Almonds are 100 percent natural roasted almonds, available in three flavors: Dark Chocolate, Cinnamon and Ginger Orange. The sodium-free snacks contain no artificial flavors, colors or sweeteners, and are packed with protein and fiber.

SRP: \$4.99 per 5-ounce gusseted bag



Enstrom's Candies Inc.

Grand Junction, Colo.

970-242-1655

www.enstrom.com

Booth #1182

Enstrom's World Famous Almond Toffee now comes in bar form for those who wish to enjoy toffee on the go or as a snack. Enstrom's Almond Toffee Bars are a single-serve, sweet indulgence. This is the latest introduction from the Enstrom family, which has been in the confectionery business since 1929, making handcrafted toffee since 1960.

SRP: \$1.69 per bar

Glee Gum

Providence, R.I.

401-351-6415

www.gleegum.com

Booth #1456

Like the rest of the Glee Gum line, Sugar-Free Glee Gum is all-natural and made with sustainably harvested rainforest chicle. But it is the first gum the company has produced that's sweetened with 100 percent xylitol, a sugar alcohol made from American birch bark, found naturally in the fibers of fruits and vegetables. According to the company, xylitol is a safe option for consumers on restricted diets, also hailed for its dental health benefits. Made in the USA and GMO-free, Sugar-Free Glee is available in two flavors: Lemon-Lime and Refresh-Mint.

SRP: \$1.09 per package

