

Backyard Brawl celebrity chef event in Reno

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Celebrity chef Charlie Palmer will host his version of "Top Chef" next weekend at the Grand Sierra Resort, in which he operates three restaurants. Napa's Backyard is a culinary event celebrating the Sierra's easy access to wine country.

Charlie Palmer Group chefs will battle it out in several events and contests that will allow guests chances to toast and taste.

The Backyard Brawl, from 6-9 p.m. Friday in the Summit Pavilion, is a tasting matchup to award the best pairing of wine and food. Vintages of 60 Northern California's wineries will be paired with 20 dishes created by Palmer chefs.

There will be people's choice and media top pairing awards (\$60).

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