

**PRIVATE PARTIES**  
**CUSTOM COOKING CLASSES**  
**CORPORATE EVENTS**



**THE CHOPPING BLOCK**

# THE MOST EXCEPTIONAL, EXPERIENTIAL AND CREATIVE PRIVATE EVENT VENUE IN CHICAGO

*Known for its classes and renowned for its gourmet retail store since 1997, The Chopping Block is fast becoming the premier private event venue for events of all kinds.*

The Chopping Block Event Team will ensure that you are the consummate host when it comes to corporate and social events of all kinds. We offer a wide variety of solutions from team building hands on cooking classes, to interactive birthday parties for all ages, to a relaxed and fresh atmosphere to hold a fabulous cocktail reception.

With two Chicago locations and five unique kitchens, The Chopping Block is the ideal venue for groups as small as 8 to over 200. Whatever your size or purpose, our private events are custom designed to meet your needs. **You choose your level of culinary entertainment or activity.**

Watch, learn and relax as our professional chefs take you step-by-step through your customized gourmet meal in a demonstration class, or get your own aprons dirty during an intensive hands-on class geared toward team building and culinary creativity. We can execute a blend of hands on and demonstration activity, or we will simply support your event by catering your meal or cocktail party in our state of the art venues. Consider adding a Wine tasting component to your event. Your options are limitless.

At The Chopping Block, we firmly believe that bringing people together over food and wine is the recipe for your success. Whether your wish is to entertain VIP clients, friends, or family; to network within your industry or social club; to get out of the office for your next quarterly meeting; or to get your team working more as a "team", the Chopping Block is the ultimate solution provider.



**THE CHOPPING BLOCK** *We'll get you cooking!*

### TEAM BUILDING

Our most popular and successful corporate event. Our professional chefs lead the cooking, while inspiring, guiding and teaching along the way. Class topics and objectives are customized to meet your goals, schedule, and budget.

### IRON CHEF: COMPETITIVE COOKING

Leave the ropes course behind and really get your business cooking with our exclusive Iron Chef: Competitive Cooking event. Inspire creativity by turning our kitchens into your laboratories for hands-on food discovery. Foster friendly competition by simulating the challenges of the real world of work.

### CLIENT ENTERTAINING

Close the deal over one of our hands-on or demonstration cooking classes, thank your client with a casual, wine-tasting event, or take the edge off of your next client meeting with a professionally prepared lunch or dinner in a warm and relaxing environment.

### NETWORKING AND CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Provide your clients with a fresh alternative to that same old restaurant and hotel routine. Engage them by not only wining and dining them, but by giving them an experience that will leave them remembering you.



### EMPLOYEE INCENTIVE AND RECRUITING

Let your team know how much they matter by celebrating them in a warm and engaging environment filled with food, wine, and fun, with a pinch of education added to the mix.

## CORPORATE POSSIBILITIES AND EVENTS



### HOLIDAY EVENTS

Did you ever wish your kitchen was big enough to hold everyone at the party? Ours is. With over 12,000 square feet of kitchen and entertaining space between our two locations, we can accommodate your entire office for the most engaging and successful holiday party your company has ever seen.

### MEETINGS, SEMINARS, TRAINING, AND PRESENTATIONS

If the only conference room with windows is booked, check out our meeting facilities. We have state of the art AV equipment and will support you throughout your day with creative and fresh snacks, meals, and beverages.

*Note: Pairing your meeting with a cooking or wine tasting event has been known to increase attendance and general productivity.*

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Looking for the perfect place to celebrate? From milestone birthday celebrations to anniversary parties to remember, we will create an event that will rise to your expectations.

*Note: Our staff can pull off spectacular surprises with phenomenal food!*

### CHILDREN'S PARTIES

The Chopping Block has years of experience cooking with kids and has developed a curriculum that is perfect for hands-on parties for any age group. Keep the kids entertained with an interactive lesson and a full tummy!



## SOCIAL POSSIBILITIES AND EVENTS



### BACHELOR AND BACHELORETTE PARTIES

A fresh alternative to the bar scene! Celebrate in high style sipping wine and enjoying fabulous food while being entertained. If you wish, we can do all of the work while you sit back and visit with your friends.

### SHOWERS: COUPLES, BRIDAL AND BABY

Move out of the living room and into our cozy, yet state-of-the-art kitchens where you can cook, celebrate, and shop for registry items from our gourmet retail store.

### REHEARSAL DINNERS

Get out of the banquet hall while creating an environment where families can really get to know each other with a fun and interactive culinary adventure.

### REUNIONS AND FAMILY GATHERINGS

Families that cook together stay together. Reminisce the old days with friends and family while whipping up new memories.

### GIRLS'/GUYS' NIGHT OUT

Get the guys together for our popular knife skills event, or have a girls' night out to experiment with new recipes, while sipping wine and enjoying your own private kitchen, with NO clean up!

# WINE TASTING AND PAIRING PARTIES

## WINE TASTING PARTIES

Perfect for both social and corporate occasions, our wine tastings can be custom designed to take you on a tour of France, Napa or beyond. Our Wine Instructor will choose wines from our gourmet wine shop and lead your guests through swirling, swishing and spitting (okay, maybe not spitting.) Custom appetizers will be served.



## WINE TASTING AND FOOD PAIRING PARTIES

The best of both worlds! Experience the ultimate culinary experience with a food and wine pairing party. Our professional chef will pair up with our Wine Instructor to marry food with the perfect wine. Choose from demonstration or hands on formats.

## WINE TASTING 101

Learn the basics of deductive tasting: how to assess color, bouquet, body, palate, and finish.

## ABC (ANYTHING BUT CHARDONNAY) WHITES

Shift away from the Chardonnay routine to explore lesser-known white varietals that won't break the bank.

## ABC (ANYTHING BUT CABERNET) REDS

Experience other red grapes just as fabulous as Cabernet Sauvignon.

## VIVE LA FRANCE

Taste through the Appellations that put beloved grapes such as Chardonnay and Cabernet on the map.

## DOMESTIC BLISS

Take a viticultural tour of the great wine regions of California, Oregon and Washington state.

## WINE FOR DUMMIES

Bare bones basics for those who have little background (but big interest) in the grape and all its glory.



## THE CHOPPING BLOCK OPTIONS

### GOURMET RETAIL STORE

Take advantage of your private event 10% discount on hundreds of gourmet ingredients and cool kitchen tools so you can re-create your Chopping Block experience at home.

### GIFT BAGS

Give your guests a unique party favor that keeps the kitchen inspiration going long after the party is over. Complete your event with a gift bag for your guests, filled with tools and ingredients featured in your private cooking class or your favorite bottle of food-friendly wine. The Chopping Block also offers gift cards in any denomination so your guests can make their own selections from our kitchen store. Spark culinary creativity at home and create memories of a fun-filled event.

### PERSONALIZED APRONS

Include your company logo and/or your guests name on professional chef aprons from The Chopping Block.

### GIFT REGISTRY AND GIFT ORDERS

We offer a complete gift registry for weddings and showers. We will pair you with a knowledgeable sales associate who will help you choose the perfect equipment to outfit your kitchen, or give us a call to select the perfect gift and we will have it ready for you in a gift bag. You receive a 10% discount if you are ordering a gift for an event held at The Chopping Block.

## THE CHOPPING BLOCK ADVANTAGES

### THE CHOPPING BLOCK EVENT TEAM

Our Event Team will help facilitate and plan your event, right down to the last detail. We can coordinate flowers, décor, and any special rental needs for your event. We are your Event Team from start to finish!

### OUR STAFF

Our team of professional chef instructors is knowledgeable, entertaining and well-trained in teaching and facilitating. Our service staff exists to make your event completely comfortable and effortless.

### COCKTAILS ANYONE?

As a full service event venue, the Chopping Block offers an extensive wine list, fabulous local and imported beers, and if you're feeling the urge to celebrate with the hard stuff, we will be happy to oblige with a full service bar. We will also consult our Wine Instructor to pair wines specific to your menu and your tastes.



## THE ONE STOP SHOP FOR ALL OF YOUR EVENT NEEDS

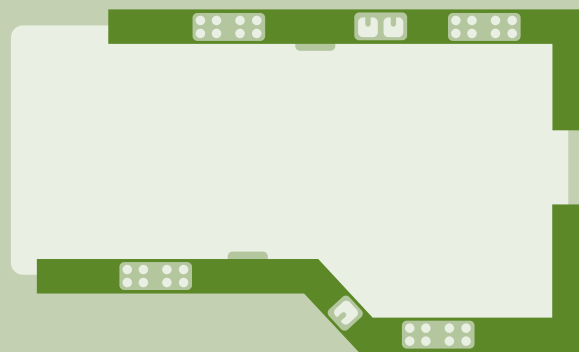
## OUR KITCHENS: COMFORTABLE, COZY AND STATE-OF-THE-ART

*With five unique kitchens, The Chopping Block is Chicago's largest recreational cooking school designed specifically for the home cook. Our venues have a unique look and feel with tools and equipment that have been hand-selected specifically for home cooks, and each kitchen can be customized to fit your needs. Our Event Team will help you select the perfect venue for your group.*

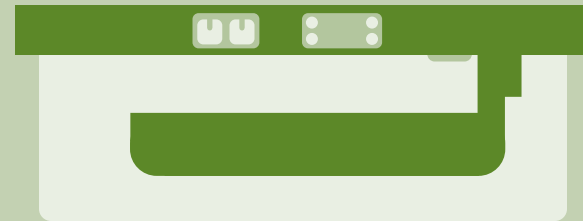
### LINCOLN SQUARE



THYME KITCHEN



The Chopping Block in the heart of Lincoln Square has something for everyone. Our spacious Eggplant Kitchen seats 14 guests and is surrounded by our gourmet retail store, the perfect backdrop for a cooking event. Our Thyme Kitchen offers state-of-the-art appliances, cookware and tools for your guests to utilize during their cooking experience. This kitchen provides ample space for events up to 40 people. Make use of both floors of the Lincoln Square facility and create a unique venue for larger events up to 100 people.



EGGPLANT KITCHEN



The Chopping Block's newest location in downtown Chicago's historic Merchandise Mart offers three kitchens with 8,000 square feet of entertainment space. This space allows us the flexibility to create intimate cooking classes for groups as small as 8 and expansive culinary events for over 200 guests. Our Saffron Kitchen seats 100 and offers guests a personal look at our professional chefs' techniques. Our Basil Kitchen can accommodate up to 75 for an interactive hands on event, or choose our Currant Kitchen for smaller groups for both demonstration and hands on activities. Consider employing all 8,000 square feet for a continuous variety of culinary entertainment and education for groups over 200.

### MERCHANDISE MART



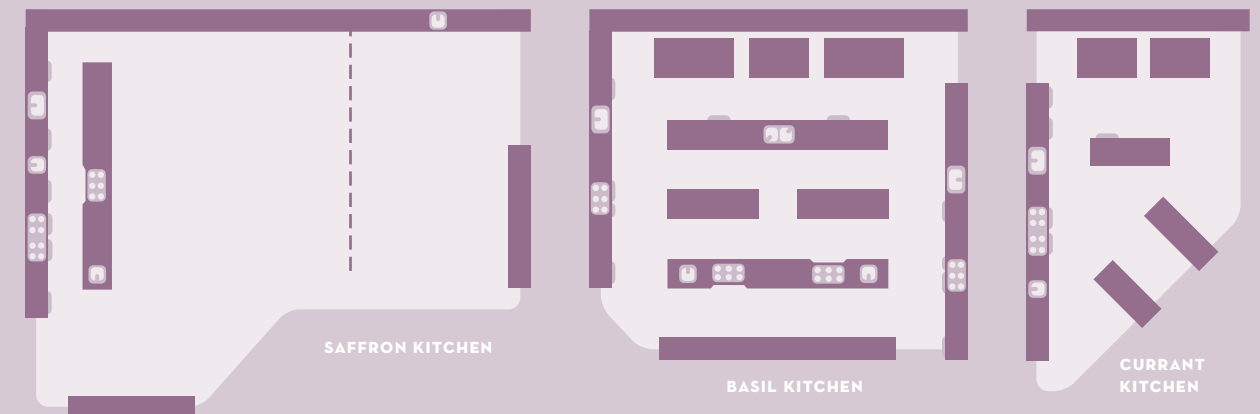
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# LET US START PLANNING YOUR EVENT RIGHT AWAY

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW...

### CUSTOM MENUS

Our menus are specifically designed to fit your needs, and no matter what type of menu you choose, each guest is guaranteed to receive a full meal-size portion. A complimentary welcome appetizer is also included with each event. Additional welcome appetizers can be arranged for a modest per person charge.

### SOME OF OUR FAVORITE MENUS AND PARTY THEMES:

French Bistro	Italian Night Out
Spanish Tapas	Homemade Pasta Party
Traditional Thai	Sushi 101
Comfort Food Feast	Knife Skills Social

### PRICING

Since every private event at The Chopping Block is customized to fit your expectations, our fee structure varies by event and is based on the size of the party. Our Event Coordinator can provide a quote for your group after discussing the type of experience, menu and beverages you desire.

### PLANNING

We will work together to plan a custom event designed to meet your needs. We will coordinate all necessary details, from rentals, to flowers, to gift bags. Just let us know what you envision and we will take care of the rest.



## WE ALSO OFFER

### OFFSITE EVENTS

Let The Chopping Block chefs bring the class and dinner to your home. Please contact our Event Team to discuss the options available for an in-home event.

### GUEST CHEFS

The Chopping Block employs a staff of professional chef instructors for your private cooking event. However, our kitchens are also perfectly equipped for guest chefs, cookbook demonstrations/signings or corporate chef presentations. Please contact our Event Team to discuss your options.

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT WITH OUR EVENT TEAM

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