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Blue Sky Picnics

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## Picnic Perfection from Blue Sky

A casual cookout on the Chesapeake shore. An elegant spread at the steeplechase. A company picnic ample enough for a few thousand guests, but with comfort and shade to spare. Celebrate sunny days and balmy evenings with a one-of-a-kind event, created with professional panache by Blue Sky Picnics, the outdoor specialty division of Washington's À la Carte.

### Outdoor Event Experts

Look no further, we do it all for you: food, venue, entertainment, and games. I've always said "Bringing the party outside should be fun and easy" Well, we have the experience to keep it that way. Whether it's an event for 50 or 5,000, Blue Sky Picnics delivers personalized service and flawless attention to every detail.

From a family reunion to a corporate retreat, Blue Sky Picnics knows how to keep the excitement in outdoor entertaining and leave the hassles behind. We work with a tested roster of vendor partners to coordinate every step — invites, talent, decorations, structures and seating, activities, flowers, photography, parking and more.

And we'll work with you to create a consistent look or theme — be it contemporary, traditional, or quirky — that puts your personality into every occasion. Blue Sky Picnics dishes out the best of both worlds: professional flair with a personal touch that makes every event sparkle.

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## Setting, Set-up, Service—You're Set!

Start with the right location: After years of experience in catering and event design across greater Washington, DC, Blue Sky Picnics has amassed an impressive roster of unforgettable venues. Whether you're looking for monumental views of the Mall, historic gardens in fragrant bloom, or rolling, shady lawns, we'll be sure to secure the perfect picnic spot.

Our two professional kitchens make it easy for us to serve anywhere in the Washington, DC, area: throughout the District; across Northern Virginia; in Fairfax and Prince William Counties; in Loudoun County, including Leesburg and Middleburg; in the Maryland suburbs, including Bethesda and Potomac; and in farther reaches such as Annapolis, Rappahannock, and The Plains.

Choose from our extensive selection of ready-made picnic menus or create your own mouthwatering meal from our brimming picnic basket, with everything fresh and seasonal. You'll find treats for every taste and occasion: simple or sophisticated; traditional or spicy; regional or classic.

From drinks to desserts, we'll work with you to plan and serve your favorites, ensuring outdoor entertaining will be a breeze.

## Fly High with Blue Sky's Roster of Events

Here's a taste to get you thinking.

Talent - Clowns, Magicians, Bands, Artists, Stiltwalkers, Balloon Artists, Face Painting...

Games - From The Classic Three Legged Race, Soccer, Volleyball, Frisbee, Football, Miniature Golf...

Inflatables - Everyone's Favorite - The Moonbounce, Obstacle Course, Twister, Rock Climbing, Slides ...

Just for Laughs - Dunk Tank, Water Balloons, Mechanical Bull, Jousting, Carnival Midway ...

Rides - Hayrides, Ponies, Go carts...

Recognition - Award Registration, Ceremonies...

The possibilities are sky high.

## Be Our Guest

Our outdoor coordinator will help you start planning your picnic today. Because you deserve nothing but Blue Sky, from now on.



*Karen*  
Karen Baker, Proprietor  
and the Blue Sky Team



## Your Blue Sky Picnic is All Ready

*you can create your own delicious menu, or for your convenience, our experienced event planners will design one for you.*

### The Red, White & Blue Sky *A Classic American Picnic*

All Beef Hotdogs, Black Angus Burgers or Sliders & Veggie Burgers with cheddar & provolone cheese, sliced tomato, lettuce, red onion, ketchup, mustard, chipotle mayonnaise & pickled relish

Picnic Potato Salad  
red bliss potato with peppers, celery, onions & herbs in a tangy mustard sour cream dressing

Blue Sky's 5 Baked Beans  
with chunky peppers & onions simmered in a savory BBQ sauce

Sweet Corn-on-the-Cob in a Butter Milk Bath

Assortment of House-made Cookies,  
Brownies and Cupcakes

Assorted Soft Drinks, Organic Blue Sky Sodas,  
Bottled Water, Lemonade & Sweet Tea

\$19.95 per adult guest  
children between 5-11 \$12.50  
children under 5 are free

## Down Home BBQ

BBQ Chicken basted with our Blue Sky BBQ Sauce spiced just right!

North Carolina Style Pulled Pork BBQ  
fresh pork marinated with our house spice blend and slow-roasted until it falls off the bone served with classic North Carolina vinegar based sauce & Blue Sky BBQ sauce

Coarse Cut Coleslaw in a Light Sweet & Sour Mayo

All Beef Hotdogs, Black Angus Burgers or Sliders & Veggie Burgers with cheddar & provolone cheese, sliced tomato, lettuce, red onion, ketchup, mustard, chipotle mayonnaise & pickled relish

Blue Sky's 5 Baked Beans with chunky peppers & onions simmered in a savory BBQ sauce

Pasta Salad with Spinach Pesto & Roasted Tomatoes

Sweet Corn-on-the-Cob in a Butter Milk Bath

Juicy Seedless Watermelon

Assortment of House-made Cookies,  
Brownies and Cupcakes

Assorted Soft Drinks, Organic Blue Sky Sodas,  
Bottled Water, Lemonade & Sweet Tea

\$26.95 per adult guest  
children between 5-11 \$16.00  
children under 5 are free





## Dog-n-Burger Bash

All Beef Hotdogs & Half-Smokes or Kielbasa with fixin's of diced onions, ketchup, yellow & brown mustard & pickled relish.

Choose from chili, sauerkraut, cheddar melt or sautéed peppers on the side  
- and -

Black Angus Burgers or Sliders & Veggie Burgers with toppings of cheddar & provolone cheese, leaf lettuce, summer tomatoes, caramelized Vidalia onions, sautéed mushrooms, crisp bacon, blue cheese crumbles, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, chipotle mayo & dill pickles

### Blue Sky Fries

Idaho potato & sweet potato fries with toppings of malt vinegar, Old Bay seasoning, sea salt, fresh herbs & ketchup

Everything but the Kitchen Sink Pasta Salad tri-colored tortellini with cucumbers, celery, green & red pepper, broccoli florets, red onion, artichoke hearts, egg, olives, hard salami, ham, mozzarella & parmesan tossed in a light garlic dressing (can also be vegetarian)

Juicy Seedless Watermelon

Assortment of House-made Cookies, Brownies and Cupcakes

Assorted Soft Drinks, Organic Blue Sky Sodas, Bottled Water, Lemonade & Sweet Tea

\$23.95 per adult guest  
children between 5-11 \$15.00  
children under 5 are free

## Beach Blanket Bar•B•Que

Chesapeake Crab or Shrimp & Clam Boil steamed with old bay seasoning & garlic, baby potatoes & corn on the cob served with zesty cocktail sauce and drawn butter

### Fresh off the Grill

All Beef Hotdogs & Black Angus Burgers or Sliders with cheddar & provolone cheese, sliced tomato, lettuce, red onion, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, chipotle mayo & pickled relish

Zesty Lemon Pasta Salad with fresh mozzarella, tomato & basil

### Grilled Vegetables

a mosaic of mostly local vegetables: zucchini, yellow squash, assorted peppers, baby eggplant, Vidalia onions, portobello mushrooms, green beans & asparagus brushed with roasted garlic & herb olive oil

Juicy Seedless Watermelon

Vanilla, Chocolate, Lemon, Tuscan Orange & Strawberry Cupcakes

Hawaiian Shaved Iced with Tropical Fruit Flavors

Assorted Soft Drinks, Organic Blue Sky Sodas, Bottled Water, Lemonade & Sweet Tea

\$33.50 per adult guest  
(per person price may vary based on the market price of crabs)  
children between 5-11 \$18.00  
children under 5 are free



## Rajin Cajun

Jambalaya Kebabs  
char-grilled skewers of jumbo gulf shrimp, chicken  
& Andouille sausage with sweet onions, peppers &  
squash, brushed with Cajun brown butter

Mini Blackened Catfish Po' Boys on French Bread  
with remoulade sauce & Tabasco on the side

Mardi Gras Vegetable Slaw  
julienne red cabbage, yellow pepper and green  
zucchini in a tangy dressing

Creole Red Beans & Rice Salad

~or~

Creamy Corn Pudding

Southern Comfort Green Bean Salad with  
Red Radish, honey mustard dressing

Fresh Summer Fruit Salad  
sweet melon, golden pineapple, assorted  
berries and grapes

Basket of House-made Hushpuppies, Cornbread &  
Sweet Potato Biscuits with whipped honey butter

Banana Fosters Cupcakes, Chocolate Turtle Brownies,  
Lemon & Pecan Bars

Hurricane Ices  
colorful cups of crushed ice with grenadine,  
orange & pineapple juice

Assorted Soft Drinks, Organic Blue Sky Sodas,  
Bottled Water, Lemonade & Sweet Tea

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\$31.95 per adult guest  
children between 5-11 \$17.00  
children under 5 are free

## Cowboy Cook-Out

Sizzling Chicken & Beef Fajitas with  
Grilled Peppers & Onions  
corn chips, guacamole,  
roasted tomato salsa & sour cream

Black Beans & Rice simmered with  
Tomato, Onions & Cilantro

All Beef Hotdogs & Black Angus Burgers  
with cheddar & provolone cheese,  
sliced tomato, lettuce,  
red onion, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise  
chipotle mayo & pickled relish

Gazpacho Salad  
chunky tomatoes, yellow & orange peppers,  
cucumbers, chick peas & red onion  
in a garlic lime dressing

Juicy Seedless Watermelon

Assortment of House-made Cookies,  
Brownies and Cupcakes

Assorted Soft Drinks, Organic Blue Sky Sodas,  
Bottled Water, Lemonade & Sweet Tea

\$24.95 per adult guest  
children between 5-11 \$15.50  
children under 5 are free



## The Silk Purse

### Set out for Guests as they arrive

Tomato & Basil Bruschetta with Ricotta Salata  
&  
Corn Avocado Salsa with Blue Corn Chips

### Main Buffet

Sizzling New York Strip Steak, fresh off the grill  
with red chili onion rings & brushed with a  
Jack Daniel's BBQ sauce

Chesapeake Crab Cake Sandwiches  
with lemon caper tartar sauce

Blue Sky BBQ Chicken Wings & Drumettes

Whole Baked Potatoes  
finished on the grill with sour cream, butter & chives

Farm Stand Salad  
mixed greens with carrots, tomatoes & cucumbers  
house-made buttermilk dressing & herb vinaigrette

Juicy Seedless Watermelon

Make Your Own Shortcake  
vanilla & chocolate shortcakes with assorted berries,  
sliced peaches, strawberry sauce & whipped cream

Assorted Soft Drinks, Organic Blue Sky Sodas,  
Bottled Water, Lemonade & Sweet Tea

\$34.95 per adult guest  
children between 5-11 \$19.50  
children under 5 are free



## Menus à la carte

*These can be added or substituted for items in  
the previous menus*

### Appetizers

per person

Avocado Corn Salsa with Blue Corn Chips.....\$2.75

Chips & Dips  
yellow & blue corn chips with  
roasted tomato salsa & guacamole .....\$2.50

Creamy Hummus & Roasted Eggplant Dip  
with crispy flat & pita bread .....\$2.95

Domestic & European Cheeses  
selection of creamy, blue vein & semi-soft cheeses  
with fresh fruit & cocktail crackers .....\$4.50

Individual Bags of  
Kettle Potato Chips & Pretzels.....\$1.50

Soft Pretzels with Mustard .....\$2.00

Fresh Popped Corn.....\$1.50

Fresh Veggies & Dip.....\$2.95





## Main Dishes

per person

Whole Slow Smoked Pig Pickin' BBQ served with slaw, soft rolls and 3 kinds of BBQ sauces  
*The Real Deal!*.....call for pricing

Dry-rub Baby Back Ribs with Blue Sky's BBQ Sauce on the side .....\$5.95

Grilled Sicilian Style Chicken Breast with Fresh Fruit or Tomato Basil Salsa .....\$4.95

Veggie Burgers lettuce, tomato, sliced red onion, ketchup, mayo & chipotle mayo.....\$4.50

Peel Your Own Shrimp with zesty cocktail sauce and drawn butter .....market price

BBQ Pit Beef with Rolls .....\$5.50

Grilled Italian Sausage Sandwich with peppers & onions .....\$4.50

Beer Simmered Grilled Bratwurst with red cabbage sauerkraut & spicy brown mustard .....\$4.50

Spicy Buffalo Wings with chunky blue cheese, celery & carrot sticks.....\$4.95

Shrimp, Chicken, Beef or Vegetable Kebabs.....\$5.95-\$7.95

Real Texas Chili with fixin's of shredded cheddar, diced onions, tortilla chips, sour cream & corn bread .....\$5.95

*All barbeque dishes are served with extra North Carolina vinegar sauce & Blue Sky's Homemade BBQ sauce on the side*

## Alternative Sides

3.00 per person

Caesar Potato Salad yukon gold potato salad with smoked bacon in a robust garlic dressing garnished with romaine leaves & parmesan cheese

Fingerling Potato & Green Bean Salad with lemon-chive dressing

Asian Cabbage Salad julienned napa cabbage, carrots, green onions, red & yellow peppers in a sesame rice wine vinaigrette with crunchy noodles & peanuts

Southwest Pasta Salad wagon wheels tossed with bell peppers, yellow corn, black beans, cilantro, red onion & tomato in a creamy cilantro dressing

Cavitapi Pasta Salad with fresh baby spinach, roasted tomatoes & artichoke pesto



Tuscan White Bean Salad  
with oven roasted tomato, garlic,  
fresh lemon and basil

Black Eye Pea, Golden Pineapple & Red Pepper Salad

BLT Salad  
vine-ripened tomatoes, crisp smoked bacon &  
mixed greens with shredded jack & sharp cheddar &  
peppercorn ranch dressing

Cowboy Caesar Salad  
with roasted tomato & corn and crispy tortilla strips

Cajun Red Beans & Rice

Green Bean & Yellow Wax Bean Salad  
with sun-dried tomato vinaigrette

Chunky Cucumber, Tomato, Radish & Red Onion  
Salad with Feta

Fresh Summer Fruit Salad



Grilled Asparagus Spears with  
Citrus Salsa.....\$3.25 per person

Crispy Potato Skins  
with toppings of cheddar cheese, crispy bacon, sour  
cream, guacamole & salsa.....\$3.50 per person



### Desserts

per person

Novelty Ice Cream Bars & Italian Ices served  
from an ice cream cart.....\$2.00

Ben & Jerry's, Dove, Haagen Dazs &  
Dole Fruit Bars.....\$2.50

Hawaiian Shaved Ice with  
Tropical Fruit Syrups.....\$2.50

Make Your Own Shortcake  
vanilla & chocolate shortcakes with  
assorted berries, sliced peaches,  
strawberry sauce & whipped cream .....\$3.50

Blueberry & Peach Pandowdy with  
Whipped Cream.....\$2.75

Assorted Homemade Pies with  
Whipped Cream.....\$2.75

Company Logo Sheet Cakes .....\$2.25



# Beverages

## Non-alcoholic

Soft drinks: Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Diet Sprite, Blue Sky Organic Sodas: Root Beer, Ginger Ale, Black Cherry, Orange Divine, Lemon-Lime, Ginseng. Lemonade, Sweet Tea, Still & Sparkling Water

*All are included in your menu selection*

Powerade .....\$.25 additional per person

## Hot Beverages

per person

Hot Coffee, Cocoa, Chilled or Hot Apple Cider .....\$1.50

## Alcoholic

bar fee per adult

*Bar is open for entire picnic*

Domestic, Imported and Micro Brews in Bottles includes choice of Bud, Bud Light, Bud Light Lime, Miller, Miller light, Michelob Ultra, Corona, Corona Light, Blue Moon, Yuengling, Stella Artois, Sam Adam's Summer Ale and Flying Fish Farmhouse Summer Ale .....\$6.00

House White & Red Wine .....add \$3.00 or Summer Sangria with Fresh Fruit .....add \$3.00

*Pricing example: Bar for 50 people, of assorted beer and House wine is \$450.*



## Meet Our Newest Chef

Bringing unmistakable flair to our picnic fare is Blue Sky Picnic Chef Thomas Murray. The native Northern Virginian's sure touch with just the right spice was honed by study in California's Culinary Institute of America, Napa Valley and by his tenure as Executive Chef and Sous Chef for such restaurants as at Tower Club -Tyson's Corner, Design Cuisine, Washington, D.C., and for many foreign dignitaries, kings, presidents, and ambassadors, as well as world renowned celebrities.



For over 25 years, Thomas developed cuisines to please everyone's taste. Whether it is the dinner for twenty, or the elaborate reception for five thousand. Thomas can work wonders in even the smallest spaces—he made something of a specialty of catering on private jets. But he's just as skilled at creating parties for hundreds here at home, as he did for major metropolitan caterers and as he does now for Blue Sky.

### About Blue Sky

Blue Sky Picnics is our casual outdoor division of À la Carte Catering, a full-service caterer and event planning company. Blue Sky offers the same fresh high quality, made from scratch food and service you've come to expect from À la Carte.

Many of our ingredients are locally sourced. We are able to provide the freshest ingredients from our farmers just around the corner from our commercial kitchen.

Please consider À la Carte Catering + Event Design for your corporate meetings, receptions, dinners, weddings or any special occasion. Call one of our event consultants for details at 703-754-2714.

### Planning Your Blue Sky Picnic

We recommend an afternoon picnic from 12:00-4:00 or an evening picnic from 5:00-9:00

Per person prices are based on a 2-1/2 hour food service window.

Blue Sky can drop off and set up your buffet or help you plan every aspect of your picnic; site selection, tenting, professional staff, additional equipment, theme menus and décor, entertainment, kid's games, clowns, magicians or just about anything to make your picnic unique.

Per person prices are based on 50 people. We offer discounts for guest counts of 500 or more. Per person prices include disposable chafing dishes, plates, cups, napkins, utensils, serving pieces, wetnap, buffet covers and basic kitchen equipment.

Blue Sky can provide additional equipment including; tables, chairs, linens, buffetware, decor and theme stations for an additional cost.

Blue Sky can provide grill chefs, specialty station servers, bartenders and servers for an additional cost. EMT's can be provided with a donation to our local fire department.

Refer to your contract for our complete policies and procedures.

Thank you for choosing Blue Sky Picnics! Call us today and relax and celebrate in style.

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