

# Picnic en Blanc

a nontraditional picnic in a nontraditional place



August 18, 2021

Dear Picnic en Blanc guest:

We hope that you are doing well. We are thrilled to be able to host Picnic en Blanc this year and are grateful that you have purchased a ticket and plan to join us. Over the past 6 years Picnic en Blanc has grown from 150 to over 400 guests in recent years. We are grateful that many sponsors and guests have joined us year after year and bring their friends.

Part of the fun of Picnic en Blanc is hosting it at a different outdoor location each year and keeping the location a secret until 48 hours in advance, so it is a surprise to guests. We are reassured that we live in [a county where the vaccination rate is high, a city where 87.3% of the residents are fully vaccinated from COVID-19 and the "cases by episode" in the county appears to be on the decline recently](#). Nevertheless, we are still living in a time of uncertainty in light of the Delta variant. We understand that a lack of information can fuel anxiety, so we feel we need to break tradition this year and share information with you about the Picnic en Blanc set up.

This year the Picnic en Blanc set up will be different. Those of you who have attended Picnic en Blanc in past years know that the event occurs outdoors and under open skies. This year some tables will be set up under open skies, but most of the picnic tables will be set up under a large canopy. The legs around the perimeter of the canopy are 12 feet tall and the peak of the canopy is 27 feet tall. Multiple ceiling fans will be installed to improve air flow under the canopy. Three sides of the canopy are open air. A single canopy wall will be located behind where we plan to set up the bar and the stage. Additionally, we will reduce the number of tickets available by 15%. To-date, we have 250 people on the guest list, and we will close ticket sales at 350. Nevertheless, we will set up the same number of tables to provide guests with more room to spread out if they don't have a reserved table. Given the times we live in, there is a degree of risk in attending any large event, but we will do our best to host Picnic en Blanc in both a safe and fun manner.

As we mentioned in a prior email and on our website, we will also comply with the state, county and city guidelines regarding COVID-19 that are applicable on the day of the event. Finally, we hope that cancellation is an unlikely occurrence, but if we are required to do that, in lieu of issuing a refund we will honor your ticket at Picnic en Blanc 2022.

We appreciate your patronage and hope that this information is helpful to you. If anything changes, we will communicate with you as soon as we can. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email us at [info@rwcpaf.org](mailto:info@rwcpaf.org).

Sincerely,

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