

Spur Secret Tribe hosts Chief Cook event

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Working with unique South African flavour combinations, experimenting with different ingredients, measurements and cooking styles, but most of all family fun, were the highlights at the Secret Tribe Chief Cook competition recently held at Silwood School of Cookery in Rondebosch, Cape Town.



Thirteen family teams from across Cape Town came together to create culinary delights and compete against each other to create the best Gourmet Burger and the most decadent Chocolate Brownie Sundae. The teams were made up of a variety of combinations (mother-and-son, mother-and-daughter and father-and-daughter), who went all out to win the top prizes in each category. The event was part of a competition for Spur's loyal Secret Tribe members – an exclusive club for kids aged 12 years and younger.

Each team was given two challenges. First challenge was to create a Gourmet Burger, working with the famous Spur burger patty and sauces, as well as a variety of toppings to create the ultimate burger. For the second challenge each team was tasked with baking a tray of chocolate brownies from scratch and then layering them with other

sweet treats and toppings, to create an eye-popping Chocolate Brownie Sundae.

In each round the teams were judged on their ability to work together, as well as the taste of their food, what toppings they used, how well the flavours worked together and how they plated their food.

The 'Best Burger' challenge was won by mother-and-daughter team, Jayde Haupt and 11-year-old Dakota, who cooked their patty to perfection and used a delicious combination of sauces and toppings. Father-and-daughter team, Lionel Scholtz and nine-year-old Jenna came a close second.

Mom-and-son team, Victoria Ruiters and eight-year old Leonard were awarded the first prize for their Chocolate Brownie Sundae dessert. The runners-up were mom-and-daughter team, Vanessa Rushin and seven-year-old Jayla.

“This was our seventh Chief Cook event and once again the contestants had so much fun in the kitchen. Our lives are so busy and this event is an opportunity for families to slow down, spend time in the kitchen making great food from scratch and enjoy each other’s company. As always it was really difficult to choose the winners!” says Joe Stead, Creative Director from Spur Steak Ranches. “Thank you also to Spur Sauces, Ceres, Freddy Hirsch, Nature’s Garden and SunPick who partnered with us to bring families together in the kitchen.”

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