# 2018 NDCA Food Guide

Atlanta is listed as the 12th best city in America for foodies--and Marist is perfectly located to get you to many different restaurants and flavors. Most places are going to be 5 to 20 minutes away. Anything listed has been tested, tried, and tried again by Jeff and Abby. Trust us, we know how to eat.

So that you can plan your food accordingly – we have also listed our menu for each day at the tournament.

# SATURDAY, APRIL 14

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

Breakfast (Grab & Go)

**Dandy's Donuts, Bagels and Muffins** 

Lunch (Grab & Go)

Italian Sub Sandwich
Roasted Veggie Wrap
Turkey Club Sandwich
Assorted chips and cookies

Breakfast:

Granola & Yogurt Bar, Fresh Fruit & Berries

**Lunch Buffet Style:** 

BBQ Chicken, Green Beans, Mac N Cheese Garden Salads

The food guide is categorized by food types as well as by locations.

Brookleigh, Perimeter Mall, Perimeter Center areas are about 5-10 minutes from the school or hotel.

Brookhaven, Chamblee, Dunwoody, Buckhead/Roswell Road, and Buford Highway areas are about 15 minutes away from the school.

# IF YOU TURN RIGHT OUT OF MARIST [Brookleigh Area]

MEXICAN Los Bravos [2042 Johnson Ferry Rd NE, Brookhaven, GA 30319, closes at 10pm] – Literally minutes away from marist. A good local Mexican restaurant. Your standard mexican fare, but a great spot for large parties. Grade: B+

**PIZZA** Corner Pizza [2163 Johnson Ferry Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30319, closes at 9-10pm] – A great local pizza place with a variety of pizza as well as some other American style food. Abby highly recommends the Chicken Salad sandwich. Abby and Jeff play Trivia here on Wednesday Nights. **Grade: A-**

MEDITERRANEAN Hovan [2148 Johnson Ferry Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30319, closes 9pm and on Sundays] - A local Mediterranean place that the kids love. Offers a local option to Zoes. Grade: B+

**MEXICAN** Pure Taqueria [3589 Durden Dr NE, Atlanta, GA 30319, closes at 11pm] -- A very hipster Mexican joint. The Chorizo Queso as a starter is a must and you have to get the Charro Beans as a side (They've been cooked in bacon....thank us later). **Grade: A-**

**MEXICAN** Taqueria del Sol [5001 Peachtree Blvd Suite 910, Chamblee, GA 30341, closes at 10pm and on Sundays] - If you've ever been to the Emory tournament you've probably tried to go to the one down on Ponce, the line was probably out the door. This is the best Mexican restaurant in this area for sure - it offers some top notch street tacos and salsas. Abby highly recommends the guac. **Grade: A** 

**BURGERS** Bad Daddy's Burger Bar [5070 Peachtree Blvd Unit b150, Chamblee, GA 30341, closes 10-11pm] - A chain, but new to our area. Features interesting takes on classic burgers or the option to build your own. Don't sleep on the fries. **Grade: B+** 

**CHICKEN** Wing Factory [5071 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Atlanta, GA 30341, closes 10:30pm] - A local chain that offers quality wings and wing accessories. Better than Zaxby's. Jeff basically begs to go there 2-3 times a week. **Grade: B+** 

**BBQ** Old Brick Pit Barbeque [4805 Peachtree Rd, Chamblee, GA 30341,closes 8pm and on Sundays] - If you can't get the best ATL barbeque, this is a fine alternative. We recommend the ribs, pulled pork and the brunswick stew. Two things to keep in mind: the Soda is served in cans and the portions are small. Jeff recommends you order two sandwiches at a minimum. **Grade: B+** 

**DONUTS** Bon Glaze [3575 Durden Dr NE, Brookhaven, GA 30319, closes 6-8pm or when sold out] - A fancy doughnut shop making fancyass doughnuts. Doughnuts feature flavors like Maple Bacon (Abby's Favorite) and Fresh Strawberries and Cream (Jeff's favorite) **Grade: A-**

#### Chains

MEDITERRANEAN Zoe's Kitchen [5001 Peachtree Blvd Bldg 1000, Suite 1030, Chamblee, GA 30341, closes 9pm] Quick for a salad or wrap. Decent. Grade: B-

**CHICKEN Zaxby's** [4906 Peachtree Blvd, Chamblee, GA 30341, closes 9pm] Delicious fast food fried chicken strips - it's basically Raising Cane's. Abby orders a salad and fries when she goes. She's a complicated lady. **Grade: B-**

**MEXICAN** Chipotle [5001 Peachtree Blvd Building 1000 Suite 1010, Chamblee, GA 30341, closes 10pm]. I mean... its Chipotle. Grade: B

#### **Grocery Stores**

Kroger [2036 Johnson Ferry Rd NE G, Atlanta, GA 30319] - Fine.

Whole Foods Market [5001 Peachtree Blvd, Atlanta, GA 30341] - LOL.

# IF YOU TURN LEFT OUT OF MARIST [Perimeter Mall Area]

**BURGERS** Shake Shack [4400 Ashford Dunwoody Rd #3025, Dunwoody, GA 30346] - You want a burger that's one step above McDonalds and one step below classy? This is your spot. Abby strongly recommends the chocolate peanut butter shake. **Grade: B** 

JAPANESE-ISH The Cowfish [4400 Ashford Dunwoody Rd, Atlanta, GA 30346, closes 10-11pm] - Honestly, cannot even explain this place. Some sushi, some burgers, some sushi burgers and a whole lot of tastiness. Grade: B+

**SANDWICHES** Newk's Eatery [1181 Hammond Dr Suite 1000, Dunwoody, GA 30346, closes 9pm] - A regional chain that provides excellent salads and sandwiches. The pizzas are even pretty good. But, the best part - the free pickles on the help yourself bar. **Grade: B+** 

SANDWICHES Alon's Bakery [4505 Ashford Dunwoody Rd, Atlanta, GA 30346, closes 9pm and 7pm on

Sundays] - A bougie sandwich market that is a staple for the local Brookhaven moms. If you're a lady who lunches, it's a must. Jeff highly recommends the Asian Barbecue Salmon and Abby recommends the Chicken Pesto Sandwich. **Grade: A** 

**SALAD Sweet Tomatoes**[16340 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd, Atlanta, GA 30328, closes at 9pm every night] I mean, we thought we should include a salad place. You can make your own. It's always fine but like... not great. **Grade: C-**

**BRAZILIAN** Fogo de Chao [4671 Ashford Dunwoody Rd NE, Dunwoody, GA 30346, closes 10pm] - Abby and Jeff's favorite Tuesday lunch spot. Great for a lite lunch or dinner. **Grade: A+** 

#### Chains

**CHICKEN** Chick-fil-A [4350 Ashford Dunwoody Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30346, closes 10pm] We recommend this location. It's owned by Alex Rodriguez. Get the House Dressing, trust us. **Grade: A-**

### **NEAR TOURNAMENT HOTEL [Perimeter Center]**

**SANDWICHES** Rising Roll Gourmet [6115 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd #105, Sandy Springs, GA 30328, closes 3pm weekdays and closed on weekends] Their food tastes like it's from Costco. It's delicious. Jeff recommends the Chicken Salad Sandwich on croissant and Abby recommends the Cuban with extra yellow mustard. **Grade: B** 

**MEXICAN Uncle Julio's** [ 6115 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd, Sandy Springs, GA 30328, closes 10-11pm] - A classier Mexican restaurant. We always say we're going to go here but then never do because "Jeff hates Tacos" or something.... **Grade: B-**

**MEXICAN** Willy's [1100 Hammond Dr NE, Atlanta, GA 30328, closes 10pm] - A local equivalent to Moe's or Chipotle. Maggie B swears by it. Jeff thinks their catering is better than the in-store food, which makes absolutely no sense. **Grade:** B

**CHICKEN** Westin Perimeter Center Late Night Room Service [7 Concourse Parkway NE, Atlanta, GA 30328] - On the late night menu, you MUST ORDER the Chicken Sandwich food service. It may be the best (most basic) \$20 sandwich you ever have. Really, if one of the days of the tournament are exhausting and you managed to forget to eat, order it. You'll thank me. **Grade: A** 

#### Chains

**Einstein Brothers Bagels** [1100 Hammond Dr Ste 600, Atlanta, GA 30328, opens at 5am] Blueberry Muffin. You're welcome. **Grade B+** 

#### **Grocery Stores**

**Publix** [1100 Hammond Dr #300, Sandy Springs, GA 30328] - Where shopping is a pleasure. **CostCo** [6350 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd, Atlanta, GA 30328]- Don't go on a Sunday.

#### **BUFORD HIGHWAY**

**VIETNAMESE Pho Bac** [4897 Buford Hwy NE, Chamblee, GA 30341, closes 9pm] - The absolute best Vietnamese place on Buford Highway. The fresh spring rolls are excellent and the pho is the best in the area. **Grade: A-**

**VIETNAMESE Pho 24** [*4646 Buford Hwy, Chamblee, GA 30341, open 24/7*] - Did Pho Bac close and you're still craving Vietnamese? This place is fine but it is open 24 hours a day... **Grade: B-**

CHINESE Canton House [4825 Buford Hwy NE, Chamblee, GA 30341, closes 11pm] - Excellent Dim Sum in the area that typically is serving until closing. If you get lucky, you may even crash a wedding. Grade: A-EAST ASIAN Mist Poke Desert Bar [4897 Buford Hwy NE Suite 162, Chamblee, GA 30341, closes 11pm] - If you care more about instagramming your food than you do eating it, go here. They have some interesting drinks that are served in lightbulbs. Grade: B-

**MEDITERRANEAN** The Halal Guys [4929 Buford Hwy NE, Chamblee, GA 30341, closes 11pm-1am] - The popular New York chain comes to Atlanta. Famous for their quick serve gyros, sandwiches, rice and meat platters. Make sure you get plenty of white and red sauce. You will not leave hungry.

KOREAN Sokongdong Tofu House [5280 Buford Hwy NE, Atlanta, GA 30340, closes 10-11pm] - A really great Korean BBQ restaurant. It's not the "cook right in front of you" type place, but it does have all of the Korean specialties. Grade: B+

MALAYSIAN Food Terminal [5000 Buford Hwy NE, Chamblee, GA 30341, closes 11pm] - A modern Malaysian place that necessitates over-ordering. The menu looks like an Ikea magazine and is approximately 70 pages long. It's delicious though. **Grade: B+** 

**DESSERT** ICE NY [5177-B Buford Hwy NE, Doraville, GA 30340, closes 10-10:30pm] - The best ice cream place to go - starting in Thailand this style ice cream promises something that not only tastes good but that will look great on your Snapchat/Instagram story. Also, we know the owner - his name is David. Steve Schappaugh has thought about moving to Atlanta just for this place. **Grade: A+** 

**DESSERT Mozart Bakery** [5938 Buford Hwy NE #109, Doraville, GA 30340, closes 10pm] - A great stop on Buford Highway for macaroons and bubble tea. Delicious. **Grade: A** 

#### DUNWOODY

BURGERS Village Burger [1426 Dunwoody Village Pkwy, Dunwoody, GA 30338, closes 9pm] Owned by a Marist family, this place makes a pretty good burger and you can pile it high with basically anything you want. One time Abby told the owner's daughter that Jeff hated the place. It was a fun moment. Grade B+CHICKEN SALAD Café at Pharr [5533 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd #240, Dunwoody, GA 30338, closes 4pm and on Sundays] If Jeff could eat here daily, he would. He thinks it's healthy because it involves salad. Make sure you douse the salad platter in the dressing - that's the best part. The Curry Chicken Salad is best if you like flavor, but Walnut Chicken Salad is the staple of the place. Grade: A

**CHICKEN** Wing Factory [5500 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd #3a, Dunwoody, GA 30338, closes 10:30pm] Same food review as above in Chamblee, but this location is better. **Grade: B+** 

MEXICAN El Azteca [1412 Dunwoody Village Pkwy, Atlanta, GA 30338, closes 10-11pm] This is your typical carbon copy Mexican restaurant. It has all of the favorites and the portions are large. Grade: B+

**BURGERS** Farm Burger [4514B Chamblee Dunwoody Rd, Dunwoody, GA 30338, closes 10-11pm] You honestly can't go wrong with a specialty burger place. Hot tip - order the chicken burgers. Yeah, I know - not your first choice.... But afterwards, you'll thank us. Farm burger sauce is dope. Parmesan fries are fire. **Grade: A-**

**KOREAN Takorea** [4474 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd, Dunwoody, GA 30338, closes 9-10pm] This is a Korean-Mexican street food fusion restaurant. It's super casual. They have two locations - one for hipsters in Midtown and this one is more centered around your suburban soccer mom. Order multiple tacos - you won't regret it. The fried chicken taco is hands down the best. The fries are also a pretty big hit. **Grade: A-**

**DONUTS Davinci Donuts** [5537 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd, Dunwoody, GA 30338, Closes 4:30pm] People either love them, or they hate them. They are very small and precious looking. Lots of interesting flavors. Abby loves them, Jeff does not. #StoryofTheirLives **Grade: B+** 

#### Chains

MEXICAN Moe's [5562 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd, Dunwoody, GA 30338, closes 9pm] Welcome to Moes! Grade B

PIZZA Mellow Mushroom [5575 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd, Dunwoody, GA 30338, closes 10pm] Fine. Whatever. Grade B-

#### **BUCKHEAD/ROSWELL ROAD AREA**

**CHICKEN** Rock's Chicken [3500 Peachtree Road, Suite J-3A, Atlanta, GA 30326, Closes at 9pm on Friday and Saturday, 5:30pm on Sunday] This place is inside Phipp's Plaza Mall but it is one of the best kept secrets in Buckhead. This place has a sauce bar that has multiple types of ranch dressing. Highly recommend the chicken sandwich. **Grade: A** 

BRUNCH Buttermilk Kitchen [4225 Roswell Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30342, 2-3pm, Closed on Mondays] If you do not go to this place one morning, you have done NDCAtl wrong. It may not be a great spot for a large team, seating is tight. The Chicken Biscuit is probably the best in breakfast food item in the whole state. Go early ish because you can't order it after 11am. I can barely type this without salivating. Grade: A+

AMERICAN Tupelo Honey [4600 Roswell Rd Ste 110, Sandy Springs, GA 30342, closes at 10:30pm] - P good Southern Food. Get the Fried Chicken for two... it comes on a precious tea party tower. Grade: A
PIZZA Felini's Pizza [4429 Roswell Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30342, closes 12-2am] - This place has HUGE slices of pizza and is just so delicious. It's a great place to take a team because half of you can go here and the other half can go to La Fonda. Grade: A

MEXICAN La Fonda Latina [4427 Roswell Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30342, closes at 11pm-12am] - Connected to Felini's, this place guarantees you some of the best and finest Latin food in Atlanta. Grade A MEXICAN Superica [3850 Roswell Rd NE #100, Atlanta, GA 30342, closes at 10-11pm] - A typical conversation about Mexican food in the Marist debate room -- Jeff: blah blah blah Superica blah blah, Abby: OMG WE MUST GO TO SUPERICA NOW. It's really that good. Maybe the best mexican place in the Atlanta area. They have porkbelly Tacos. I. literally. Cannot. Grade: A+

**CHICKEN** Wing Factory [4279 Roswell Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30342, closes at 10:30pm] Yeah this is on here three times. It's not bad for wings. **Grade: B+** 

**SANDWICHES Urban Cookhouse** [4600 Roswell Road, G-100, Atlanta, GA 30342, closes at 9:30pm] This place is pretty good and offers a nice variety of casual dishes and salads. We consider it a healthier alternative to fast casual chains. The chicken salad was not very good, so avoid that. **Grade: B+DESSERT Buttermilk Sky Pie** [4600 Roswell Rd c130, Sandy Springs, GA 30342, closes at 9:00pm and on Sundays]- If you eat at Superica, Urban Cookhouse, Buttermilk, Tupelo, or anywhere close - you better go here. They have precious little individual sized pies. Jeff prefers pecan and Abby prefers the Caramel Apple. **Grade: A-**

#### Chains

MEXICAN Chipotle [5920 Roswell Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30328] I mean... its Chipotle. Grade: B

#### **BROOKHAVEN**

**AMERICAN** There Gastropub [305 Brookhaven Ave #1200, Atlanta, GA 30319, closes 1am and on Mondays] Despite the clever name, the food is fine. Its fine - there are better places to go -- but the name is clever. **Grade: B-**

**BRUNCH** Flying Biscuit [705 Town Blvd R-480, Atlanta, GA 30319, closes at 4pm] - Great brunch spot. Famous in Atlanta. The Biscuits and Jam are really top notch. Jeff typically isn't a fan of grits, but loves these grits. **Grade: A** 

**THAI/JAPANESE Bua** [705 Town Blvd NE Q330, Brookhaven, GA 30319, closes at 11pm] We've never been here.... Seems fine. The kids made us put this. This grade is based on 16 year old opinions. **Grade: B VEGAN Souper Jenny** [4274 Peachtree Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30319, closes at 4pm and on Sundays] - It's a great option for vegetarians and vegans. Lots of locally grown and made fresh food. Obviously if you can't tell by now, Abby and Jeff love to eat and love to eat meat -- so not a lot of specifics about this. **Grade: A-SANDWICHES Newk's Eatery** [305 Brookhaven Ave Suite A1100, Atlanta, GA 30319, closes at 10pm] This regional chian is mentioned with more detail above - but this area provides a large team a lot of choices which could be attractive to many of you. **Grade: B+** 

**BURGERS** Lucky's Burgers & Brew [305 Brookhaven Ave #1250, Atlanta, GA 30319] - If you've been to Emory, this is the same place that is on their campus. Jeff's opinion - highly overrated. Eat at one of the other burger places. **Grade: B-**

#### <u>Chains</u>

MEXICAN Moe's Southwest Grill [804 Town Blvd A1035, Atlanta, GA 30319, closes at 9pm] Welcome to Moes!

**SANDWICHES** Tropical Smoothie [705 Town Blvd #315, Atlanta, GA 30319, closes at 9pm] **SANDWICHES** Which Which [804 Town Blvd A1035, Atlanta, GA 30319, closes at 8pm] This place is always just fine. Nothing amazing. Just .... Fine.

#### **DOWNTOWN CHAMBLEE**

**AMERICAN** Southbound [5394 Peachtree Rd, Chamblee, GA 30341, closes 11pm and on Sundays/Mondays] - a modern Southern restaurant that offers some creative twists on some Southern classics. The fried green tomato appetizers are delicious. **Grade: A-**

**JAPANESE** Hopstix [2444, 3404 Pierce Dr, Chamblee, GA 30341, closes at 11:30pm and on Sundays] - A modern place that serves Asian Street food. We highly recommend the Robata Grill - one serving of pork belly is not enough. Fries are good if you like sesame oil. **Grade: A-**

CHICKEN Gus World Famous Fried Chicken [5486 Peachtree Rd, Chamblee, GA 30341, closes 9-10pm] - The best place in the area for fried chicken and comfort food. Pretty good place to find "hot chicken" - it may not be Nashville, but pretty close. Despite how good the chicken is, Jeff thinks the sides are way better. Grade: A

**CHINESE** Oriental Pearl [5399 New Peachtree Rd, Chamblee, GA 30341, closes 11pm] - Did you miss the wedding at Canton House? Well, the reception is probably here. Dimsum is only served in the morning, but the food here is pretty good. **Grade: B+** 

**AMERICAN Bluetop** [5362 Peachtree Rd, Chamblee, GA 30341, closes 9-10pm] - An okay place for some comfort food. The oysters aren't very good, so don't let them tempt you with them. The creative main dishes though are decent. The seating though is nice especially if it is warm outside. **Grade: B-**

**KOREAN** Miss Gogi [6035 Peachtree Rd Ste C115, Atlanta, GA 30360, closes 10pm] - The best Korean BBQ (cook in front of you) place outside of Duluth. The cheesy cream corn is delish. It can get a little pricey, if you are hungry - it's well worth it and a fun experience you wouldn't think exists in a strip mall location. **Grade:** A-