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Michiana VegFest 2026 to spotlight plant-based lifestyles, health, and community

Annual vegan festival will feature chef demos, food samples, keynote speaker, vendors, and family-friendly experiences

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Promoting plant-based eating, compassionate living, and environmental sustainability, Michiana VegFest 2026 is set to bring the community together for a day of food, education, and inspiration.

The annual, volunteer-run festival will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 26, 2026, at the Gillespie Conference & Special Event Center, located at 53995 Ind. 933 in South Bend. Offering an accessible opportunity for all to explore plant-based living and connect with local and regional vegan-friendly businesses and organizations, admission is **free**, however registration is highly recommended through [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

Michiana VegFest continues to serve northern Indiana and southwestern Michigan as a unique, one-day event where attendees can engage with experts in health, nutrition, environmental sustainability, and ethical living—all in one place.

Festival highlights include:

- Presentations from nationally recognized speakers and health experts
- Cooking demonstrations with free samples from talented chefs
- A wide variety of vendors offering food, products, and services free of animal ingredients
- An interactive Kids' Corner with activities designed to educate and entertain

The 2026 event will feature Dr. Michael Klaper as keynote speaker, bringing his expertise in plant-based nutrition and preventive medicine to the VegFest stage.

“Becoming a vegan was one of the best decisions of my life. VegFest allows us to share that message with a wider audience—helping people discover the incredible variety of plant-based foods, experience the health benefits, and take steps toward a more compassionate and sustainable world,” said Michael Pound, chair of Michiana VegFest.

Whether attendees are longtime vegans, plant-curious, or simply looking for a fun and meaningful community event, Michiana VegFest offers something for everyone—from innovative food experiences to opportunities for learning and connection.

Michiana VegFest, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization run entirely by volunteers. Donations and proceeds from the annual event support ongoing efforts to promote plant-based education and to sustain future VegFest events.

To learn more, register for free tickets, volunteer, or become a vendor, visit michianavegfest.org.