

grapevine's

THIRD ANNUAL

BEERTOPIA

A Festival of Beer

100+ beers

THE RULES

Plan Ahead. Buy your tickets early. Beer festivals are growing more popular all the time. Early ticket purchase ensures entrance.

Designate a Driver. With so many beers to taste (and so little time), make sure you have a safe option for getting home. Bring a non-drinking friend to do the driving or better yet, bring a friend and both of you take a taxi or some other public transportation.

Take it Easy. Remember that Beertopia offers two ounce samples of beer so that attendees may enjoy many tastes of several styles responsibly. The future of our beer festival depends on all attendees taking care to act in a responsible manner and not overindulging. This is important for everyone's safety.

Eat Before You Drink. Don't attack a beer fest on an empty stomach. Wolf down a big, carbohydrate-filled lunch for the energy you'll need to get through the day. Eating slows down the absorption of alcohol by your system.

Wear Spill Gear. Even the best poured beers can sometimes go down the front of your shirt. Dark, absorbent colors are preferred to white t-shirts that can easily advertise a spill.

Protect Your Feet. Comfort is the fashion at beer fests.

Take Notes. "What was that great Belgian Ale you tasted?" Bring along a pen to rate your favorite beers and help you remember where to go for seconds. You'll also want to buy your favorite beers at grapevine after the fest.

Thank a volunteer pourer. Hey, these folks work hard, don't they?

Don't rush home after the fest. Baxter Village Town Center has plenty of superb restaurants and coffee shops within easy walking distance of the festival, so plan to hang out after the fest to relax and let your beer settle.