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Jeff Black, President Celebrity Chef Tour Benefiting the James Beard Foundation

Jeff Black's life and career have been driven by two passions—outdoor sports and good food. Growing up in Southern California, he spent his summers lifeguarding and teaching swim lessons at the beach and his winters skiing in the mountains.

After graduating from Northern Arizona University in 1982, he headed back to Los Angeles and began his event-planning career with the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games. Jeff continued his involvement with the Summer Games and worked on four Olympic Torch Relays—Los Angeles, Atlanta, Salt Lake City, and Athens, Greece.

After the 2004 Olympic Games, Jeff left the sporting world to focus his other love, food and wine. For the past six years, he has led the charge for the Celebrity Chef Tour Benefiting the James Beard Foundation. This tour brings great chefs to cities around the country for an unforgettable night of food and drink. Under Jeff's leadership, these tour dinners have raised over \$850,000 to fund scholarships in culinary arts through the James Beard Foundation.

Jeff travels extensively and usually spends more time on the road than at home. In fact, North Dakota is the only state in the US that he has not visited. He is currently looking into a Celebrity Chef Tour dinner in Fargo.

Jeff resides in Boulder, Colorado where he enjoys year-round outdoor adventure...and of course, good food and drink.

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