# **Boulder Social Event**

DMTF/SNIA/OGF APTS SC38 Cloud Computing Study Group Open Meeting Wednesday May18th, 2011 6pm-10pm Please RSVP to admin@dmtf.org (limit: first 40 people to RSVP)

Boulder was recently named "foodiest small town in America" by Bon Appetit and has become a food lover's destination that can satisfy even a "big city" visitor's craving. As Raymond Sokolov wrote in a recent Wall Street Journal, "(Boulder is) the best small city for great meals we know of in this country."

Two Groups leave from the Hotel Boulderado at 6pm

## First Group: Boulder Farmers' Market Tour



The Boulder Famer's Market began in 1986, started as a small gathering of a few farmers and have grown over the years to become a well-organized ``family" of approximately 150 participants.

All items marketed as ``organic" have been grown on farms that are certified by the State of Colorado. In addition to the traditional vegetables that you might expect to find at the Market, many unique items are also offered, such as golden beets, white eggplant, purple beans, seedless yellow watermelon, and European lettuces. Farmers from Western Slope orchards make the trip each week to share their beautiful tree-ripened fruits.

Enjoy a guided tour of the Boulder Farmers' Market, the largest market in Colorado. Meet some of the farmers who supply local restaurants, and experience locally grown, locally sourced, and freshly prepared foods. You won't just stroll through the market. You'll be learning something about it at each stop along the way.

## Second Group: Boulder Historical Tour

**The Boulder Valley** was first the home of Indians, primarily the Southern Arapaho tribe who maintained a village near Haystack Mountain. Utes, Cheyennes, Comanches, and Sioux were occasional visitors to the area.

### **Gold Seekers**

**Gold seekers** established the first non-native settlement in Boulder County on October 17, 1858 at Red Rocks near the entrance to Boulder Canyon. Less than a year later, on February 10, 1859, the Boulder City Town Company was organized by A.A. Brookfield, the first president, and 56 shareholders. Four thousand forty-four lots were laid out at a purchase price of \$1,000 each, a price that was later lowered in order to attract more residents.

### **Territory of Colorado**

Part of the Nebraska Territory until February 28, 1861, when the **Territory** of **Colorado** was created by the U.S. Congress, Boulder City grew slowly. It developed as a supply base for miners going into the mountains in search of gold and silver. Boulder City residents provided these miners with equipment, agricultural products, housing and transport services, and gambling and drinking establishments.

### **Intense Competition**

Competition among Boulder County settlements for new residents and businesses was intense. As a mining supply town, Boulder residents were more settled than in the mining camps. Economic stability was a necessity and residents encouraged the establishment of railroad service, hospital and school buildings, and a stable town government.

After each group finishes its tour, they switch and take the other tour, ending up at:



#### SALT the Bistro

The philosophy at SALT is simple; a belief that the best food travels the shortest distance from farm to table, that menus should change with the seasons and that locally sourced ingredients, combined with European technique and innovative thinking make for a truly remarkable experience. Chef Bradford Heap and his staff have made a commitment to source local, organic and fresh ingredients whenever possible. The menu reflects this mind-set, simple, yet elegant and delicious. The wines, while sourced all over the world offer our guests some classic profiles, while introducing them to some new and exciting choices as well. A comfortable blend of neighborhood and fun. Enjoy!



When chef Bradford Heap takes to the kitchen, his years spent with culinary legends like Alain Ducasse, Georges Blanc, and Carlo Cioni

are evident. His ability to create simple clean flavors from ultra fresh local products have earned him a loyal following. The prestigious James Beard

Foundation also has taken notice,



honoring him with the coveted position as guest chef at the James Beard House and nominating him as the "Best Chef of the Southwest." He is a true example of "Do What You Love."



Nestled against the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, at an elevation of 5,430 feet, Boulder is home to approximately 100,000 residents. The



"Boulder City Town Company," 25 miles northwest of Denver, was organized in 1859 as a supply place for miners. Recently celebrating its 150th anniversary, today's Boulder is popularly known for its somewhat quirky past, award-winning quality

of life, vibrant community and stunning natural setting.

- #1 <u>Happiest and Healthiest City!</u> USA Today, February 2010
- #1 <u>Top Chef, Hosea Rosenberg of StrEAT Chefs</u> -- Bravo Network, 2009
- #5 'Best Value' Public Colleges, University of Colorado at Boulder, USA Today and Princeton Review, January 2010
- #1 '<u>Green University' in nation. University of Colorado at Boulder</u>, Sierra Magazine, August 2009
- <u>The West's 20 Best Small Towns</u> Sunset Magazine, March 2009
- #2 <u>Top Ten Best Midsize Metropolitan Areas</u> bizjournals.com, March 2009
- #1 <u>"America's Top 25 Towns to Live Well"</u> Forbes.com, May 2009
- Best Places to Live The 30 Coolest Neighborhoods in America Men's Journal, June 2009
- #8 "Top 25 Small Cities for Art" AmericanStyle magazine, June 2009
- Ten Top Wine Destinations Food & Wine, July 2009
- America's Smartest City Forbes magazine, February 2008
- #6 in "Top 10 Best Eco-Friendly Restaurants" The Kitchen Bon Appetit, Feb 2008
- <u>The West's Greenest Restaurant The Kitchen Sunset magazine, March 2008</u>
- Top 10 World's "Greener Cities" Urban Land Green magazine, Spring 2008
- #5 in "Top 25 Best Green Places to Live" *Country Home* magazine, April 2008
- Top Pick for Food & Wine Vacations Organic/Veggie Orbitz, April 2008
- Top 25 Destinations in the US TripAdvisor, April 2008
- Top 100 Destinations in the World TripAdvisor, April 2008
- #3 in "Top 10 Cities for Masters Runners" Masters Athlete magazine, May 2008
- The 10 Brainiest Places to Retire US News and World Report, May 2008
- #8 in "Top 25 Small Cities & Towns for Art" AmericanStyle magazine, June 2008
- America's Top 5 Cities for Cycling *Bicycling* magazine, June 2008
- CVB & Tourist Office Award Winner Top 13 Convention and Visitors Bureaus in the West - Successful Meetings magazine, Aug 2008
- #6 in "Healthiest Cities to Live and Retire" AARP The Magazine, Sept 2008
- America's 10 Best Healthy Places To Retire US News and World Report, Sept 2008
- Ten Great Football Stadiums USA Today, Oct 10, 2008
- Runner-Up "America's Foodiest Small Town" Bon Appetit, October 2008
- Top 10 Mini Wine Escapes Sunset magazine, November 2008