



VeggieFest2025, Lisle, IL

15th Annual Veggie Fest 2025 Draws Thousands with Unprecedented Sunday Crowds Lisle, IL

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The 15th Annual Veggie Fest, held on August 9-10, 2025, once again brought the Chicagoland community together for a vibrant weekend of food, music, wellness, and celebration.

Recognized as one of the largest vegetarian food and wellness festivals in North America, Veggie Fest, in line with the growing trend towards plant based diets and wellness, featured an exciting lineup of live music, cooking demonstrations from nationally renowned chefs, health and nutrition talks, yoga and meditation classes, an engaging children's program, and the beloved international food court where volunteers prepared and served cuisines from around the globe. This year, thousands of attendees came out to enjoy the festivities, with Sunday's cooler weather drawing unprecedentedly large crowds that filled the festival grounds with energy, joy, and community spirit.

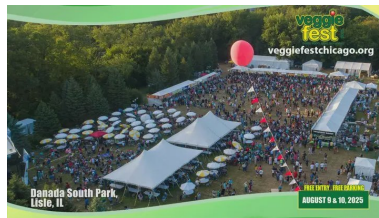
Festival organizers reported overwhelmingly positive feedback, with surveys showing that nearly all attendees felt the festival met or exceeded their expectations. "Veggie Fest is a labor of love and service," said Jonathan Kruger, one of the event organizers. "On Sunday, we saw an incredible outpouring of support from the Chicagoland community. The enthusiasm of the crowds shows how much people value coming together to learn, celebrate, and live healthier, happier lives."

Local organizations also praised the event:

- Susan Patel, Executive Director of the South Asian American Chamber of Commerce, shared: "Congratulations on a successful event! I had such a great time at Veggie Fest and was inspired by the community spirit on display."
- Dustin Wilson, Community Manager with Duly Medical, remarked: "I had a wonderful weekend, and I know our providers were thrilled to be part of this event, helping spread the word about how they can support our community members in living healthier, happier lives."
- Teri Wood, Executive Director of The Gardenworks Project, reflected: "Thank you for your generosity and hospitality this weekend. Our first Veggie Fest exceeded our expectations, and we were grateful to share in such a positive and welcoming atmosphere."
- Regina Brent, Co-Chair of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Foundation, said: "We had a magnificent time. As usual, the event drew a massive crowd of folks from all over the world. God bless you for bringing us together for healthiness, healing, and happiness!"

The festival's success was made possible by the dedication of over 1,200 volunteers from 40 countries and 45 U.S. states, who came together to serve the community. For 15 years, Veggie Fest has been more than just a festival—it has been a celebration of community, compassion, and conscious living, aligning with the current global trend towards sustainable and mindful living. With free admission and free parking, the event continues to welcome people from all walks of life and remains a cherished tradition in the Chicagoland area. "Every year we aim to provide value to our community by creating an experience where people can enjoy healthy food, discover new practices for wellness, and connect with one another in a spirit of service," added Kruger. "Veggie Fest 2025 was a shining example of that vision in action."

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