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Lake Austin Spa Resort Gets Cooking

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Picturesque Lake Austin Spa Resort hosts its Culinary Experience program year-round, but this summer's lineup of talented chefs, restaurateurs, authors and food personalities is particularly robust, thoughtfully assembled with Lake Austin's singular dining in mind.

"We are serious about our food, and it's one of the things our guests rave about the most," says executive chef Stéphane Beaucamp (pictured above). "But I love seeing what the other chefs prepare, how they prepare it and their process in making their creation. It's like getting a snapshot into their lives—where they came from and why they love to cook."

The summer roster features food-writing team Bruce Weinstein and Mark Scarbrough (*June 9–10*), James Beard award-winning cookbook author and TV personality Joanne Weir (*June 13*), founding Food Network member Sara Moulton (*June 14*) and Southern-cooking expert Rebecca Lang (*July 18*).

The experiences feature cooking demonstrations and an array of activities that could include a tour of the organic garden, a primer on olive oil, a tea workshop, instruction on composting and even a knife-skills class. Guests staying at the resort—a 40-room hideaway situated on the banks of Lake Austin (a reservoir of the Colorado River)—cook with the chefs, swap stories (and techniques, as Beaucamp says the pros often walk away with tips from their audience) and take home recipes and, when available, signed cookbooks. In other words, it's a food lover's dream. *Rates start at \$1,720 a person (three-night resort package, including meals and activities); 1705 S. Quinlan Park Rd.; 512-372-7300; lakeaustin.com.*

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