# **Update for April 2023**

# **Economic Development Committee**

The Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association is **strategically focusing on bringing new visitor dollars** and investment into Sullivan County by (not limited to) the following key efforts:

- Promoting local events to existing and new markets
- Working the Meetings & Conference Markets through advertising, outreach and attending trade shows to promote the Sullivan Catskills as a place to hold their events.
- Partnering with domestic and international tour operators to include Sullivan County in their saleable travel packages.
- Attending consumer and travel trade shows to promote the Sullivan Catskills to new travelers
- Collaborating with Short line bus to promote Sullivan County to NYC residents.
- Engaging existing and new advertising and marketing markets to promote Sullivan Catskills.

For the past few months, the SCVA has been collaborating with Bethel Woods on Catskill Cuisine, Saturday, May 13. The event will celebrate our local farmers and businesses through this celebrity driven event. Food network chefs will use regional products, produce and meats to create their culinary masterpieces. Local chefs and vendors will also participate.

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# **FAST FACTS FOR APRIL**

- ➤ **Google Ads**: 293,991 impressions; Search Campaign has a 7.77% CTR industry standard is 4.4%; Average CPC is .52 Industry Standard is \$1.53; 5,903 website clicks
- Facebook Ads: 97,914 impressions; Facebook Campaign has a 4.11% CTR industry standard is .90% Average CPC is .85 industry standard is .63 (while our average CPC is higher than industry standard, our CTR is MUCH higher

than industry standard, which lets us know that while we're spending a little bit more per click, we're still seeing a high conversion rate and quality clicks); 4,024 Website clicks

- Facebook Organic: 542,319 Impressions; Average engagement rate of 4.2% industry standard is .19% Top 3 posts: Decant Wine & Spirits; All That Glitters is Old; Member Meet Up Recap
  - Instagram Organic: 190,939 post impressions; 80,112 story impressions; Average engagement rate of 1.3% industry standard is .91%

# > Top 3 Reels:

Arnold House Reel

- 154 likes
- 17 shares
- 4,159 plays
- 16 saves

#### Kaatskeller Reel

- 136 likes
- 21 shares
- 4,338 plays
- 15 saves

### Chef Saul

- 86 likes
- 59 shares
- 5,199 plays
- 3 saves

## > Top 3 Posts:

Catskill Cuisine Narrowsburg Union Dove Lander's Opening Day

# Highlights:

- Spring OTT and cable commercials are running and will continue through May with a focus on hiking and biking, fly fishing and other outdoor activities. To Date: Over 1 million impressions and largest amount of impression in zip code Manhattan
- Host the County DMV the last Tuesdays of each month. This service optimizes the visitor centers community space.
- Discussions continue with Coach USA and participating stops will be ready for the summer run again stopping at major points in the County.
- New Website Update: framing is almost complete and will be ready for our spring visitors.
- New Website for Catskill Cuisine Catskill Cuisine (catskill-cuisine.com)
- Continue working with a videographer/storyteller/tour guide to build our video library.
- Final touches on new romance map of the Sullivan Catskills and excited to unveil listing our over 600 members.
- Collaborating with members on the Catskill Film Commission web site and is moving along nicely.

- Continued discussion on innovative marketing initiatives grants through NYS and sharing the process with members who may qualify.
- Working with several communities to team and promote their events.

# Meetings

- New York State Destination Marketing Organization By-Laws Committee
- Regional Catskill Association Tourism Promotion Agency Meeting
- Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Alliance Meeting
- SCVA Marketing Meeting
- Social Educational Seminar for members
- New York State Director of Sales and Destination Marketing Organization meeting

#### Social Media & E-News

- Continue to utilize videos produced with our members to create short vignettes and Tik Tok
  placements to use on our social channels. Tik Tok and Instagram reels are seeing a lot of likes and
  comments.
- SCVA continues to work with our social media group Awestruck and Fisher Mears Associates to create
  and implement targeted marketing to the drive traffic within two hundred miles of the Sullivan
  Catskills

## PR Outreach:

• Working with ILNY PR Firm, Core Creative, and Awestruck Agency to continue with story ideas for social media influencers and renowned writers now and in the future.

Attachments: Advertising and social marketing highlights

TOURISM BY THE NUMBERS 2022 VISITOR SPENDING: \$710 MILLION

**TOURISM LABOR: 16% ALL JOBS \$235 MILLION IN LABOR INCOME** 

**LOCAL TAXES GENERATED \$43.2 MILLION** 

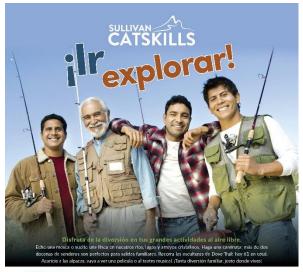
SAVINGS PER HOUSEHOLD: \$2,943

For every Dollar invested in tourism there is a 40:1 Return on Investment





# **SAMPLES OF ADS**





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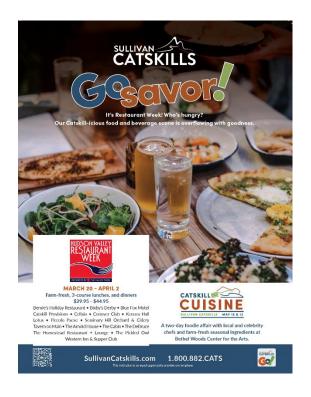


















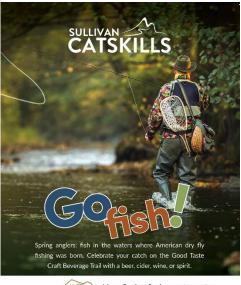








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More Spring fun! A two-day foodie affair with local and celebrity chefs and farm-fresh seasonal ingredients at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts.

Golf • Hiking • Hunting • River Trips and more







CATENTLES GO



CATSKILL CUISINE
MAY 12-13
BETHEL WOODS CENTER FOR THE ARTS

CATSKILLS





















# Wet your whistle and bring your appetite to New York's Sullivan Catskills

pring may be the time of plans and projects, but in New York's Sullivan Catskills, it's the time to feast. The first annual Catskills Cuisine happens on Mother's Day Weekend, May 12-13. This twoday food and beverage festival will celebrate the area's heritage with locally sourced provisions prepared by celebrity and local chefs. It will be held at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts—the historic site of the 1969 Woodstock Music and Art Fair.

This area, just 90 minutes from Manhattan, has been a popular getaway destination since the early 19th century when it built a legendary reputation for hospitality that still exists. Today, across nearly 1,000 square miles, there are full-service resorts, charming inns, and abundant outdoor pursuits. The area is full of modern-day makers and artisans and exudes a low-key vibe and small-town charm.



Hurleyville Rail Trail









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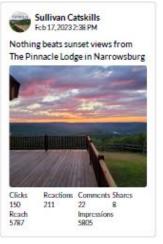
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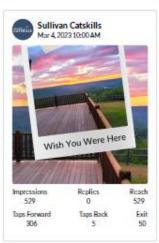


### **Top Stories**

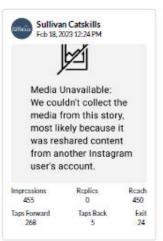




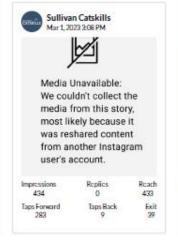






















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