

PARENTS WEEKEND

Tequila and salsa — get Hot! Hot! Hot!

Catch a taste of Old Mexico on the Hill

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When the question arises of where to take Mom and Dad to eat this Parents Weekend (or where they should take you), look no further than the hot Mexican restaurants available in Chapel Hill. Mexican food is perfect for family dinner outings. It's relatively inexpensive, it's satisfying, and it tends to cover up certain other odors on the breath that Mom and Dad might not be too happy about. So enjoy one of six Mexican restaurants in the area and tell your parents the chef must have put a little too much tequila in the quesadilla.

Cisco, Charlie & Chang features a unique combination of Mexican, Cajun, and Oriental dishes under one roof. Standard Mexican entrees include chimichangas and chicken fajita sandwiches. Cajun seafood and Gumbo will set your mouth on fire. And the Oriental specials which include sesame chicken salads and Singapore noodles round out a diversity of dishes not found anywhere else in Chapel Hill. Entree prices range from \$4.25 to \$12.50.

Lunch is served Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dinner is served 5:30 to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Sundays. The restaurant is located at 115 N. Graham St.

The Flying Burrito offers moderately priced Southwestern American food in a down-home Mexican atmosphere. A variety of spicy entrees are offered for both lunch and dinner. If your tastes include a plethora of hot peppers, the Raging Bull Burrito is for you. Friday and Saturday menus include seafood specials such as blackened grouper, hot pepper shrimp and king mackerel.

The Flying Burrito is open for lunch Monday through Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and for dinner seven days a week 5 to 10 p.m.

It's located at 746 Airport Road.

Magdalena's Restaraunte features high quality California Mexican dishes in a casual atmosphere. Pedro, the Mexican chef, can serve up some of the finest fajitas anywhere, as well as a variety of vegetarian entrees. The vegetarian quesadillas and vegetarian chile may keep you from ever going back to meat. Magdalena's also provides its own entertainment in a live music nightclub upstairs from the restaurant.

Magdalena's is open for lunch Tuesday through Friday and Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and for dinner Tuesday through Thursday and Sunday, 5 to 9:30 p.m. Dinner is served on Fridays and Saturdays from 5 to 10:30 p.m. The nightclub is open Thursday through Saturday from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Papagayo's Mexican Restaurant serves gourmet dishes carefully prepared with high-quality ingredients and authentic seasonings. Dinner entree prices average \$7.50 and lunch fares start at \$3.95. Favorites among patrons include a variety of fajitas as well as the many non-Mexican dishes cooked on the mesquite grill. Papagayo's also features award-winning margaritas in their cocktail lounge.

Lunch is served Monday through Friday 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Papagayo's dinner hours are from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The cocktail lounge is open daily from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Papagayo's is located in the NCNB Plaza on Franklin Street.

Taco Bell serves a wide variety of standard Mexican dishes for those whose hunger demands immediate satisfaction. The menu includes such starters as nachos and cinnamon twists as well as entrees such as tacos, burritos, enchiladas, and chicken or beef fajitas. The latest special features 59-cent soft tacos, burritos or one of four other entrees. Free drink refills



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Papagayos, home to award-winning margaritas, is one of several area Mexican restaurants

also do justice to any Mexican eater's tongue.

Taco Bell is located at 120 E. Franklin St. The restaurant is open Sunday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to midnight, and Friday and Saturday until 1 a.m.

Tijuana Fats offers great Mexican food in a festive atmosphere. A variety

of dishes from mild chicken enchiladas to picante chile rellenos will satisfy most Mexican tastes. Weekend seafood specialties include shrimp fajitas, shrimp Vera Cruz and snapper Vera Cruz. The menu offers a la carte dishes from \$1 and up, as well as dinner specialties with prices averaging \$6.50. The cocktail lounge

has drink specials seven days a week on such favorites as frozen margaritas and frozen daiquiris.

Tijuana Fats is open seven days a week from 11:30 a.m. to 1 a.m. and offers late-night appetizers for those whose appetite stays awake a little later than most. It is located at 403 W. Rosemary St.

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