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Special menus support a special cause

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The folks at Alamo Drafthouse hope the Torch Burger will ignite some interest in Houston Restaurant Weeks and the mission of the Houston Food Bank.



Pace yourself. We're just two weeks into Houston Restaurant Weeks. There are another three to go.

For the uninitiated, Houston Restaurant Weeks is a charity dine-around that benefits the Houston Food Bank. More than 200 restaurants have created special menus for the event, which runs through Sept. 7. A portion of each meal's cost will be designated for the food bank.

The event features multicourse menus that range from \$20 for a two- or three-course lunch to \$45 for a three-course meal in some of the city's finest dining rooms. You can find all the menus at

houstonrestaurantweeks.com.

Here are the three menus I'm excited about and why.

Alamo Drafthouse: Is there anything better than dinner and a movie? These two theaters boast full bars and capable kitchens. Alamo's HRW menus include options such as charred corn salsa and chips, a Maker's Mark Milk Punch Shake, a Parmesan-crusted calzone, fried caramel apple pie and a Torch Burger with jalapeños and a serrano/cilantro mayonnaise. The three-course meal is \$35 and includes a movie ticket for a return visit.

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