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Father's Day Gift Idea for the Dad Who Has Everything:

***"Be The Chef" Event at Carlsbad Benihana
Puts Dad Front and Center***

CARLSBAD, Calif. (May 20, 2008) – Imagine Dad transformed into a steak-flipping, knife-wielding showman chef, preparing dinner for the family under the watchful eye of a Benihana master chef. The "Be The Chef" event at Benihana's Carlsbad restaurant is a unique Father's Day gift that clearly puts Dad front and center and includes the training he'll need to impress his audience of adoring family members.

"If you're looking for a unique Father's Day gift, our 'Be The Chef' event package gives Dad a rare opportunity to entertain the family while showing off his new skills," said restaurant manager Alex Glanzman.

The "Be The Chef" package includes personal training on the intricate combination of knife and tabletop hibachi cooking skills made famous over the past 44 years by Benihana restaurants, a signature Benihana chef hat and apron, a Polaroid photo, dinner for four and gratuity. Dinner includes Benihana's famous tender steak, juicy chicken, salad, soup, shrimp appetizer, rice and green tea, all for just \$140. Additional guests can be added for only \$35 per person.

Training classes and "Be The Chef" dinner performance dates will be scheduled with the restaurant following purchase. To purchase the "Be The Chef" gift package or for more information, please call 760-929-8311. Benihana's Carlsbad restaurant is located at 755 Raintree Drive.

About Benihana

Benihana Inc. (NASDAQ: NMS: BNHN and BNHNA) operates 60 Benihana teppanyaki restaurants, nine Haru restaurants, and nineteen Ra Sushi restaurants. Under development at present are fifteen restaurants: eight Benihana teppanyaki restaurants and seven RA Sushi restaurants. In addition, nineteen franchised Benihana teppanyaki restaurants are operating in the U.S., Latin America and the Caribbean.

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