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## **LONESOME VALLEY CHOOSES CHEF ED SELLE TO LEAD CULINARY PROGRAM AT CANYON KITCHEN**

**CASHIERS, N.C. (March 5, 2021)** – Canyon Kitchen at Lonesome Valley has named a new executive chef. Chef Ed Selle, a North Carolina native, has been tapped to direct and oversee the culinary operations for the restaurant and community, including special events and weddings. Chef Selle will continue the restaurant’s lineage of talented Southern chefs following in the footsteps of Chefs John Fleer, Adam Hayes and Ken Naron, and will continue the restaurant’s focus on fresh, seasonal, locally sourced products as its new executive chef.

A graduate in Culinary Arts & Sciences and Restaurant Management from AB-Tech in Asheville, NC, Selle’s primary focus and passion is Appalachian cuisine. He has spent winter seasons working in Big Sky, MT and Tallahassee, FL along with classically trained French chefs making him a well-versed culinarian but western North Carolina is home. Selle has spent the bulk of his career in the kitchens of Cashiers’ most prestigious private clubs and restaurants including a season at Canyon Kitchen before being promoted to Executive Chef of neighboring community, The Chattooga Club in 2015.



Growing up in Brevard, NC and working on his family’s farm, Chef Selle embodies the ideals of Canyon Kitchen’s philosophy and believes whole heartedly in the “Farm to Table” or “Field to Fork” concept that the award-winning restaurant is known for. Locally grown produce, dairy, sourwood honey, and various fauna play a major role in his menu development, for which he constantly seeks out the freshest and best ingredients.

A seasoned talent with extensive experience in the culinary field, Chef Selle is committed to delivering great food along with an unforgettable experience to Lonesome Valley residents and guests of Canyon Kitchen. Selle looks forward to continuing the fine traditions of Canyon Kitchen along with returning sous chef Thomas Goodson and John Benson.

## **ABOUT CANYON KITCHEN AT LONESOME VALLEY**

Canyon Kitchen, nestled in the majestic Blue Ridge Mountains of Cashiers, NC, is one of the most beautiful restaurant settings in the country, framed by verdant forests and meadows, encircled by thousand-foot granite cliffs. Located in the Lonesome Valley community but open to the public since 2009, Canyon Kitchen is a seasonal restaurant featuring an exquisite dining experience in a relaxed setting. The restaurant is housed in the rustically elegant Jennings Barn where its post and beam structure and accordion-style walls open to view the kitchen gardens at the foot of Cow Rock Mountain. This incredible setting has given Canyon Kitchen the rare distinction of being recognized as an Open Table Diners' Choice Award for Top 100 Scenic View Restaurants in America.

Canyon Kitchen is open seasonally to the public Wednesday through Sunday from Easter to Thanksgiving.

For more information on Canyon Kitchen, please visit <http://lonesomevalley.com/canyonkitchen/> or call (828) 743-7967.

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