

How to get free stuff Friday

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Chicago games or no, Chicagoans can score Olympic-2016 bid-related freebies and specials.

Among them:

— Starfruit Café will give away free small Kefir frozen treats Friday at their stores (1745 W. Division and 2142 N. Halsted) in celebration of Chicago being up for hosting the 2016 Summer Olympics. Store hours are from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.

— Coca-Cola will distribute samplings from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at Daley Plaza before Olympic medalists Shawn Johnson, Apolo Anton Ohno and other athletics, and business and civic leaders walk the red carpet at Harris Theater for an invite-only party at 7:15.

— The Chicago Sinfonietta will offer a free pair of tickets to season opener, West Meets East — taking place Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave. — for the first 216 people who email rsvp@silvermangroupchicago.com with their names, phone numbers and email addresses. (This offer is not valid on previously purchased tickets.)

— If Chicago wins the Olympic contest, Niles-based American Science & Surplus stores (www.sciplus.com) will give away free Magic Flags of the World Placemats with every purchase of \$10.00 or more. Say “CHICAGO 2016!” upon to get the placemat. Available through the end of the week or until they run out.

— Also, if Chicago gets the nod, Gibsons Steakhouse and Hugo's Frog Bar will give out free sliders and treat Chicagoans to a performance by the Jesse White Tumblers, in the park just north of the restaurants, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Saturday.