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Cold Stone Creamery serves up the ice-cream

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Have you ever dreamed of smooth, velvety ice cream that is neither of the traditional hard-packed or soft serve varieties?

If so, the Cold Stone Creamery has the ice cream you desire. This national chain is now pleasing ice cream lovers in 47 states, and has recently opened a store on East 82nd Street as well as in Clay Terrace in Carmel.

But simply calling the Cold Stone creations “ice cream” is a definite understatement. There is something truly special about Cold Stone desserts.

Rather than having pre-made flavors of ice cream, customers create their very own blend of mix-ins including fruits, nuts, candies, and toppings. The smooth ice cream is blended with the chosen add-ins on a frozen stone.

Customers can either develop their own blends or choose from one of the “Cold Stone Original Creations.” Some favorites include the “Birthday Cake Remix” which consists of cake batter flavored ice cream blended with rainbow sprinkles, brownie pieces, and fudge, and the “Oreo Overload,” made with sweet cream ice cream mixed with Oreos, chocolate chips, and hot fudge.

Cold Stone Creamery offers flavors and toppings to cure every kind of sweet tooth. Every imaginable taste is available, with mix-ins including everything from yellow cake to Snickers to gummy bears to apple pie filling.

Although the price of a bowl of Cold Stone ice cream is a bit pricier than a traditional cone, every bite is worth it. Not only is the ice cream itself heavenly, but the service and friendliness is higher than any other ice cream establishment in the area. If a bowl of ice cream doesn't look full enough, or a customer doesn't get exactly what they want, the workers make sure to fix the problem so every patron has a perfect overall experience.

Cold Stone Creamery is an innovation that should be tried out by anyone who has ever experienced a craving for ice cream.