Dinner Host Guidelines

Hosting a dinner is an opportunity for members, friends, and family to participate in a journey. The shared dinner is an important time in the journey as it provides a relaxing way for the Ambassadors to mingle in an informal atmosphere and spend quality time with more members of the club.

Recommendations

* Ask at least 2 other FF members or friends, family, and neighbors to participate, if seating allows.
* Inquire if any guest has food allergies or restrictions.
* Let guests know when to arrive and what time dinner will be served. Choose a time appropriate to the dinner hour, such as a 5:30 or 6:00 arrival time, allowing guests to leave by 9:00.
* If a FF guest is invited who is not a visitor nor home host, ask that person to contribute to the meal by bring an appetizer, salad, dessert, bread, wine, etc.
* If a guest is from a foreign country, try to serve something that you think is traditionally American that they might not have tasted in their country.
* Establish a menu for the dinner, including appetizers to be served as guests first arrive.
* Clearly state to the home host what is being served.
* Provide a nicely set table with a welcoming atmosphere for the dinner guests.
* Dinner should be served within an hour of the guests’ arrival.
* Offer a variety of drinks (wine, beer, soda, coffee, or tea) and appetizers, especially if dinner is delayed.
* Dinner may be served family style or buffet style. It may be homemade or ‘catered’. But it should be a meal you are proud of serving.
* Getting to know the Ambassadors should be a primary focus.
* Draw out the guests with questions to start the conversation rolling.
* Make sure all participants have an opportunity to share.
* Have a good time.

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