

# Riordan Family International Food Festival - 2017

## Q & A

### ***What is the Riordan Family International Food Festival?***

It's a day to celebrate the cultural diversity of Riordan through food. Imagine a food court, we have food tables side by side in Chaminade Hall (cafeteria). Your admittance includes all you can eat international cuisine, entertainment and fellowship.

### ***What does it mean to Host a Table?***

Pick a region, pick 1-3 dishes from that region, and prepare enough food.

### ***What is enough food?***

One way of thinking about it is preparing 1-3 food dishes and transporting your food in 20x12 Aluminum Disposable pans. Usually we serve tasting portions vs. dinner portions from each of the tables. We would confirm with our hosts as the date grows closer our expected number of attendees.

### ***Do I have to provide beverages?***

No, the organizers will provide the beverages. But feel free if you'd like to include a non-alcoholic drink as part of the cultural experience at your table.

### ***What is provided for my table?***

Everything, except the food and serving utensils. We have table cloths, plates, napkins, forks/knives, extra serving trays etc. Let us know if you need anything other than these basics. However, we encourage hosts to decorate their table(s) to add that special touch and make it truly festive. Hosts are also welcome to provide items such plates, utensils, etc. (Just know the basics will be available if needed.)

### ***Time Commitment?***

Buying your ingredients, making your food, dropping off your food before everyone arrives, decorating your table if you choose, and serving at the event and cleaning-up.

### ***What if I need to have access to an oven?***

Just let us know so we can reserve you an oven spot in the kitchen.

### ***Parent Volunteer Hours?***

Yes, remember your shopping, cooking, transport, set-up, actual serving at event, clean-up are included. Plus \$20 per hour for the cost of supplies. For example, \$60 for your groceries is equal to three volunteer hours. You will not be reimbursed for your costs – they are considered a donation. Many families will want to participate even if they don't need the hours.

### ***If I Host a table, do I still pay for admission?***

One host (max 2 per table if it's a co-hosted table) will not pay admission plus you'll be able to have one guest at no cost.

### ***Where is my table located?***

The floor plan will be provided before the event.

### ***What does it mean to Co-Host a Table?***

You and another family share in the responsibility of buying, preparing, and hosting your table.

### ***The advantage of Co-Hosting?***

Get to know another family, you split the cost and responsibility down the middle, and you get to take turns managing your table the day of the event.

### ***What if I don't cook, don't have a lot of time and money is tight, but I want to hang out with another Host Family?***

It is a great idea to join with another family in just "serving" the day of the event. This is such a help to our Host families so there are enough people managing a table to allow for breaks and opportunities to leave your table and mingle. We will have sign-ups for extra-server volunteers on sign-up genius.

### ***How do I pair up with other families?***

We are happy to play match-maker for you.

### ***I have friends and relatives who I love to cook with and would love to have them help me to Host a table?***

We consider extended friends and family part of the Riordan Community. Go for it!!!

### ***Do I have to be from the Country I am representing?***

Definitely not!! If you like to cook or prefer a country or cuisine, feel free to Host a table.

### ***What are the regions currently signed up?***

TBD once we get volunteers to host.

### ***Is it OK if we have more than one table representing for example Italian Food?***

Absolutely, chances are you may provide something a bit different. Let us know if you want to connect with another host to compare menus, otherwise go for it!

### ***Clean-up?***

For most events, getting individuals to help with clean-up can be a big challenge. If we can count on 10-20 of you to stay from about 3pm to 5pm to help break down tables and put away chairs, etc. we could get it done. This help is very much appreciated and we can do it fast with enough people helping. We will also have sign-ups for clean-up on sign-up genius.