

Overview of Kiwanis Rose Float Decorators Feeding Project



Overview of Presentation

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Why do We Feed Them?



The meal needs to raise both workers' strength and their spirits.

- If they brought their own--imagine all those lunch bags: which is whose?; where would we store them? What if it spoiled or got ants? What if some forgot to bring lunch?
- Because no food or drink is carried in, we control what substances come on-site.
- Decorating is a big job, with only a half-hour for lunch. Feeding needs to be streamlined.
- We also feed our employees (Phoenix Decorating) and the Kiwanians who volunteer on-site day-in and day-out.
- This is the only way some Kiwanians can become involved with the Rose Float project.

Who Do We Feed?

- 50-60 Kiwanians and Phoenix Decorating staff who work with our kids need two hearty meals every day.
- 500-600 Volunteer Decorators: SLP members. Most come only once or twice, but some come more frequently, especially towards parade day.



What do We Feed Them?

- **Filling, wholesome food that they like and that can be served and eaten quickly with minimum of mess.**
- **December can be cold and wet. Hot food helps, especially at dinner. Hot chocolate or other hot drinks are appreciated when it's cold outside.**
- **Try to avoid hot dogs and hamburgers—they don't keep warm, and the "regulars" get very tired of them.**
- **People enjoy meals with many small items: cookies, fruit rolls, nuts, cheese, crackers, etc.**



How Do We Do It?



You can use some bulk foods (chips, cookies, salads), but servers must wear plastic gloves.

- Each group of 500 gets a half-hour meal break.
- You can have pre-packed box meals, or you can give each person a plate and let them go down the line.
- Provide a beverage.
- DO NOT slow the line down to add condiments. Use individual condiment packages, and have a station away from the serving line for dispensing food and drinks that cannot be quickly given out.

Suggested Menu

- **Cold meals**

- Hoagie sandwich, chips, salad, dressing, fruit cup, beverage.
- 2 pcs cold chicken, carrot/celery sticks w/ranch, apple, lemonade, cookie.

- **Hot meals** (You provide proper heating and serving equipment)

- Enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, soda, dessert.
- Chili, grated cheese, crackers, salad, dressing, beverage, cake.
- Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, garlic bread, salad, drink, brownie.

- **There will be some vegetarians, too. Plan for about 7%.**

Logistical Considerations

- For safety reasons, **ONLY ONE** vehicle can come into the float decorating/feeding area, which is also a high-traffic walking area.
- Tables and individual bottles of water are provided on-site.
- If rain, feeding tents will be provided.
- We can provide a grill/steam table trailer with propane. Come early if you want to use it, and leave it clean for the next group. You supply your own equipment.
- Meals must be served on time.
- Serving lines down both sides of 2 tables (4 lines) will make the food distribution go faster.
- Kiwanians must stay to clean up after the meal is completed.
- You provide everything you need: paper goods, table coverings, heating and serving equipment, utensils.

What About the Budget?

- Each feeding team has its own budget.
- A budget-building form is being provided to you today, along with instructions as to how to use it.
- Some divisions assess each club in the division a certain amount.
- Some divisions also supplement with donations from businesses located within their division (e.g.: Wal-Mart).

And the Paperwork?

- We would like to have your menu in advance, so that we can post it and help to improve the variety of meals being served.
- "Final Reports" should be filed between January and March. They include: your menu, your budget (including who donated what), your people-hours, the total number of servings, and the names of those who helped, for use in recognition of volunteers and donors.
- Certificates and banner patches will be conferred based upon those reports.



Anything Else?



On behalf of the entire K-Family,



**Thank you for helping the
Kiwanis Rose Float
come alive once again this year!**