## **Meal Ideas**

These meals have been set up for Communities with 12-15 adults and 5-6 kids. Below are meal ideas and a list of the items people can sign up to bring. Adjust accordingly.

## **Mexican Night**

This can be a general theme. I'll list a few other more specific ways to do Mexican

- Main Dish
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- Tortilla Chips
- Queso
- Guacamole
- Rice & Beans
- Dessert
- Drinks

## **Taco Night**

Build your own soft or crispy tacos

- Seasoned ground beef (2 lbs)
- Shredded Chicken (2 lbs)
- Black Beans & Shredded Cheese
- Small tortillas & Taco Shells (30 tortillas, 12 crispy tacos)
- Shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes (1 head of lettuce, 2 tomatoes)
- Queso & Salsa
- Guacamole (2 pints)
- Tortilla Chips (2-3 bags)
- Dessert
- Drinks

## **Mexican Stack Up**

This is basically a Mexican salad!

- Seasoned ground beef (2 lbs)
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- Fritos and/or tortilla chips (4 bags total)

- Shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes, sour cream (3 heads of lettuce, 2 tomatoes, 10-15 oz of sour cream)
- Shredded cheese (2 lbs)
- Guacamole (1-2 pints)
- Queso
- Rice & Black Beans(optional)
- Dessert
- Drinks

## **Sandwich Night**

Sandwiches can be boring, but add a few extra toppings and a panini grill and it can be a favorite!

- Sandwich bread (2 loaves of wheat bread, add in a loaf of white if you have lots of kids)
- Turkey (1-1 1/2 lbs)
- Ham (1- 1 1/2 lbs not usually as popular as turkey, so you may want to double turkey instead)
- If you have lots of picky kids you might want to throw in a jar of peanut butter!
- Sliced Cheese (20 slices)
- Mayo, Mustard (sometimes the host has plenty to share, so check with them before you make it a sign up
- Leaf lettuce, Sliced Tomatoes, Sliced onions(1 head of lettuce, 2 tomatoes, 1/2 onion)
- Sliced Avocados (5 avocados sliced)
- Assorted Chips(3 bags)
- Fresh Fruit Salad (if you need something healthy)
- Dessert
- Drinks

### **Brinner**

Everyone's favorite! Breakfast for dinner!

- Egg Main Dish (9X13 dish)
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- Bread or Pastry Item (this allows for people to do muffins, cinnamon rolls, tea bread, donuts, etc.)
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- Fresh Fruit (People usually just bring a big bowl and it works out great)
- Bacon (1 lb)
- Sliced Breakfast Sausage (1 lb)
- Orange Juice & Apple Juice
- Note\* dessert isn't needed for brinner because the pastries basically are!

### **Pancake Night**

Have someone man the griddle and just start flipping! Kids looooove this night!

- Pancake mix & corresponding ingredients( I usually bring 2-3 boxes and just mix it as we need it)
- Syrup (1-2 bottles depending on size)
- Butter( 1 tub is usually enough)
- Bacon (1 lb)
- Breakfast Sausage Slices (1 lb)
- Fresh Fruit
- Drinks
- No dessert needed

### **Italian Night**

This is just a broad category, we will do a few other specific themes as well

- Main Dish (9X13 dish)
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- Green or Caesar Salad (Just list the number of people you think will have and most people can wing it)
- French Bread/Italian Bread (1 loaf will generally feed 10-15 people)
- Dessert
- Drinks

## Pizza Night

Mention that they can either pick up a pizza or bring a homemade one! This is a good theme when everyone has been busy and needs a break!

- Large Pizza
- Green Salad
- Dessert
- Drinks

### **Noodle Night**

This can be a little tricky to keep the noodles in good shape, but it's basically like a pasta bar!

Spaghetti noodles cooked with a little olive oil to keep from sticking(2 lbs)

- Penne Noodles (2 lbs)
- Any other noodle option you want (2 lbs)
- Spaghetti/Meat Sauce
- Alfredo Sauce
- Green Salad
- French Bread (1 loaf)
- Dessert
- Drinks

# **Grilled Cheese Night**

Comfort food at its finest! You can also throw in a soup to switch it up!

- Sliced Sandwich bread(3 loaves bread)
- 20 Slices of a certain cheese (cheddar)
- 20 slices of a different cheese (provolone or anything! they are good with several different cheeses)
- Sliced Avocados (5 avocados)
- Sliced tomatoes (2 tomatoes)
- Bacon (1-2 pounds)
- Dessert
- Drinks

### **Cobb Salad Night**

Build your own salad!

- Head of romaine lettuce, washed and in salad sized bites (6-8 heads of romaine)
- hard boiled eggs, diced, bacon pieces, diced tomatoes (10 eggs, 1 lb of bacon, crumbled, 2 tomatoes)
- Sliced avocados (5-6 avocados)
- Bleu cheese crumbles, feta cheese crumbles
- Grilled chicken breast, diced, can be cold (4 breasts)
- Thick sliced turkey deli turkey (1-2 lbs)
- Bleu Cheese dressing, Ranch Dressing
- Dessert
- Drinks
- Mac & Cheese or PBJ for kids

## **Appetizer Night**

This is a great one for people to get creative! Just remember that people love finger foods so have plenty of options and encourage people to make a decent amount. I usually just list off the number of appetizers we need and ask for them to reply with what they are bringing so not everyone shows up with a crockpot of queso.

- Appetizer dish
- Dessert
- Drinks

## **BBQ Night**

This can be an expensive one since meat is expensive, so don't do it too often!

- 2-3 lbs of BBQ chicken
- 2 lbs of sausage
- 1-2 lbs brisket or chopped beef
- 1-2 lbs turkey breast
- Potato Salad
- Baked Beans
- Corn or Creamed Corn
- Dessert
- Drinks

# **Favorites Night**

Bring your favorite thing to cook!

- Main Dish
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- Side Dish
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- Bread or Dinner Rolls
- Dessert
- Drinks

## Soup/Stew Night

Great for the few cold nights we have!

- Soup Option #1
- Soup Option #2
- Soup Option #3
- Bakery Style Bread and Crackers
- Dessert
- Drinks

## Frito Chili Pie Night

I mean who doesn't love frito pie?!?

- Batch of chili
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- 3 bags of fritos, sour cream
- 2-3 bags of shredded cheese
- Mac N Cheese for kids
- Dessert
- Drinks

### **Baked Potato Bar**

This is an easy one as long as you know someone (easiest for host) to bake all the potatoes

- 18 baked potatoes (You can bake them and keep them in a cooler and they will stay hot!)
- 2 lbs chopped BBQ beef
- Sour cream, Shredded Cheese (16 oz sour cream, 2 lbs Cheese)
- Bacon pieces & Chopped Green onions
- Tub of Butter
- Dessert
- Drinks

### **Easter Dinner**

Doesn't have to be Easter!

- Sliced Ham
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- Green Bean Casserole
- Deviled Eggs
- Mashed Potatoes
- Dinner Rolls
- Dessert
- Drinks

## **Thanksgiving Dinner**

Doesn't have to be Thanksgiving!

- Turkey
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- Green Bean Casserole
- Sweet Potato Casserole
- Mashed Potatoes
- Cranberry Sauce
- Dinner Rolls
- Pumpkin Pie
- Pecan Pie
- Drinks

# **Asian Night**

These dishes take some effort, but people can always do take out!

- Main Dish
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- Fried Rice
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- 10 egg rolls
- 10 egg rolls
- Dessert
- Drinks

## **Comfort Food Night**

Whatever you think is comfort food, bring it!

- Main Dish
- Main Dish
- Side Dish
- Side Dish
- Bread
- Drinks
- Dessert

## **Burgers & Dogs**

Great for a summer night with not much of an agenda because grilling does take more time!

- 8-10 hamburger patties
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- 24 hot dogs
- 24 hot dog buns & 24 hamburger buns
- 20 slices of cheese, Mustard, Ketchup, Mayo
- 1 head of lettuce, 2 sliced tomatoes, 1 sliced onion
- 3-4 bags of chips
- Dessert
- Drinks