

Dinner Buddies

At TLC, we start every meeting with a dinner. We feel it is very important for our teen families to come together and enjoy a meal with people who are invested in their lives. We work hard to create an inviting environment and strive to serve a delicious and nutritious meal. We believe this may be the *only* meal of the week that is actually enjoyed at a table amongst people who care.

How can you help?

We need meals brought every Thursday and every other Tuesday. Each meal usually consists of a main course, salad or side, and a dessert. We typically feed 15 people, so a large casserole is plenty. Dinner starts at 6, so drop off is between 5:30 and 6.

Do I stay or do I go?

We want you to stay and enjoy the dinner you brought, as well as get to know our girls and guys. Although, many times we have church groups that sign up to bring dinners and we get overloaded with people in our small area. So, we ask that no more than 4 people stay for dinner. After dinner, we ask that at least 2 of you consider staying to help with babysitting occasionally. If you are alone, you may leave after dinner. It is our goal that you bring dinner once a month and sit with the same girl or girls and begin forming a relationship. At this time, we ask our Dinner Buddies not stay afterwards when we move to the meeting room area as this space is limited.

What is the next step?

Once you have brought dinner 3 or more times and get to know our ministry and a few of our teens, we invite you to become a PAL. Our PAL program is much like a mentor program. For more information, please ask.

What are popular meals?

Any type of pasta dish is popular- spaghetti, lasagna, king ranch chicken etc. Soups are always enjoyed too, as well as crock pot meals. Pulled pork sandwiches are delicious. We ask that the meals come hot and ready to serve in disposable containers. We are able to keep the food warm.

Do I bring drinks and paper products?

Although both things are greatly appreciated and needed, we do not require them. We always have water available and many times have all the paper products we need. But, if you would like to provide more than food- please consider sweet tea, lemonade or juice. Please no soda or brightly colored drinks (they stain our table cloths). Forks and paper plates are always welcome if you have the extra time and funds.

Is there anything else I need to know?

We have started every meeting with a meal for over 5 years, we truly believe this is a crucial part to our success. Thank you for considering being a part of our organization in this manner.