

Meals are a great time to share some creative hospitality with your Room In The Inn guests. A fun theme adds to the experience and makes the meal more enjoyable for volunteers and guests alike. The ideas presented here are simply a starting place for your own imagination!



The Italian Feast

Main Course: Spaghetti

- Meat sauce or meatballs and marinara for vegetarians

Sides: Salad & Garlic Bread

- Offer choice of salad toppings or two different salads

Dessert: Tiramisu, Italian Ice, Cheesecake

Drinks: Tea, Lemonade

Additional Hospitality:

- Shakers of parmesan cheese on tables
- Checkered tablecloth
- Candles & Soft Background Music

GAME NIGHT

The Meal:

- Heavy Appetizers
 - Choice of flavors and sauces
 - “Extras” like celery or carrots
- Pizza Rolls
- Chips with Nacho Cheese
- Chili dogs & Tater Tots
- Meatball Sub Sliders

Dessert: Homemade cookies, cakes, pies, football cupcakes

Drinks: “Real” sodas offer choice and are a special treat

Additional Hospitality:

- Decorate the dining room with game day colors
- Colored plastic tablecloths, napkins & plates from the dollar store
- Set up buffet style like you would a tailgate party
- This works well for Monday Night Football, Super Bowl Sunday, or any time there’s a big game



Fair Food

The Meal

- Bratwurst with grilled peppers & onions
- Offer an alternative like chicken sausage
- Corn Dogs
- Curly Fries with Nacho Cheese
- Grilled Corn on the Cob (off the cob for easier eating!)
- “Walking Taco” / Frito Pie

Dessert: Funnel cake with toppings, Apple Pie, Caramel Corn

Drinks: Different flavors of lemonade

Additional Hospitality

- Checkered tablecloth
- Balloons
- Games: cornhole, simple carnival games



“Build Your Own” Dinner

One Possibility: Taco Salad

- Ground beef or beans
- Lettuce, tomato, cheese, sour cream, salsa, jalapenos
- Volunteers can make homemade salsa in a friendly competition
- Offer the toppings separately on the tables as a “build your own”

Other “Build Your Own” Meal Ideas:

- Pizza
- Hearty Sandwiches (meats & cheeses with toppings)
- Baked Potato Bar
- Hearty Salad Bar with grilled chicken or steak