

First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego

2019 Dining for Dollars: Tips for Hosts

We are so grateful you volunteered to host an event or activity!

- Try to Relax & Enjoy – you set the tone of your gathering.
- Less than Perfect is Perfect.
- Let your guests know where they can park, if parking is a problem or if there might be challenging steps, slopes or uneven pavement.
- Remember what it's like to be "new" – introductions are always important and name tags help everyone feel more connected ...as we all know, First UU is trying to build community!
- It's often easier to identify which dishes you're serving that have meat in them and now with a growing number of vegans and vegetarians it's helpful for them to know what they can eat, too.
- If you are serving food, please ask who has a food allergy (usually people let the hosts know, but not always).
- If you have animals (anything other than tigers) it's nice to let people know ahead of time (some people are genuinely afraid of animals and others might be allergic and may want to pass on your event).
- If your event is outside in a public setting, it's nice to have everyone's cell number so if someone doesn't show up on time you can give them a call. This is especially helpful if the group is hiking or on a walking adventure.
- Be sure they know if they may be outside, so they can dress appropriately.
- Remind them about a week and a half before the event, and again a couple of days in advance
- If you're having fun, your guests usually are too!