

Ideas for Lunch Providers

Our wonderful construction volunteers get started between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. and work until about 2:30 p.m., so they need refueling during the day! Lunches brought in for our volunteers are **SINCERELY APPRECIATED, and you'll be surprised at how popular you'll be!**

Lunches don't have to be complicated or expensive. Our typical lunchtime looks like this: Around 11:30, we take about a half hour break for lunch. We simply lay a sheet of plywood across two sawhorses and serve the food like a buffet line. We gather together and ask a blessing, then serve ourselves and sit around the worksite and visit with other volunteers while we eat, and talk about how grateful we are for the food.

Habitat provides cold bottled water for our volunteers all day on site, and we also provide hand sanitizer, paper towels, cups, paper plates, styrofoam bowls, plastic forks and spoons and big trash sacks for everyone to put their trash in afterward.

Some examples of lunches have been:

- **Tuna sandwiches with individual bags of chips, grapes**
- **Hamburgers/hotdogs with family sized bags of chips, baby carrots**
- **Dinty Moore beef stew in styro bowls with plastic spoons, chunks of bread**
- **Ham and cheese sandwiches, a pre-packaged veggie tray and ranch dip**
- **A batch of fried chicken and french fries from a restaurant or grocery store**
- **A pile of tacos from Taco Bell with a cut-up watermelon**
- **Baked potatoes with several toppings, in styrofoam bowls with plastic spoons**
- **Pizzas and a bag of clementines**
- **Sloppy Joes and baked beans**
- **Chicken Spaghetti, garlic bread and salad**

The rule of thumb is to keep it simple. Picnic-type foods work well. We don't want this to be a difficult or expensive burden for the ones providing lunch, so we recommend that you take this on as a group project with your friends, Sunday School class, or civic group. You'll only have to feed about 20 people on any given day.

Some other items that are very helpful, but not necessary, are

- **cookies, brownies or a similar simple dessert**
- **cans of sodas or 2 liter sodas, or gallon jugs of sweet tea, koolaid or lemonade**

On really hot or really cold days, our volunteers would be more than happy to drive over to a church building or the community center or someplace like that, to sit down and relax a bit and to recover from the weather, as long as we could do all that in about a half hour.

If you have further questions or know someone else who might be interested in providing a meal, please feel free to contact me. My e-mail address is carriebolin@hotmail.com.

**Thank you for your servant heart!
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