



A Moveable Feast™ Boulder - Saturday, June 1, 2024

FAQs – Hosting a Dinner

1. What is your 'obligation' as a Host?

As the appetizer host or dinner host, we ask that you provide a great experience with food, beverages, and ambiance during the evening. The host donates the evening affair to Blue Sky Bridge and allows us to sell tickets for the event. The cost to host the event is tax deductible. Our appetizer host generally provides light appetizers, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages for about 200 guests. The dinner host provides a sit-down dinner with wine, followed by dessert and coffee, for a minimum of 12 guests (inclusive of the hosts and Blue Sky Bridge representatives).

2. How does the evening progress or flow?

- Appetizer Party (5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)
- Event Program (6:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.)
- Themed Dinners (7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.)

All guests gather at the appetizer location to start the evening. Then, guests separate and head off to one of the various dinner options they have pre-selected.

3. Do hosts need to speak?

No. Blue Sky Bridge will have an ambassador at each of the events who will speak briefly (3-5 minutes) on behalf of the organization and its mission, and thank our hosts, sponsors, and guests for making this fundraiser possible. You are welcome, of course, to give a toast and

welcome the guests into your home! We leave that up to you and will be sure to let you know who your official Blue Sky Bridge ambassador is prior to your dinner

4. How many guests must we host for the dinner portion?

You let us know what you are comfortable with. Ideally, a minimum of 12 guests and a maximum of 36 (inclusive of the hosts and Blue Sky Bridge representatives) have worked best. Dinners are often outside, but please have an indoor contingency plan just in case! We request that dinners be seated and plated, not buffets. Tickets are sold for \$250 each, so we want to make this a real treat for our guests!

5. How do I “do” the food?

It is up to each host to determine if they would like to hire a local chef or caterer or cook the meal themselves. Blue Sky Bridge will happily work with the host to develop a creative theme and recommend a preferred caterer. Your Blue Sky Bridge host coordinator is happy to help you in any way to make it fun and simple and to ensure that we don't have too many duplicate themes.

6. Can I invite guests to my home?

We welcome and encourage you to invite your circle of friends to attend your dinner. The cost per seat is \$250. You can mail invites with notes to your guests or provide us with their contact information, and we can send them out. Please let your host coordinator know who is attending so we can be sure to watch for their RSVP. We ask that you hold at least two seats at your home for a Blue Sky Bridge ambassador and guest. All available seats will be sold or filled by sponsors.

7. Do the guests expect full access to my home?

Please feel free to restrict access to any part of your home. This has been done effectively in the past by stringing a ribbon across a staircase, for example. Similarly, please invite your guests to tour your home if you are comfortable with this option.

8. Other helpful tips:

- We encourage our hosts to plan some sort of background music. Be creative and have fun. It's your party and should reflect your personality and hosting skills!
- We are happy to provide you with references for past hosts as they can offer much wisdom and advice.

- Your host coordinator will keep in close contact with you as the event date draws near so you can have an accurate count for food planning. Hosts will receive a guest's final count and roster the day before the event.
- If your home is difficult to get to, please mark your mailbox or other exterior site with balloons or other markers.
- If you host a dinner – please plan to join us at the Appetizer party at 5:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT: Please be mindful of the amount of wine or liquor served at your event; we want to promote responsible drinking whenever possible.