



A Moveable Feast™ XXIV
Saturday, June 3, 2023
Frequently Asked Questions About Hosting

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

We ask that you provide a great experience with food, beverages and ambiance during the evening as the appetizer host or dinner host. 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.

2. How does the evening progress or flow?

All the guests meet at the appetizer location to start off the evening. Typically this group is 150-225 people. The appetizer host provides passed hors d'oeuvres, stationary appetizers and cocktails. This portion of the event typically lasts 2 hours. Then guests separate and head off to one of the various dinner options they have pre-selected.

The dinner host provides an elegant themed sit down dinner to include a main entrée, soup or salad, and a couple of side dishes accompanied with wine, followed by dessert and coffee. Anywhere from 10- 36 guests could be at the dinner depending on the location. The dinner typically lasts 2-2.5 hours.

The appetizer party is from 5:00pm – 7:30pm and dinners are from about 7:45pm to 10:30pm.

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 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 come up with a creative theme and recommend a preferred caterer who has created wonderful themed dinners in the past for AMF. 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.

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

You let us know what you are comfortable with. Ideally, a minimum of 10 guests and a maximum of 36 (inclusive of the hosts) have worked best. Dinners are often outside, but please have a contingency indoor plan just in case! We request that dinners be seated and plated, not buffets. Tickets are sold for \$275 each so we want to be sure we make this a real treat for our guests!

6. Is there anyone who has hosted in the past that I could speak to?

We are happy to provide you with references for past hosts. Many of our hosts have been involved multiple times, so they can offer much wisdom and helpful tips.

7. Can I host the event outdoors?

Everyone loves to be outside, so we encourage the party to be outdoors, if you so desire. Although it seldom happens, we ask that you have a secondary plan just in case Mother Nature decides not to cooperate with us.

8. Do we need any form of entertainment?

We encourage our hosts to plan some sort of background music or entertainment, however, it is optional. In the past, we have seen string quartets, jazz combos, pianists or recorded music for guests to enjoy. Be creative and have fun. It's your party and should reflect your personality and hosting skills!

9. Can I invite guests to my home?

We welcome and encourage you to invite your circles of friends to attend your dinner. The cost per seat is \$275. You can either mail invites with notes to your guests or feel free to provide us with their contact information, and we can send them out. Please do let your host coordinator know who is attending, so we can be sure to watch for their RSVP. We do ask that you hold a minimum of 2 seats at your home for a Blue Sky Bridge ambassador and guest. All available seats will be sold or filled by sponsors.

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

Please feel free to restrict access to any part of your home. In the past, this has been done effectively 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.

11. Other helpful tips:

- Please feel free to contact your host coordinator at any time with any questions or suggestions you may have.
- If you host a dinner – please plan to join us at the Appetizer party at 5:00. If you are the Appetizer Host, we invite you to pre-select a dinner you would like to attend to finish out the evening.

- Your host coordinator will keep in close contact with you as the date of the event draws near so that you can have an accurate count for food planning. Hosts will receive a final count and roster of your guests the day before the event.
- We have learned from past years that most of our guests prefer not to be assigned seating at the dinners.
- If your home is difficult to get to, please mark your mailbox or other exterior site with balloons or other markers.
- All of the guests will be receiving a confirmation letter and a map to the various dinners prior to the night of the event.
- **IMPORTANT:** Please be mindful of the amount of wine or liquor served at your event; we want to promote responsible drinking whenever possible.

Blue Sky Bridge has had great success with this fundraiser and we have many repeat guests and host families over the years. We thank you for considering hosting, and we are happy to offer help and guidance throughout the entire process!