

Fertile Ground Community Center

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Dear Community Group;

Thanks for considering a pizza party fund-raiser at Fertile Ground. Here's how it works:

1. Settle on a date and then contact us:352-2428 or the FG website under "Sustainable Community."
2. Announce it to your friends, volunteers and supporters. Tell them to bring money!
3. Gather pizza ingredients and chop them up ahead of time.
4. Show up one hour early to prepare the space and receive training on our pizza oven.
5. Greet guests, take their money as they arrive.
6. Make pizzas and serve them to guests. Consider inviting live music or other entertainment.
7. Clean up and quiet by 10 pm.

We provide:	You provide:
Pizza oven, tools and firewood	Four responsible adults, arriving one hour early
Pizza sauce and 2.5 lbs of cheese	Pizza ingredients (dough, veggies, etc.)
Ice Chests	Drinks (canned or bottled) and ice
Seating for 40+ people with some umbrellas	Outreach to your supporters, families and friends
Real plates and forks (not paper or plastic)	Table bussing/dish washing volunteers
Electricity for music boxes or instruments	Music box or instruments (optional)
Promotion of event on our website and by email	Money box with change
Bathrooms	\$80

The cost is \$80 and it is expected you'll pay it right after the event from the funds you just raised. You also have an option to pay half of your fee with volunteer energy (4 hours @\$10 per hour) *in advance* of the event. We hope you'll make a lot of money for your organization; keeping your costs low is the key. The **Olympia Food Coop** has generously donated 6 large cans of tomato sauce and 2.5 lbs of mozzarella cheese which you can pick up at Fertile Ground during the week before your event. Making your own sauce and dough ahead of time will really help. Chop everything in advance and consider sautéing the mushrooms. They just taste better!

Charging for pizza can be tricky. Make sure the person who collects the money is both alert and assertive. You can decide ahead of time if you want to charge by the person (all they can eat and drink) or by the slice/drink. Both have worked successfully; it depends on your collection methods and the group's appetite.

Our yard can easily hold 70 people at a time if they spread out and enjoy the gardens, swing, etc. Pizzas cook very rapidly (5 - 10 minutes each), however feeding a lot of people can be a problem. If you're expecting a large crowd (more than 50), we can offer tips for speeding things along so that people don't have to wait too long for their food. For other suggestions about toppings, salads, beverages and signage, download our "how to have a successful pizza party" document.

To honor our guests and neighbors who might want to sleep, we need to have the yard quiet and empty by 10 pm. If you have difficulty cleaning up by 10, it is okay to come back the next day to finish up.

Consider visiting us to take a look at the space and talk further about how we might collaborate on your fund-raiser. Keep up the good work!

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