

Frequently asked Questions for Christmas Dinner in the Park 2008

General Questions about Volunteering for the Event:

Where is the event?

Located at Central Park in Pasadena, on the corner of Fair Oaks and Del Mar 91105.

I want to volunteer for Christmas in the Park, what time should I come?

To volunteer on Christmas Day, volunteer shifts are as follows:

9:30 am – 11:30 am for set up.

11:30 am – 2:00 pm for greeting and serving guests.

1:30 pm– 4:00 pm for clean up – we really need help here!

How can I sign up to volunteer for (RSVP/pre-register) Dinner in the Park?

No pre-registration is needed. Simply show up at the park at the time you would like to volunteer (after 9:30am and before 1:30pm) and sign in at the Volunteer Registration table..

Can my children volunteer with me?

Children can volunteer but must be accompanied by a guardian at all times.

Where can I park?

Park on the streets. Meters should not be an issue since it is a holiday.

For what shift do you need the most help?

For clean up (plan to arrive at 1pm to check in and stay till 4pm).

Can volunteering for this event count for my school/court appointed hours?

Yes, when you arrive at the park, first register with volunteer check-in, at some point in the day, come to head-quarters and request a required service form. At headquarters, someone will give you this form, place the hours served, and sign the form.

Do I need to attend a Volunteer Orientation in order to volunteer for this event?

No.

Volunteering to Cook food for the Event

Do you need food... What kind?

Yes. We need community members to donate all kinds of side dishes and desserts to make this event a success. We need all kinds of side dishes and desserts. Side dishes such as casseroles, vegetables, mashed potatoes (without gravy), gravy, anything you and your family would enjoy on this special day. Side dishes should be safely prepared in aluminum, disposable containers. We also need all kinds of desserts (no jello please) including pies, cakes, and pastries.

When and where should I deliver Side Dishes or Desserts?

They can be delivered on the Fair Oaks side of the Park on Christmas morning between 9:30 and 11:30 am.

I want to donate a fully cooked Turkey or Ham:

Bring cooked turkeys and cooked hams. They can be dropped off on the Fair Oaks Side of the park between 9:30 and 11:30 am on Christmas morning.

I want to donate a frozen Turkey or Ham:

Frozen turkeys and hams can be delivered to 412 Raymond Ave. in Pasadena Thursday, Dec. 18 through Sunday, Dec. 21, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

I want to volunteer to cook a donated frozen Turkey or Ham:

They can be picked up to be cooked on Friday, Dec. 19, 7:00 am to 2:00 pm; or Monday, Dec. 22, 10:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Volunteering the days BEFORE or AFTER Christmas

Please give me details about Volunteering the Day before (December 24) or after (December 26) Christmas.

The day before Christmas:

We utilize volunteers the Day before Christmas from 10am-3pm. Please show up on-time. Lunch is provided. Work includes preparing for Christmas day by loading and unloading tables/chairs/kitchen equipment/general Dinner in the Park items in and out of large vehicles, making signs, picking up borrowed materials, organizing bins, working in the kitchen, anything and everything we need to do to get ready for the next day. Wear comfortable shoes and clothing and be ready to work hard! Location: 412 Raymond.

The day after Christmas:

We utilize volunteers the Day after Christmas from 8am-12pm. Please show up on-time. Snacks are provided. Work includes cleaning up from the day before by loading and unloading tables/chairs/kitchen equipment/general Dinner in the Park items in and out of large vehicles, cleaning kitchen material, returning borrowed items, organizing bins, working in the kitchen, anything and everything we need to do to clean up from Dinner in the park. Wear comfortable shoes and clothing and be ready to work hard. Location: 412 Raymond.

Do I need to sign-up to Volunteer the day before or after Christmas?

Yes! You need to talk to Marisa or one of her volunteers to sign up. Leave a message at 542. Slots for this may fill.

Donating Toys

What kind of Toys would you like donated?

New and Unwrapped!

When and Where should I drop them off?

Our Adult Center, 412 S. Raymond Ave. by Dec. 23.

Do I need to sign up to bring toys?

If you are planning to bring more than 20, we would like to be aware of it, please leave a message on our DIP hotline (542). If not, just bring them by the location on Raymond.