

## Hosting a Pasta Party

One volunteer family will provide space, coolers/fridge space, paper products, utensils, oven space, etc. for the team. Dinner usually begins around 6pm and ends by 8:30. While it may sound overwhelming to feed roughly 50 boys, we've developed a system to encourage everyone's participation, sharing the workload. The feedback over the years has been that "it wasn't really hard at all", "the kids were great--polite, neat, helpful", & everyone who has ever hosted a dinner has said they would do it again.

### Tips:

- Have a large pot of water boiling, a few boxes of pasta and a large container of pasta sauce on hand in case you run out of food.
- Make sure you label the garbage and recycling cans! The players are great about separating recycling and garbage.
- They boys like to eat together whenever possible. As the pasta party is just after practice they are tired and want to sit down.
- The players are responsible for breaking down the tables and chairs. Have a plan for where you want them to be put.
- Have plenty of strong, large garbage bags available as you switch out trays of food.

### You will need:

Chairs and Tables (I had 60 chairs and 6 tables)  
Plates, dinner and dessert  
Cutlery  
Napkins  
Serving spoons  
Coolers with ice to store beverages when they arrive  
Helpers - at least two  
Cups not necessary.

The first pasta party of the year is usually the biggest. Pasta parties late October can be down a bit in numbers depending on where the end of marking period falls.