

Tables for Eight 2011

Sign-up by January 15th!

Frequently Asked Questions / Sign-Up Form (on back)

What is it? How long has it been around?

Tables for Eight is a great way to celebrate small group fellowship. Kevin and Janet Chance started Tables for Eight at Prince of Peace in 2004; Dave Birdsall is organizing it this year.

How does it work?

A group of approximately eight participants meets for dinner at a Host's home and has a great time getting to know each other. Dinners will be held on Saturday nights from February through May 2011.

How many dinners are there? Do I have to be available for all of them?

You can participate in up to four dinners total, one per month, from February through May. You do not have to be available every month in order to participate. If you want to participate in only one dinner to try things out, that's great too.

Will I be required to Host? What does a Host do?

You will not be required to Host. The Host contacts you and their other guests roughly a week in advance to arrange the type of event (e.g. formal dinner, BBQ, adults only, families, etc...), food responsibilities, and timing. The Host typically prepares the main course and coordinates side dishes, appetizers, dessert, bread, etc... with their guests. The Host finds substitutes if one of their guests cannot attend, and they may coordinate shared child-care with their guests, at their discretion.

How is the schedule created?

Working within your availability and hosting constraints, Dave attempts to maximize the number of different people you will dine with throughout the session. Dave tries to give interested hosts an equal number of hosting opportunities, and he also try to limit the number of times you will dine with the same people. It's quite a challenge!

How do I sign up?

Fill out the sign up sheet on the back of this page and mail to Dave Birdsall at 3708 Benton Street, Santa Clara, CA 95051, or email the requested information to me at dwbirdsall@gmail.com –

BY JANUARY 15. Dave will compile the responses and distribute the schedule 1-2 weeks later.

Do I have to bring a date? Is this for couples only? No! All are welcome.

Can I bring my kids to the dinners? Whether children are invited is up to the Host. If the Host is unable to accommodate kids, contact Anne Hess (anne@hesshome.net) for some baby-sitter recommendations from our Youth Group.

What if I can't make my scheduled dinner? Contact your Host as soon as possible. They will work with Anne Hess to find a substitute.

I want to participate, but I just don't know what my schedule will be in four months. There are two ways to approach this problem. 1) make you best guess at your availability and sign up anyway. Just let the Host know in advance if you can't make it to your event. 2) Sign up as a substitute: Give your contact information to Anne Hess who will include you in a substitute list. When an opening comes up she will contact you (usually less than a week before the event) to find out if you are available.



Tables for Eight Sign Up

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Willing to Host? Yes ___ No ___

Circle the dates that you expect to be AVAILABLE.

Feb	Mar	Apr	May
	5	2	7
12	12	9	14
19	19	16	21
26	26	23 (Easter week- end)	28 (Mem. Day week- end)
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Return to Dave Birdsall by January 15!

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