



FOOD FEST FACT SHEET

What is a JASMYN Food Fest?

We are currently seeking volunteers to provide meals (Food Fest) for our Friday night Drop-in-Center, special programs, and occasional youth events throughout the year (holidays, peer educators reunions and graduations, themed parties etc). Our goal is to always provide meals on our large programming nights; for many of our youth this will be the only hot meal of the day.

Why support a Food Fest?

Food Fest is our way of letting JASMYN youth know their local community supports, celebrates and believes in them. It is important to provide meals but it sends a powerful message to our youth that they are not alone and adults care. Food fest volunteers not only help feed Jacksonville's LGBTQ youth in need but also send a strong, and vital message that adults in the community care and support them.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our young people!

Who can support a Food Fest?

Volunteer groups, business groups, churches, campus groups, individuals, etc. can support a Food Fest. Groups/individuals purchase or prepare a meal to accommodate between 15-45 youth on a designated night depending on the program. JASMYN can have up to 50 youth on a Drop-In Center night and between 10-20 youth for support groups! We also are in need of volunteers to help provide food for our special events throughout the year such as our annual prom, youth retreats & JASMYN's holiday celebrations.

Now that I have committed to a Food Fest...What do or can I bring!?

Unfortunately JASMYN does not have cooking facilities so meals need to be delivered in disposable containers and ready to eat. It is helpful to have disposable serving utensils, disposable plates, napkins, and silverware as needed. We have water and encourage our youth to drink it but they also love: vitamin water, soda, Gatorade, iced tea, and lemonade. It is also helpful to include vegetarian selections as part of the meal.

Do I cook or can I purchase food?

Whatever works for you! Some of our Food Fest volunteers cook entire meals & some purchase food from a local restaurant or grocery store. Examples of meals prepared by groups include spaghetti/ lasagna with sides of bread/salad, sloppy Joes, taco bar, and a variety of casseroles. Some food fest volunteers will order meals from surrounding restaurants and delivery them.

The average cost of a Food Fest is between \$100 - \$150.

To schedule your Food Fest call JASMYN and speak with our Outreach Coordinator at 904-389-3857
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