

Group Meals

It has always been customary for our CE5 groups to share in a meal of some sort prior to beginning the contact initiative, but in previous years that effort was never standardized. Some evenings we would put up a table and have a full-blown dinner, and other times we would eat granola bars and peanut butter crackers as we scurried around trying to get equipment set up.

Regardless of the cuisine, when there was time to sit and talk with one another, the custom was always a pleasant one, bringing people close by the simple but powerful act of breaking bread together.

So, for the 2021 season, we have decided to dedicate an hour to holding a group meal, where everyone can sit down, talk, share stories, ask questions, and enjoy one another's company while they have a bite to eat. Participation in the group meal is optional, and you are certainly welcome to join us just for the conversation, if you'd rather not eat.

Group meals will be held "brown bag" style – participants are to bring their own food & drink, and we will provide the gathering space.

Important things to note:

1. If you want to bring food to share with others during the meal, such as cookies or other items not requiring refrigeration, please feel free to do so.
2. We strongly suggest that your meal choice be limited to things which are easy to transport and require little or no preparation. There is a gas grill available on the premises that can be used for quick-cook items such as hotdogs. If you would like to use the grill, PLEASE LET ME KNOW AHEAD OF TIME so I can be sure there is adequate propane in the tank.
3. Even if you participate in the group meal, you should bring snacks and drinks for later in the evening.

Schedule:

- Meal begins at 6:00 pm. If you plan to use the grill, please arrive a little early.
- Meal concludes at 7:00 pm. It is important that we end on time, as the CE5 outing immediately follows.

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