## Sample Budget, Shopping List & Recommendations Chili Fest!

| **Possible Expenses** | $ | **DESCRIPTION** |
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| Decorations |  | In the past we’ve used crepe pompoms from Dollar Tree |
| compostable paper goods |  | (2 per person paper chili bowls )+ large paper plates + colorful napkins |
| Name badges |  | name tags & star stickers for chili cooks |
| Kitchen Help |  | 2 workers x 4 hours @ $25 hr + $10 tip each |
| Food Storage containers for taking home leftovers |  | tin foil, plastic containers, zip bags |
| Salads |  | Salad mixes are optimal |
| Salsa & chips |  |  |
| Condiments |  |  |
| Desserts & Ice cream |  |  |
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| Keep table decorations simple, colorful & disposable (no storage space in the lockers). Paper, plants, fresh flowers preferable. |
| We have black cloth tablecloths, so you don’t need to buy plastic for the eating tables. |
| No table cloths needed for chili serving tables; bare surfaces clean up quicker. |
| Use wine glasses, silverware, serving dishes (soup bowls for condiments) from Event Center. |
| Recommend skipping appetizers (usually $400 expense) to have chips, salsa on the individual tables and “condiments” tables in the main dining room - sour cream, shredded cheese, guacamole, etc. Everyone is pretty tired of appetizers by the time New Year’s Day rolls around.  |
| Recommend putting corn muffins next to “condiments” tables. Folks didn’t seem to like having them preselected for them on the eating tables. Have butter available? |
| Event Center now offers compostable trash bins and bags; make sure kitchen staff and registrants understand how to use. |