

Different Party Types For Different People

Many of our supporters have said, "Great! I'd love to let people know about LEAD International, but honestly I'm a little nervous." We want to assure you from the beginning that there is no wrong way to host a house party. House parties are a fun and relaxing way to get involved with LEAD right in the comfort of your own home. The idea behind our house parties is to create an opportunity for our supporters to get involved without having to make a huge commitment. If this is your first time, you may not be sure where to begin. We appreciate your taking an evening out of your life to join us in the cause of using business to break the cycle of poverty.

Please take a look at the menus and recipes we have compiled to help inspire you as you plan your get together. These are just ideas and you are by no means obligated to use them. We want you to create whatever theme you are comfortable with and your guests would enjoy.

Dessert and Coffee

This theme would focus on some of the common desserts found in West Africa and is quite simple to put together. If you don't want to take on an entire dinner party, this is a great alternative. You can serve a simple dessert and coffee that is inexpensive and easy to put together. You will see several menu options on our menu items page.

Dinner Party

For those of you who love to cook and want to try something new and interesting we have put together several dishes that will give your guests a taste of West Africa. Please feel free to mix and match whatever dishes you would like. You will find a complete dinner menu in our sample menus page. It might also be fun to pick one dish from our list and then create the rest of the menu around some of your own signature dishes. Some of our hosts choose just one African dish in their menu. Remember it is not imperative that you use any of our menu items; the idea is for you to invite friends over and have a relaxing time. Whatever theme you wish to create will work wonderfully.

Lunch or Brunch

Sometimes it might be better to offer an afternoon or morning event depending on the schedules of your guests. This can also be a great alternative if you are looking for something very simple and inexpensive. There are several salad and pastry recipes in our sample menus that would work wonderfully with this theme. Sitting around with a great cup of coffee and a pastry is a fantastic way to facilitate conversation.

Two Meals Two Lives

Two Meals Two Lives – using this theme the objective is to let your guest pick one of two offered meals. One meal is a full abundant meal with all the fixings. A meal on another table has the equivalent of what a family outside of LEAD's program in West Africa might eat, a bowl of rice with a small bit of fish and vegetables. The only rule is that your guest can't take from both offered meals, they have to pick one or the other. Then during the discussion you explain why you made both, and then ask them why they selected the meal they chose. It's a fun discussion!

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