

2017 State Youth Gathering

Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells



Food ideas to save time, money, & your sanity

General tips:

- **Plan ahead!**
- If purchasing food as a group, collect the money before departure. This will save time, eliminate the need to make change, and prevent kids from spending their food money on arcade games.
- Make a plan for food before the gathering. It will help you accurately tell youth how much money to bring, save time & stress during the gathering, and prevent arguments. Plus, with 400 youth at our event alone, things can get pretty crowded!
- *Be aware that you can't bring outside food into the water park, theme park, or "common areas of the resort", so any carry-in meals will need to take place in your room.*
- Be polite and friendly, even if there are delays in your meal preparation, and be sure to TIP WELL. There will be a lot of people in town, and we represent Christ in all we do!
- Check out menus online ahead of time & have people pick out what they want. Many restaurants also have printable coupons available on their websites.

Friday dinner:

- Pick up dinner before reaching the Wisconsin Dells – the local restaurants will probably fill up fast with other participants

Saturday & Sunday breakfast:

- Bring breakfast with you! All the rooms have mini fridges and microwaves.
- Bring grab-and-go breakfast options like breakfast bars, pop tarts, or juice boxes.
- Take orders the night before for fast food breakfast and have one person go out early to pick it up.

Saturday Lunch & Dinner:

- Get something delivered. Allow an hour for delivery since everyone may be doing the same thing. If it gets there early, wrap it in towels to help keep it warm.
- Go out early to eat early so that you get back to the gathering in plenty of time.
- Send an adult out for carryout.
- Eat dinner at one of the water park snack bars.
- Make reservations if you want to go out to a sit-down place for dinner.
- Do a "half brown bag" dinner- bring along chips, cookies, drinks, and other sides- and send someone out to pick up burgers/sandwiches only.

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Sunday Lunch:

- If you are leaving the Kalahari right away at the end of the State Youth Gathering, consider driving a little while before stopping for lunch to reduce your wait times.
- Go to a sit-down restaurant and use the time to debrief the gathering. Ask everyone to share a high, a low, and something they learned about God around lunch (and expect others to pay attention!).
- If you are staying to play in the water park, consider staying on site for Sunday lunch, either at the water park snack bar or one of the restaurants. While it might cost a little more, it will save time, reduce stress, and give you more time at the water park.

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