

Tasteln raised over \$6,000 for one of our Co-Sponsor Teams in 2005. It was such a huge success and so much fun I wanted to share some details with all of our Youth Groups and Co-Sponsor Teams. You could call it “A Taste of Your Town” or “A Taste of Your Church.”

What is it?: A night of food and fun where local “celebrity chefs” prepare and share their favorite dish to the attendees. The food includes appetizers, hot items, desserts, -- just about anything that is good and easy to serve to people who walk by. The chefs could be anyone – for instance, the local police chief, a pastor, bank manager, business leader, school official, teacher, coach, etc. This event also provides a great platform to have a silent auction with items contributed by local businesses and individuals.

At the 2005 event, a local car dealer provided a car (used – at a reduced price) that was successfully auctioned off with a nice profit. In addition to the admission fee and funds raised from the silent auction, the co-sponsor team could set up a drink stand and sell soft drinks, etc...

Where would it take place?: You will need a large open space with plenty of AC power for crock pots, etc... A high school gym or sports arena would work well. If you use a gym, the floor should be covered in case of spills, etc...

What is the recommended admission fee: Tickets were sold in advance for \$25.00 and \$30.00 at the door. For this price, the participants could walk around throughout the evening and eat all the food that they want. This is not much more than going out for dinner. The food was excellent and plentiful and the participants were contributing to a good cause. Each chef also received two complimentary tickets.

What does the Co-Sponsor Team provide: Location, tables, paper tablecloths, napkins, cups, plates, plastic utensils, etc...



Chefs setting up their tables



All set up and ready to go



Tables set up for attendees to sit down and eat.



Attendees checking various food selections



Local chefs (including police officers!) dishing up food for attendees



A celebrity chef serving up his specialty



Attendees "grazing"



Reading the winners of the silent auction



Homemade Beef Jerky



Including an automobile!



Pastor John and his famous Jambalaya