

## **Dinner with 12 Strangers - Host FAQs**

### **How do I sign up to be a host?**

Host registration for each semester will open twice in an academic year, opens mid-November in the Fall, and early December for the spring. The Fall host registration link can be found here <https://www.engage.emory.edu/D12fall2022> along with additional details about the program. Make sure to reference the webpage for specific host registration deadlines.

### **Can I co-host?**

Absolutely. Co-hosting with classmates, colleagues, friends, or a spouse/partner is a great option, especially for first-time hosts. There is no limit to the number of co-hosts who can participate. We highly encourage alumni to invite fellow alumni to co-host in a dinner together. Faculty and staff are welcome to host/co-host dinners as well.

### **When can I host my dinner?**

Dinners may take place Thursday, November 3 – Sunday, November 6, 2022. Dinner start times are completely up to the host(s), though most dinners begin around 6pm. If you are unable to host a dinner within this time frame. Please choose other on the registration form, and feel free to submit an alternate dinner date. Staff will review your submission and contact you to confirm your requested date.

### **Where can I host my dinner?**

Hosts may hold their dinner at a location of their choosing, whether it is at home or at a favorite restaurant. We just ask that the location be a manageable distance from Emory, as most students carpool to the dinners.

### **How many students can I host?**

The average group size is around 12-15 students, but hosts may have as many or as few students as they can comfortably accommodate.

### **Will I be reimbursed by Emory University for dinner expenses?**

Hosts are financially responsible for all dinner costs. However, hosts will be given in-kind gift credit for documented dinner expenses (original associated receipts must be submitted). The in-kind gift amount may be allocated to an Emory school or designation of the hosts' choosing. If co-hosting, you may split the credit on the gift in-kind form.

### **Is transportation arranged?**

Carpooling is facilitated for most off-campus dinners by members of the Student Alumni Board, who serve as dinner liaisons. Each dinner group is contacted prior to the dinner to encourage carpooling from campus. Please make sure to include the full address of the dinner location and any other informative details on the host registration form to help students find the location easily.

### **Can I target my student audience (i.e., to a specific school)?**

Yes. If you prefer to host students from a specific school(s) or organization, please share those details on the host registration form. Audience preferences will be added to your dinner details on the student registration page. Note: student registration is on a first-come, first-served basis so staff will monitor registrations as best as possible, but 100% exclusivity is not guaranteed. If the dinner has not been filled closer to the dinner date, we ask hosts for flexibility to open any remaining spots to other students who may be interested, even if not within their preferred audience.

### **Why is my dinner not full?**

Students can register for a dinner of their choosing, which may be based on professional interests, shared hobbies, Emory activities, etc. Dinners with more detailed host descriptions (i.e., related to their career, hobbies, interests, Emory engagement), tend to fill more quickly, so we ask that hosts provide as much information as possible in their registration. Though we emphasize commitment expectations to students in all of our communications, please note that late cancellations are possible. Students are responsible for notifying hosts should any changes arise.

### **Will I receive a student list and dietary needs prior to the dinners?**

Yes. We will email hosts a student guest list with names, ages, schools, dietary restrictions, special needs, and other details about a week before the dinner and/or as dinners fill. Since there are often changes leading up to the dinner dates, we stay in close communication with students and hosts and notify hosts as any updates or cancellations arise. We also email hosts a "D12 host packet" approximately 1 to 2 weeks before the dinners. The host packet will include student sign in sheets, an in-kind gift form, a prepaid return envelope (for the gift in-kind form, receipts, and sign in sheets), thank you gifts, and nametags for the dinner.

### **Can alcohol be served at the dinner?**

Yes; if providing alcohol, we ask hosts to use discretion and serve only to those who are of legal drinking age (21+). As mentioned above, ages are provided for reference in the student guest lists sent to hosts before dinners. It may be helpful to make a pre-meal announcement to remind students under 21 and drivers of carpools to refrain from partaking in adult beverages, if provided.

### **Can I host again?**

Yes, of course! Repeat hosts are encouraged and appreciated.

### **Other questions?**

Please feel free to contact Theodore Ross at [Theodore.Richard.Ross@emory.edu](mailto:Theodore.Richard.Ross@emory.edu) if you have any other questions or would like more information about the program.

## **Topic Suggestions for Dinner with 12 Strangers**

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1. A favorite Emory tradition (e.g. Candlelight Crossover, Dooley's week, SongFest, Homecoming)
2. Choosing of the major
3. Participation in different Emory clubs and organizations
4. Greek life affiliations
5. First-year residence halls
6. Favorite classes and professors
7. Buildings and campus layout (Atlanta or Oxford; changes)
8. Celebrity sightings on campus (then and now)
9. Share quirky Emory facts, figures, and trends
10. What Emory means to you
11. Study abroad experiences
12. Fun and random facts (e.g., I have traveled to 9 countries in the past 3 years for research)
13. Career advice (e.g., If I could go back and tell my college self 3 things, they would be...)
14. Career journey
15. Involvement with Emory after graduation

### **Icebreaker Suggestions for Dinner with 12 Strangers**

#### **“Two Truths and One Lie”**

Each person takes a turn at introducing him/herself and then tells the rest of the guests three “facts” about themselves. Two of them are true and the third is a lie. The guests have to guess which “fact” is a lie. Example Hi, my name is Joe Eagle and... I've stood in the center of the Mercedes Bens Stadium and led an eight-clap for the Atlanta United. I've met President Clinton. I've never received a parking ticket on campus. The guests unanimously guess correctly that the parking ticket scenario MUST be the lie. No one has ever studied or worked on campus and escaped the long arm of the Emory parking office!

#### **“I Want to Know”**

Ask each guest to write down a question that they would like someone else to answer. The questions should be the type that would provide insight about an individual's personality, tastes, values, etc. The host collects the questions and puts them in a container that is passed around the room. Then, as each guest introduces him/herself, s/he pulls a question out of the container that s/he has to answer. Example When and why did you decide that you wanted to attend Emory? What was your most memorable Emory experience? Have you ever had a brush with a celebrity? Have you ever been on TV? If you could go back in time and make one decision differently, what would it be? If you could have

lunch with anybody, living or dead, real or imaginary, who would it be? If you won the lottery tomorrow, what would you do?

### **“Celebrity”**

This game can be played after dinner if time allows. Using scraps of paper, each individual writes down the names of 10-15 well-known figures. The assortment of names is put in a container. The group is then divided into two teams. The first team selects one of their members to take a turn. S/he picks a piece of paper out of the container and tries to make his/her teammates guess the identity of the person whose name is on the paper. When his/her teammates have guessed correctly, s/he picks another piece of paper, describes the person, the other teammates make their guesses, and the process continues until a minute has elapsed. At that point, the number of people that have been identified by the team equals the number of points the team earns. The second team then selects a teammate to take his/her turn, until all the players on both teams have had one time “at bat.” The team with the most points at the end is the winner.

### **“Easy Get to Know You”**

This simply requires a few pens and paper. Write questions on paper and have each guest draw one – have each person or every person answer the questions. Sample: What is one easy thing about being an Eagle and one hard thing?