

# INDIAN TRAILS NSG

## NOT-SO-GOURMET CLUB

AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS & MAKE FRIENDS

The Indian Trails Not-So-Gourmet Club (affectionately known as NSG) is open to all residents of Indian Trails. The purpose is to provide an evening of good fellowship and food while becoming better acquainted with your neighbors. The comradery and friendships we all have enjoyed over the years is one of the many reasons that makes Indian Trails a highly desirable neighborhood to live in.

### Here's how it works:

There are usually about 6-8 parties a year which are scheduled from September to June.

Each month has a "theme" that is the hosting couple's choice e.g.: a type of cuisine such as French / Italian/ Mediterranean, or a holiday, or just something crazy and fun ...like Pirates, Beach /Island, Sports, etc.

**September** – The Planning Party. No theme for this month. One couple volunteers to be the "Club Coordinator" for the year. This is a very easy, low maintenance party. Everyone brings an appetizer and signs up for the following months events.

**October** - Halloween

**November** – No party this month due to Thanksgiving

**December** – Christmas

**January** – No party this month due to "holiday burnout"

**February** – this could be Super bowl, or Valentines, or Glad We Don't Live Up North.....

**March** – St. Patrick's, or March Madness, or a cuisine like Japanese, or Spring Break ....

**April** – Family Block Party Picnic – to be held at on the street by the retention pond between Rolling Ridge and Tree Top.

**May / June** – Men's Party, the theme / food is organized upon by the NSG Club Men.

\*\* Due to *The Landon Korabek Memorial One Love Jam Fest* at Thirsty Marlin (and most of the neighborhood attends), which is held the 1st or 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in May, the Men's Party is usually scheduled at the end of May or early June.

- The Hosts choose the **theme and date for the month** they chose at the Planning Party. **The coordinator will send hosts an email reminder 1 month before.** The Hosts supply plates, utensils, napkins, tables and décor if desired, ice, coolers etc. The Hosts are not required to make a dish (unless they want to) since they are preparing their home to receive the club.
- In order to have a balanced menu, The Hosts will assign you a dish to make that fits the theme. Some Hosts will ask you to select your own recipe from a menu category like "appetizers" or "entrees" matching the theme. Make enough of your item for the number of attendees, BUT remember that there are many dishes (each person does not need a full-sized serving of your item).
- Purchase the ingredients to make your dish, round-up the total to the nearest dollar amount, and call total \$ amount in to the banker (soon to be announced) by 3 p.m. Saturday (day of). The banker will add your totals spent and divide by the total attending to get each person's "share of cost."
- **On the day of the party**, each family will pay the difference (or be reimbursed) between what they spent and their share of cost. So, remember to bring CASH to the party!
- **NSG is an ADULTS ONLY, BYOB party** – (so bring a cooler and whatever beverage you prefer.) \*That being said, if you cannot find a baby-sitter, many couples with young children have "tag-teamed" the party (mom goes for an hour, then dad goes for an hour)
- **Co-Hosting**  
Part of the *FUN* of NSG is to be a Host. However, some may find it is easier to pair with another NSG member and do "Co-Hosting" to think of a theme together and share in the duties of hosting. This can allow for more members volunteering to host.

### **Banker**

The banker has traditionally been the hosts of the last month's party. However, we are looking for new ideas here.

### **Non-resident Guests**

You are more than welcome to bring a non-resident guest. Just please notify the Hosts a.s.a.p. so that the appropriate planning can be made.

### **Communication**

The Host can use either Evites or regular email to send the invitation and keep track of the menu (ie: who's bringing what ). Indian Trails has a website [www.ITHOA.org](http://www.ITHOA.org) and we can use our Facebook page too.

