

Ice Cream Social Ice Breaker 2014

The Food Committee has been providing the ice cream after the annual Ice Breaker and this year was no exception. The Booster Trustees and Officers helped serve the ice cream again this year, a big thanks to all who helped.

The quantity and type of items needed was based on what was served for the Ice Breaker in 2013 along with the fact that Mr. Foster said we would have approximately the same amount of students participating this year.

We placed an order with Gordon Food Service (GFS) the week before the Ice Breaker for the required items (see attached Supply/Funding Spreadsheet). We also made sure to plug in the ice freezer in the Band Barn so that we would have a place to store all of the ice cream.

On the morning of the Ice Breaker, we went and picked up all of the needed items. GFS does not carry smaller sizes of butterscotch or strawberry topping so we had to get that from somewhere else. We took the ice cream to the freezer in the Band Barn for storage.

We scheduled the school van through the transportation office as soon as we knew the Ice Breaker date. The van was needed to pull the Bird Feeder up to the school for the Ice Breaker. It is nice to have it close since we pull things from it. When we use supplies like bowls, spoons, and napkins, they have to be replaced by the Food Committee, using their budget line, or we will run short during the year.

We were inside the school again this year due to cooler temperatures and the threat of rain. It would be better if we were outside for easier clean up as well as giving parents and students a chance to see the inside of the Bird Feeder. We have a great piece of equipment with the Bird Feeder but many within our own organization have not seen what we are capable of doing with the Bird Feeder.

We have had problems in the past with the Booster/Parent part of the Ice Breaker going too long but this year it seemed to short. Mr. Foster and the student leadership have three hours of activities planned for the students but the parents meeting only filled about an hour and a half. This caused problems with the ice cream because parents are ready to eat and leave long before the kids are done, some parents left and came back to pick up their kids. Maybe we need to plan to serve the parents early and then put the ice cream back in the freezer until the kids are done, having two serving periods instead of trying to stretch it out for almost two hours. The difference in serving times causes kids to think they can get ice cream with the parents, in the middle of their activities, which takes away from what the student leadership has planned. I am not sure what the answer is on this issue yet but it is something we need to look at for the future.

We need to remember to be careful not to open too many of the toppings. It is nice to have at least two out at a time to move the process along faster, but if we open too many we end up wasting it. Maybe we should buy less and use squeeze bottles for the second one.

Three scoops of ice cream, as long as they were not heaping, seemed to be the right amount. Those individuals that wanted more were able to have some after everyone got some.

The attachment contains all of the information about what we bought, how much was left as well as all of the cost information. Receipts were provided to the treasure as required.

Attachment:

1. Supply/Funding Spreadsheet

Ice Breaker Supply/Funding Spreadsheet

Dinner (200?)	Required Items	Item #	Quantity	Cost	Store	Notes
Ice Cream	Ice Cream (Neapolitan)	500411	2 X 1 Gal	10.98	GFS	Bought three gallons but had part of the last one left so only charged the Boosters for two. I would get the same amount next year unless they expect a large increase/decrease.
	Ice Cream (Vanilla Fudge Swirl)	500380	2 X 1 Gal	10.98	GFS	I would get the same amount next year unless they expect a large increase/decrease.
	Ice Cream (Vanilla)	500403	3 X 1 Gal	16.47	GFS	I would get the same amount next year unless they expect a large increase/decrease.
	Ice Cream (Chocolate)	500361	2 X 1 Gal	10.98	GFS	Bought three gallons but had part of the last one left so only charged the Boosters for two. I would get the same amount next year unless they expect a large increase/decrease.
	Sprinkles	421620	1	9.29	GFS	This was about the right amount.
	Whip Cream	496375	9	26.91	GFS	Had one unopened can left. Would get the same amount next year.
	Carmel Topping	200582	2	7.98	GFS	Might could get by with one but then it would have to be divided into another container to keep the serving line moving.
	Chocolate Topping	203092	3	6.87	GFS	Opened all three but could have got by with two.
	Strawberry Topping		2		Local	No cost to the Boosters.
	Butterscotch Topping		2		Local	No cost to the Boosters.
	Bowls		200			Used what was in the Bird Feeder.
	Spoons		200			Used what was in the Bird Feeder.
	Napkins		200			Used what was in the Bird Feeder.
				100.46		This comes from Ice Cream Hospitality budget line not Food Committee budget line. RFP Submitted/