

# Basque Club of Utah GASTRONOMIKA



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## Group Coordinator: Monique J. Flesher

Group Coordinator will coordinate the group's calendar, coordinate the "potluck" dishes and number of participants with the hosts, send an email to participants about upcoming gatherings, take RSVPs up to and including due date, collect all recipes by email and make sure all courses of the meal are covered as established by the host. Group Coordinator will also act as the intermediary with the Utah Basque Club, including representing the group at the club's meetings when necessary.

## Objective:

To promote and cultivate the Basque love of preparing and sharing food, drink and conversation with friends and family. While a goal remains to learn and share Basque recipes and techniques, Basque Club of Utah – Gastronomika, also recognizes Basques as among the world's most creative and innovative cooks, and seeks to expand participants' learning and experience beyond traditional cuisine.

**Club Name:** Basque Club of Utah - Gastronomika

## Guidelines:

1. Format is a "supper club" format to which each member commits to bring a **home-made** dish to share with the group at each gathering. Dish to be brought will be determined once the RSVP's have been obtained.
2. The host establishes the criteria for the gathering he or she is hosting, such as which type of food will be served (all Basque, seasonal, eclectic, another ethnic type, etc.), whether children will be allowed, and how many guests can attend, and so on.
3. The club will maintain a cooking learning environment. **Home-made** dishes will be prepared in advance of the gathering, but each participant will provide a recipe for their dish and email it to the Group Coordinator for distribution to all participants. Participants will share the details of their dish, as well as tips related to food preparation, at the gathering.
4. Wine, etc., is *BYOB*.
5. The club will gather three to four times a year, avoiding the time period from the holidays. Dates will be set by each host and coordinated with the group's administrator.
6. After receiving approval from the Utah Basque Club, Basque Club of Utah – Gastronomika, initially will solicit new members through a separate mailing to all Basque Club of Utah members that includes Basque Club of Utah - Gastronomika membership guidelines and information about how to join. In subsequent years, new members will be solicited each year at the annual Basque Club of Utah Christmas party and in a corresponding issue of the club's newsletter. Basque Club of Utah - Gastronomika will be open to all Basque Club of Utah members who are current on their dues and who agree, as part of their supper club membership, to provide **home-made** dishes for each gathering. Each member will be obliged to take turns preparing different courses of the meal.

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7. Once Basque Club of Utah - Gastronomika members for the year have been established, information about the year's gatherings will be sent to each member via email by the group's coordinator. RSVPs will be required by a specified date, and the administrator will take RSVPs by email and coordinate with the host to make sure all courses are covered.

The number of attendees will be different for each Basque Club of Utah - Gastronomika gathering, based on the hosting family's space available. Each Basque Club of Utah - Gastronomika gathering will have a cap. RSVP's will be denied once the cap has been met.

8. Each Basque Club of Utah - Gastronomika gathering will have 3 main dishes. We will rotate the main dishes alphabetically amongst the members. The hosting family will not be asked to provide a main dish at the time of their hosting the dinner. If their name happens to be one of the three for their gathering, they will be moved to the next gathering date.

9. The Basque Club of Utah will provide funds to pay for bread and paper products for each gathering. The supper club in the future may decide to publish a recipe book as a fundraiser, at which time the Basque Club of Utah's financial commitment may be re- evaluated.

I/we hereby are in agreement with the guidelines set forth and are willing to participate in accordance with the stated guidelines.

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