



Thank you so much for your interest in helping to feed the artists!

Every year, many artists descend on the Black Rock desert with one goal in mind; to create some of the most mind-blowing, creative pieces of art on the planet for all of its citizens to enjoy. We all know how much effort can go into designing and creating any personal project, whether it is art, structures, theme camps, relationships, etc. But when you completely lose your marbles and decide to have a go at it on the Playa, that's a whole 'nother slice of pie.' Nothing ever goes as planned. Items get left behind; Things break; Tab A never fits into slot B the way it did back home; Dust gets in everything; Half of your crew comes down with a mysterious hangover that seems to be going around; It's stinking hot; It's stinking cold; You have to have this monster finished by Monday, and... SOMEone forgot to bring the kitchen!

We at "Feed the Artists" would like to help create lasting bonds that bring this great community of ours even closer together, and what better way to do it than through FOOD? Everyone loves food, RIGHT? So we would like to match people with FOOD to people with empty plates, grumbling stomachs, tired souls and noses full of playa-boogers! Napoleon put it best when he said, "An army marches on its stomachs," and David Best put it even better when he said, "An army of artists marches on their stomachs!" We are making it our goal to ease the suffering and support our artists, so join us by throwing a dinner party for your neighborhood Playa-starving artist!

Now, as a theme camp, you might be all too familiar with the difficulties of setting things up on the Playa. I mean, let's face it; you're out there busting your ass eighteen hours a day too, right? But there IS one major difference between you guys and the artists. While what you're setting up is clearly a wonderful gift to the community, it also, ultimately, will provide for your own comfort and shelter, by providing the basic needs, structures and conveniences for your camp members. The artists, on the other hand, are working just as hard building projects that provide for everyone else's enjoyment, but have nothing to do with their own food, comfort, or shelter.

In addition to their art project, they still have all their own creature comforts and camping arrangements to think about, which is where we come in! We feel that a true community takes care of its artists. So it's our goal to match BM's funded artists, OUR artists, with people like you who may have the space, time, and a bit of extra resources to provide a very special gift to one or more of our art groups... a nourishing, heartfelt meal. A meal that provides everyone involved with a brief respite from the stresses of playa setup; a meal that allows two groups who may not have otherwise become acquainted to "break-bread" together and discover each other; and, most importantly, a meal that nourishes the bodies, minds, and souls of all its participants, and ultimately, by extension, the entire Burning Man community.