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Pancake Day

Pancake day is a great informal way of introducing your mates to other Christians while plugging an Easter event that won't be too long away!

Here's some of our top ideas to get you into the pancake-flipping-zone:

Pancake Party!

1. Advertise with posters (the week before) and invite friends to a pancake party!
2. Arm yourselves with packets of ready-made pancakes, topping options and paper plates.
3. Create the most magnificent pancake-art to have dawned the earth.



...add a speaker

Traditionally, Shrove Tuesday was a time to use stuff up ready for lent... (when you would give stuff up in the lead up to Easter Sunday) What about having a message about what Jesus gave up – so that we could be free?



Survey

Set up a stall with a "PANCAKE MAKING STATION". Have packets of ready-made pancakes available with lots of topping choices. Give a free pancake to anyone who takes part in the survey! Collate the results on Facebook or on a SU billboard! Have some tracts/Gospels to give away.

Surveys can be a great way of sowing a seed. Check out the PANCAKE DAY survey at www.festive.org.uk

Praise & Prayer

Pancakes are celebration food. Why don't you enjoy some at CU and feast on the riches found in Psalm 103? Have a time of praise & prayer, thank God for all He has done, does and will do!

Testimony night

If you can't do anything on site, what about hosting a pancake making fest at your Church or a CU member's home?

Invite friends for a great night and say someone from CU will be sharing how they became a Christian!

Serving food at college

Your College/Sixth Form have an obligation to ensure that the health & safety of all its students is looked after. It will want the CU to follow their guidance. Here are some simple rules to follow:

Food sold or given out must be prepared and served in a hygienic way

- a) Use food that has been prepared in approved kitchens – i.e. bought at a supermarket or directly from the college canteen. Unless your kitchen has been assessed – you, your Mum or your youth worker are not covered and neither is the College)
- b) Check the 'sell by' date.
- c) Check the serving requirements, e.g. don't serve something that needs extra cooking.
- d) Keep it simple, e.g. if you are serving lemon pancakes buy ready squeezed lemon juice. Don't bring lemon juice you squeezed at home or attempt to do it as you go along.
- e) You need to have kitchen roll and a bacterial spray on hand so that you can ensure hygienic conditions. Often you can get these directly from the college or school.
- f) Once food has been opened and offered, don't re-use in a meeting again... it must be disposed of.

You must get permission to serve food before you put up posters inviting people to an event.

This will probably mean that someone has to fill in a risk assessment form for the event. If you are in a school, it is usually easy to find out what this means from a teacher but at college it may be more complicated. Generally, a Chaplain, the SU president or the Student Services will help you!

At the event:

Have someone in charge of the food. Be careful how much to put out at a time, Make sure you have bins for rubbish and a clearing up plan.

