Dining in the Dark Frequently Asked Questions

Do the event guests have to wear their blindfold masks for the entire meal?
We suggest that participants wear their blindfold throughout most of the meal to maximize the experience but remind guests that anyone may take off their mask at any time if they feel uncomfortable, need to leave the room, etc.

How much should the guests be charged to attend this event?
We suggest a minimum of $50 per person, but when determining the ticket cost you should take into consideration the costs of the food you plan to serve as well as the comfortable price point among the people you intend to invite.

What type of location is good for hosting a Dining in the Dark event?
We suggest pricing out a few venues before making a decision. Take into consideration the size of your group when deciding. If you choose a restaurant or banquet facility, it will be very important to make sure staff is aware of the nature of the event and has some proper protocol in place.

Are there any types of foods to avoid serving?
A plated meal is best, no buffets. Serve foods that can be eaten safely and that won't create too much of a mess. For example, chicken on the bone or spaghetti and meat balls will be quite difficult to eat blindfolded. Perhaps talk to the chef about the event and the experience and get his or her suggestions.

Does this have to be a formal event or can it be a casual gathering?
This event is meant to be educational and meaningful, but most of all enjoyable. Gear the event towards your crowd.

Can you provide Southeastern program dogs to attend our event?
Unfortunately we can not guarantee that we will be able to have anyone attend your event with a puppy or program dog but when you fill out the Event Registration Application, we will do our best to match someone from our Speaker's Bureau to your event.