

Dining & Catering Options

UC Commons

All regular meals are served in the University Center Commons. The operation is an “all you can eat” cafeteria style which allows one entry per meal period. The cafeteria offers several serving lines with hot entrees, vegetarian entrees, sandwich, soup, and salad bar, dessert selections, and beverage service. Meal times are:

Breakfast: 7:00 AM - 8:30 AM

Lunch : 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Dinner: 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Groups may be assigned specific serving times to avoid overcrowding. As a service for traveling groups or one day excursions, sack lunches can be prepared for your group. Please note that food cannot otherwise leave the cafeteria.

Meal Cards

Conference guests will receive a magnetic stripe meal card. For youth conferences or camps, a meal band option may be used. If meal bands are used, each member of the group should secure the meal band to their person, either on the wrist or ankle. Some groups using meal bands will have their participants attach the bands to a lanyard. The cards or meal bands will allow entry into the cafeteria according to the meal plan assigned to each guest. No participants will be allowed entry into a meal or dining facility without an authorized meal card or band. Because the meal plans are programmed into the cards, guests wishing to eat a meal not covered by their plan must pay cash. If a conference participant loses a meal card, the Conference Office should be contacted immediately. There will be a \$2.00 reprogramming fee to replace the card if lost during the group’s stay. Conferences and Events will include these charges in the final invoice, and will not accept money directly from guests. Meal bands do not have to be returned. Meal cards will be collected from guests by the dining hall staff at the conference’s last meal. Cards may also be turned in to the residence hall front desk or the Conferences and Events Office in the University Center.

Meal Count

Two weeks prior to the start of the conference, a guaranteed meal count must be communicated to the Conferences and Events Office. Meals can be prepared up to 10% over the guaranteed count for the sponsor’s group. Any guests over that may not be able to be served. If the actual count is lower than the guaranteed count, the group will be charged no less than 95% of the guaranteed count. Toddlers (0 - 3) will not be charged for meals.

Catering

Many event planners enjoy the option of an opening or closing banquet, and barbecues are extremely popular during the summer. PLU Catering can provide services for any occasion, with very reasonable prices. Please see the Catering information in the Conference Planner.