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Thanksgiving at Midland: Frequently Asked Questions

Our first event is our **Annual Turkey Trot** on Kimpton Field. Come with your running shoes laced up for Midland's cross country course. This fun run or walk is about 3 miles. Trot along at your own pace and enjoy the amazing Midland property. We do encourage participants to **dress up in Turkey Trot style**.

Some Q & A from past years may provide helpful reminders as you prepare to enjoy this special occasion with fellow Midland community members:

Q1: Is our dog welcome at Thanksgiving? No. Midland is a dog-friendly campus most of the time, but we ask families to leave dogs at home during Thanksgiving. It is often too hot to leave dogs in cars and our resident student and faculty dogs take priority on campus. With such a large event, it is too hard to ensure all dogs get along, are well behaved, and are not disruptive to the day's festivities. We appreciate your understanding and willingness to leave your four-legged family members at home during Midland events.

Q2: What type of desserts should we bring, and where do we take them? Bring your favorite dessert that does not require refrigeration (cookies, pies, cakes, bars, etc.) and a serving utensil, if needed, to Stillman Hall or the registration area upon arrival. Make sure to pick up your containers and utensils after the meal.

Q3: Where should we park? Parking for Midland's Thanksgiving celebration will be at **Family School** this year. Please proceed past Midland's driveway and look for a green parking sign on the right-hand side of Figueroa Mountain Road. Enter Family School's driveway and keep an eye out for parking volunteers who will direct you where to park. **Please do not enter Midland's driveway for parking.**

Q4: What do I do after parking? Once parked, please enjoy a walk through Midland's 10-acre organic garden, where much of what we will enjoy on Thanksgiving was grown! Turn left once you have made it through the garden to cross Midland's car bridge and find registration in front of Main House. As you probably know, shoes for walking on dirt roads are best at Midland!

Q5: Why do we ask families to bring their own plates and cutlery? We endeavor to be as sustainable and environmentally friendly as possible. If you can, please bring your own plates and cutlery. That being said, if you are flying in or driving from afar with a full car, we do not expect you to have these items stowed with overhead luggage or rattling at your feet as you drive home. Compostable plates and cutlery are available for anyone needing them.

Q6: How will I carry ALL that food? Midlanders recommend bringing trays or large, flat boxes in order to carry multiple plates and sides. Box tops can also work well.

Q7: May we bring table decorations? Some families choose to decorate their tables (most tables are 72" rounds). This is entirely up to you. Many families are happy with a minimalist picnic setting. Please note that smaller groups will be sharing tables and larger groups may need to use multiple tables.

Q8: May we bring wine or alcohol? We ask families to refrain from bringing alcoholic beverages to Midland's Thanksgiving. Non-alcoholic *fancy* beverages are more than welcome. We will have water, coffee and freshly pressed apple juice for all of our guests.

Q9: What should I wear? Fall mornings at Midland tend to be chilly, while the afternoons are typically warm. We recommend dressing in layers and don't forget to bring a water bottle for easy refills.

Q10: What is the leave policy for current students? During free time, students may leave campus with their families after they have checked out with the Faculty of the Day (FOD). The full leave schedule is published on the [website](#).