



Minnesota  
Humanities  
Event Center

## Breakfast Selections

**Continental Breakfast** (comes standard with the Day Meeting Package and the Half-Day Meeting Package)

The Continental includes: a selection of muffins and pastries and/or fruit breads and coffeecake; a fruit tray; orange and cranberry juices, regular and decaf coffee, hot tea and water.

**Heavy Continental Breakfast**

Add yogurt, granola, and hard boiled eggs to the continental breakfast for an additional charge.

## Hot Breakfast Selections

*You may add any of the hot breakfast selections below to the continental breakfast for an additional per person charge.*

**Egg Bake**

Eggs, cheddar cheese, diced ham, and spinach mixed together and baked until set custard style.

**Vegetarian Breakfast Bake (can be made gluten free)**

Ciabatta, spinach, mushrooms, onion, red pepper, cheese, eggs and cream.

**The Classic**

Scrambled eggs, bacon, and sausage.

**Make your own Yogurt Parfaits**

Vanilla yogurt served with an assortment of fresh seasonal berries and granola.

**White Chocolate and Banana Stuffed French Toast**

French toast stuffed with white chocolate and bananas, dusted with powdered sugar and topped with freshly whipped cream.

**Mini individual Egg Frittatas (can be made vegetarian)**

A mixture of eggs, sausage, bacon, ham and seasonal vegetables topped with cheese and baked.

**Cream Cheese and Cherry Stuffed French Toast**

French toast stuffed with cream cheese and cherries. Dusted with powdered sugar and topped with whipped cream.



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## Luncheon Selections

*Each offering is accompanied with a choice of either soup or a garden select salad tossed with our house vinaigrette, and your choice of dessert. All selections are served buffet style, but can be plated and served for an additional cost. If this is desired, please indicate this when making reservations.*

### **Oven-crisped Chicken with Maple-Vinegar Sauce**

A split chicken breast is seared and oven roasted, then basted with a tangy maple-vinegar sauce, and topped with almonds, cranberries and leeks. Served with roasted and mashed root vegetables and seasonal vegetables.

### **Open Face Turkey Sandwich**

Buttered and grilled sourdough bread topped with simmered medallion of turkey, sautéed onions, a rich sage cream sauce and cranberry compote. Served with mashed potatoes and fresh seasonal vegetables.

### **Prime Rib Sandwich**

A crusty baguette houses thinly sliced prime rib of beef bathed in au jus topped with sautéed onions and topped with gruyere cheese. Served with kettle fried potato chips and fresh seasonal vegetables.

### **Cobb Salad**

Crisp romaine lettuce and peppery watercress tossed with crisp sautéed bacon, sliced avocado, crumbled Maytag bleu cheese, diced fresh tomatoes, poached chicken, and finally our homemade red wine vinaigrette.

### **Garden Wrap (Can be prepared as vegan.)**

Big tortillas stuffed with spinach, sprouts, cucumbers, red onions, havarti dill cheese, cream cheese, mayonnaise and whole grain mustard. Served with an apple and red cabbage slaw, pickles and kettle fried potato chips.

### **Grilled Lemon-Thyme Chicken Piccata**

Olive oil-marinated grilled chicken breasts, topped with capers, parsley, and lemon-thyme butter. Served with orzo and seasonal vegetable.

### **Meat Lasagna**

Layers have ground beef, meat marinara sauce, and Parmesan cheese, which is baked until the top is golden.

### **Butternut Squash and Wild Mushroom Lasagna**

Layers of lasagna noodles, spinach mixed with salted and peppered ricotta, simmered squash pureed and mixed with goat cheese, and all sorts of mushrooms sautéed in butter. Served with garlicky parmesan bread.

### **Curried Tofu Mango Stir-Fry (Vegetarian and Vegan)**

Cubes of fried tofu tossed with a stir-fried combination of mushrooms, green peppers, scallions, red onions, sauced with mango chutney, and spiced just a bit.

### **Linguini alla Carbonara**

Linguini tossed Parmesan cheese, eggs, Romano cheese and applewood smoked bacon, zucchini, red pepper all sautéed in olive oil.

### **Chicken Escoffier**

An elegant and classic preparation of a breast of chicken doused with clarified butter, breaded with fresh breadcrumbs and sautéed until golden served with Arborio rice risotto and seasonal vegetables. The dish is finished with a ring of intensely flavored balsamic glaze.

### **Mesclun Salad with Dried Apricots and Spiced Nuts** (Can be prepared with or without chicken.)

The tiny bursts of spiciness from the nuts are a pleasing counterpoint to the sweet and tangy bits of dried apricot, together making this a tasty salad.

### **Warm Insalata Caprese Sandwich**

Oven-warmed Ciabatta bread, layered with mozzarella, tomatoes, basil and balsamic vinegar-mayonnaise. Served with garlic potatoes.

## **“Build Your Own” Luncheons**

*These meals are reserved for groups of twenty people or more.  
Each offering includes menu items shown in description and your choice of dessert.*

### **Mac and Cheese Bar**

Cavatappi (corkscrew) pasta loaded with a variety of cheeses and served with all the classics on the side: grilled chicken, bacon, turkey sausage, broccoli, green onions and Franks Buffalo Sauce.

### **Soup and Salad Bar**

A make your own salad bar complete with mixed greens, diced chicken, and various toppings served with bread and your choice of two selections from our soup menu.

### **Fajitas**

Grilled chicken and beef served with seared peppers and onions, refried beans, Spanish-style rice pilaf, warmed tortillas, tortilla chips, and a condiments bar. (There is no soup or salad starter with this choice.)

### **The Delicatessen**

A selection of fresh breads, meats (roast beef, ham, turkey), cheeses, and vegetables. Served with soup, pasta salad and chips.

**The Mediterranean**

Curried chicken, seared peppers and onions, spicy yellow split peas, creamed curry spinach, basmati and lentils, and a salad served with a sweet dill dressing.

**Italian Buffet**

Two varieties of pasta and two sauces: chicken alfredo cream sauce and marinara with ground beef. Served with green salad in a seasonal vinaigrette dressing and garlic bread.

**Chicken Satay**

A selection of red curry-coconut milk vegetable stir fry, chicken satay, and jasmine sticky rice. Served with green salad in a seasonal vinaigrette dressing.

**Chili and Baked Potato Bar**

Build your own baked potato with your favorite toppings including: sour cream, cheddar cheese sauce, bacon bits, chives, and broccoli. Served with a classic chili.

## Soup Selections

**Chicken Noodle**

Flavorful chicken broth with onion, carrot, celery, pasta and chunks of chicken breast.

**Tomato Bisque (Vegetarian)**

Creamy and chunky tomato soup flavored with dill.

**Sopa de Albondigas**

Literally, "Meatball Soup". A Mexican soup with small beef and chorizo meatballs in a light broth with tomatoes, rice and cilantro.

**Tuscan Vegetable (Vegetarian and Vegan)**

Rustic vegetable soup with cannellini beans, leeks, carrots, zucchinis, spinach and so on. Touched with herbs and parmesan cheese.

**Chicken Wild Rice**

Flavorful chicken broth with onion, carrot, celery, chunks of chicken breast and Minnesota-grown wild rice.

**Butternut Squash**

A velvety puree of butternut squash cooked with potatoes, with hints of cayenne and garnished with snipped chives.

# Dessert Selections

## **Spice Cake with Apple Puree**

Layers spiced buttermilk cake and Granny Smith apple puree are stacked up under a blanket of roasted walnut cream cheese frosting.

## **Apple Crisp**

Sliced apples cooked with cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves and sugar. Coated with a streusel topping and baked.

## **Gourmet Cookies**

This selection includes a variety of cookies; sugar, oatmeal raisin, chocolate chip, peanut butter, or triple chocolate chip.

## **Strawberry Shortcake**

Strawberries macerated in sugar, served over angel food cake and topped with whipped cream.

## **Dark Chocolate Mousse (Dairy and Egg free)**

Light, rich and fluffy chocolate mousse!

## **Fruit Cup**

Pineapple, Grapes, Strawberries and Cantaloupe



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## Dinner Selections

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### **Parmesan Dijon Chicken**

Chicken breast bathed in Dijon mustard and coated with a mixture of breadcrumbs, parsley, chives and parmesan cheese. Roasted and dressed with a mayonnaise mustard blend. Served with roasted red potatoes and fresh seasonal vegetables.

### **Lasagna**

Layers of pasta, parmesan and mozzarella cheeses, and meat sauce which is baked until the top is golden.

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Layers of lasagna noodles, spinach mixed with salted and peppered ricotta, simmered squash pureed and mixed with goat cheese, and all sorts of mushrooms sautéed in butter. Served with garlicky parmesan bread.

### **Caraway Crusted Pork Tenderloin**

Delicate medallions of pork tenderloin roasted with a robust caraway seed crust each served atop an herbed Carlsbad dumpling, doused in a rich mushroom veloute and accompanied by sweet and sour red cabbage.

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Cubes of fried tofu tossed with a stir-fried combination of mushrooms, green peppers, scallions, red onions, sauced with mango chutney, and spiced just a bit.

### **Spicy Buttermilk and Coconut Chicken**

Roasted chicken breasts with a toasted coconut and buttermilk crust, topped with sweet Thai chili sauce. Served with cilantro lime basmati rice pilaf.

### **Tofu, Pepper and Zucchini Stuffed Mushroom (Can be prepared as vegan.)**

Little diced pieces of tofu, zucchini, summer squash, and red peppers all tossed together with Worcestershire sauce and parmesan cheese, then stuffed into a Portobello mushroom cap and roasted. Served with Arborio rice risotto and fresh seasonal vegetables.

### **Dried Fruit Stuffed Pork Loin**

Pork loin stuffed with ginger, apricots, prunes, garlic, caraway, and herbs and served with an enriched pan sauce, curried potatoes, and apples.

### **Herb-stuffed Turkey Breast Roulade**

Turkey breast butterflied, stuffed with a variety of herbs, rolled up, wrapped in applewood-smoked bacon and roasted. Served with Arborio rice risotto and seasonal vegetables.

### **Beef Bourguignon**

A classic dish of beef slowly braised in red wine and brown stock until extremely tender and deeply flavored is combined with sautéed mushrooms and pearl onions and then served with the rich wine sauce over egg noodles.

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Flavorful chicken broth with onion, carrot, celery, pasta and chunks of chicken breast.

### **Tomato Bisque (Vegetarian)**

Creamy and chunky tomato soup flavored with dill.

### **Corn Chowder**

A thick and chunky soup rich with sweet corn, and garnished with avocado and crème fraiche.

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## Snack Options

*Please choose two options for your break service.*

Trail Mix with dried fruit and nuts

Assorted Granola Bars

Chex Mix

Hummus and Pretzel Crisps or Pita Chips

Bagged Sweet Treats (Chips Ahoy, Oreos, and Golden Oreos)

Veggie Straws

Hand held, whole fruit (a variety of bananas, apples, pears, oranges)

Fresh Cookies and Bars

Apple Wedges with Peanut Butter and Caramel Dipping Sauce

Peanut Butter filled Pretzels and Chocolate Candy

Tortilla Chips and Homemade Salsa

Veggies and Dip

Hard Pretzels served with Honey Mustard Dipping Sauce

Bagged Snacks (a variety of Kettle Chips, Trail Mix, and Mixed Nuts)



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## Hors d'oeuvres Menu

*Hors d'oeuvres are priced per 25 pieces, unless otherwise indicated.*

### Cold Hors d'oeuvres

**Chips and Salsa, \$30**

Serves 25

Our chef's homemade salsa served with tortilla chips.

**Gourmet Cheese Plate, \$89**

Serves 25

Four to five varieties of artisan cheeses (a selection that may include and is not limited to: Tillamook sharp cheddar, Gruyere, Stilton, Maytag Bleu, Gorgonzola picante, Chevre, Camembert, Sheep's milk) served with a variety of crackers, biscuits, breads, etc.

**Simple Cheese Tray, \$49**

Serves 25

A selection of standard cheeses served with a variety of crackers.

**Warmed Brie with Raspberry Jam and Almonds, \$62**

Serves 25

A wheel of creamy Brie cheese is topped with raspberry jam and sliced almonds, and then baked until just warm. Served with crusty French bread.

**Strawberry and Brie, \$62**

Slices of Limoncello-soaked strawberries, served with triple cream Brie. Served at room temperature, with crusty French bread.

**Grilled Vegetable Platter, \$65**

Serves 25

Assorted grilled vegetables, served with a spicy yogurt dip. Selection will vary, depending on season, but will include at least 4 of the following: carrots, bell pepper, squash, zucchini, potatoes, and asparagus.

**Raw Vegetable Crudités, \$62**

Serves 25

Assorted fresh vegetables, served with curry dip and Ranch dip. Selection will vary, depending on season, but will include at least 4 of the following: carrots, celery, bell pepper strips, cherry tomatoes, jicama, yellow squash, peapods, broccoli, cauliflower, radishes, cucumber.

**Hummus & Pita, \$42**

Serves 25

A chickpea purée served with wedges of pita bread.

**Shrimp with Fresh Cocktail Sauce, \$88**

Peeled, de-veined shrimp poached in shrimp stock, served with a homemade classic cocktail sauce.

**Insalata Caprese Crostini, \$64**

Slices of baguette brushed with olive oil, grilled and topped with chopped fresh tomatoes, mozzarella and basil.

**Deviled Eggs, \$28**

Hard-boiled eggs halved and filled with a mixture of egg yolk, mustard, and mayonnaise, topped with a variety of garnishes.

**Mixed Nuts, \$48**

Serves 25

A combination of at least four of the following nuts: honey almonds, masala spiced peanuts, pecans, and spicy cashews, walnuts, and macadamias.

**Chex Mix, \$19**

Serves 25

Corn Chex, wheat Chex, pretzels, rye chips and mini breadsticks combined with a unique seasoning.

**Trail Mix, \$32**

Serves 25

A delicious blend of peanuts, M&M's® milk chocolate candies, raisins, almonds and cashews.

**Fruit Tray, \$54**

Serves 25

A selection of fresh, seasonal fruit.

**Meat Assortment with Dollar Buns, \$85**

Serves 25, Add cheese slices, tomato, onions, and lettuce for an additional \$40

An assortment cold sliced roast beef, ham, turkey served with buns and condiments.

## Hot Hors d'oeuvres

**Chicken Tandoori, \$54**

Roasted pieces of chicken marinated in yogurt and spices with onion and peppers.

**Sea Scallops Wrapped with Bacon\*, \$83**

Large sea scallops wrapped with applewood smoked bacon, brushed with a mixture of lemon juice, chives, olive oil, and garlic, then grilled.

\*Contains pork

**American Meatballs with Smoky Chipotle Sauce, \$44**

Seared meatballs in a chipotle tomato sauce.

**Pork Satay and Pineapple\*, \$54**

Satays of marinated pork shoulder skewered alternately with chunks of fresh pineapple, grilled, and garnished with toasted white sesame seeds.

*\*Contains pork*

**Creamy Spinach and Artichoke Heart Dip, \$54**

Serves 25

The dip is made with spinach, artichoke hearts, garlic, onion, béchamel sauce, Worcestershire, Parmesan cheese. Served with chunks of warm baguette.

**Spanakopita, \$67**

A mixture of spinach, Feta cheese, scallions, and cream cheese inside a triangle of phyllo dough, baked until crisp.

**Asparagus Straws, \$74**

Blanched asparagus stalks are wrapped with thinly sliced Prosciutto de Parma, Parmesan cheese and phyllo dough, then baked until the dough is crispy.

**Beef Tenderloin Teriyaki, \$57**

Pieces of beef tenderloin marinated in a mixture of soy sauce, mirin, sugar, garlic, ginger, scallions and sesame oil grilled and garnished with slivers of scallions.

**Hot Crab Dip, \$67**

A hot dip made of cream cheese, mayonnaise, onion, lemon juice, Tabasco sauce, Old bay seasoning, and fresh crabmeat. Served with slices of baguette bread for dipping.

## Dessert Hors d'oeuvres

**Black and White Chocolate Covered Strawberries, \$48**

Fresh strawberries dipped in dark or white chocolate.

**Mini-Creampuffs with Two Sauces, \$45**

Small cream filled creampuffs, with chocolate and strawberry sauces.

**Gourmet Cookies, \$38**

A combination of sugar, oatmeal raisin, chocolate chip, peanut butter, or triple chocolate chip cookies.

**Nanaimo Bars, \$48**

All bars start with a chocolate graham crust base, then with a layer of custard topped with either the flavors of Cappuccino, Irish Crème, Peanut Butter and Nanaimo.

**White Chocolate Raspberry Cream Cake, \$43**

Triple layered cake with white chocolate and raspberry cream filling.

**Lemon Supreme Shortcake, \$43**

A triple layer shortcake of lemon cream and whipped cream

**Triple Chocolate Cake, \$43**

White cake centered between layers of rich dark chocolate and white chocolate buttercream and majestic chocolate cake

## **Beverages**

**Soda (Coke & Pepsi Products) \$2 each**

**Bottled Water \$2 each**

**Infused Water \$15/dispenser (40 glasses) (No charge for plain water dispenser)**

**Coffee & Hot Tea \$18/urn (14 cups)**

**Punch \$35/dispenser (40 glasses)**

**Lemonade \$35/ dispenser (40 glasses)**

**Iced Tea \$35/ dispenser (40 glasses)**

**Sparkling Cider \$9/bottle (8 glasses)**