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Football season – a nip in the air and a feeling of excitement, enthusiasm, and a whole lot of fun. But all that cheering, whether in the stadium or in your living room means that food will be a main requirement to keep the momentum going. A sit-down dinner is out of the question and buffet-style is as good as it gets.

Lots of finger-foods and snack-items so that during intermission, plates can be filled up and not a minute of the action will be missed.

Decor for all your football parties is simple and should not be too "busy." After all, the game will be the highlight of the event.

Choosing team colors, banners, and other paraphernalia that represents your favorite team, who you are rooting for, or the colors of the teams that are currently playing will, of course, dominate your choice of "decor."

Fall flowers (mums, dried flowers, etc.) can grace your table as well as pumpkins and bowls of fresh apples and Indian apples.

Hot foods can be kept at serving temperatures in chafing dishes or in casserole dishes over tea candles.

Cold dishes such as fresh fruit should be placed in containers of ice that hold the serving bowl securely but keep the contents icy-cold.

A green tablecloth marked with white-chalk goal lines is fun and decorative.

Invitations can include an envelope with "game" tickets to your home event, as well as a printed season schedule for the team of choice. Many banks and insurance companies have these for free.

A main course of hot, spicy chili with crackers, extra cheese, onions, and hot peppers or an on-going supply of your favorite "hot wings" is a sure-fire bet for success.

Beverages can include a hearty punch, beer, wine, slush, carbonated beverages, and coffee. Having a variety of dips, salsas, and spread adds to the festivities.

Dessert items: brownies, extra-large chocolate chip or oatmeal cookies, pound cake cubes with strawberry and chocolate sauces available, fruit compote, rice pudding –

However you set up your buffet, have fun and

ENJOY!

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## **Known Football Logos In A Town Without An NFL Team**

**By Dana Bradley**

The city of Los Angeles, the second largest city in the U.S., has no professional football team. That fact, however, should not be interpreted as meaning that Los Angeles has no well-recognized football logos. In fact, it has two.

Every fall there is one really big football weekend in Los Angeles. That is the weekend when the USC Trojans play the UCLA Bruins. On that weekend, and during the entire week leading to that weekend, the team logos seem to be everywhere. The rivalry between USC and UCLA has become a widely-reported rivalry.

The rivalry between USC and UCLA seems to underline the importance of sports logos. The fans from each institution, the alumni as well as the students and professors, collect around the stands that sell items with the different logos. Each purchase represents an effort to demonstrate support for a favored team.

Sometimes the logo is part of the "dressing" on a special marker made by some students. When the students create such a marker, then it eventually appears on the TV news. That serves to reinforce the importance of the team logos.

Residents in other parts of the United States get excited about other rivalries. Their excitement leads them to fly flags with different logos. Yet nowhere else in the U.S. does the excitement surrounding two sports logos have the same meaning that it does in Los Angeles.

While the City of Los Angeles has moved closer to having an NFL team, it does not yet have one. It has been without one for more than 10 years. Football fans in the City would love to welcome an NFL team. They eagerly await the decision on the team's stadium.

At this point, it looks like the coliseum at USC will probably serve as the stadium for a new football team. Yet no one has officially ruled out the other possibilities—the Rose Bowl and the stadium in Anaheim. Once a decision has been made, then the City will prepare to welcome its new team.

No doubt the Los Angeles Times will carry detailed information about the team logo for that transferred or expansion NFL team. Then the citizens of Los Angeles can get set to purchase plenty of items bearing that logo. Seeing that the City has been without a team for so long, the football fans are apt to go overboard in their display of the logo for their new favored football team.

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