

Cookie Swap Instructions

Please sign your name here _____

Please *print* your name here, too _____

Initials here _____ And here _____ A *Prime* Number Here _____

The Quadratic Equation here _____

Comments

Cut carefully along dotted line, fill out, and bring with you to the party. This is your ticket for the prize drawings—two Bill Sibley table center pieces. We will collect these at the door.

Okay—now that we have got that part over—let me explain the swap concept. Suppose you bake X numbers of cookies—say, 223 or 3 (12 is probably more realistic, but realism has never been my strong point). Anyway, you bake 223 cookies and bring them to the Party on December Ninth. Then you/we attractively display said cookies. Since you brought 223 we would probably make a model of the Parthenon out of them, but if you only brought 12 we would probably make a couple of rows. If you bring less than 1 cookie, just smile a lot. Okay, now that you have brought your 223 or 12 cookies, you are entitled to take 223 or 12 (if you brought 12) cookies from among the cookies that other people brought. What if I can't bake? Not a problem, just high tail it up to Hyvee and get Oreos or some high fructin Pepperidge Farm cookies or Jackson's Lemon Jumbles (which Yankee stores don't seem to stock.). What if I don't want to bake or buy? You can still participate (we are ALL about inclusion) in the raffle and eat the cookies we purposefully bought/made for non swappers.

So to sum up: Bake X Number of cookies. Bring X cookies to Party. Then, take X cookies from the party.* Non swappers may consume cookies at party.

This is an example of the barter system, which is how business was conducted before Gyges invented money, thus allowing wealth to dematerialize and for international trade to occur (gold being easier to carry around than cows), for paper money (further dematerialization) and, finally, credit (ultimate dematerialization), which allows for mutual funds, international finance, hedge funds, and arbitrage, which Frank Goudy can explain to you. Non swappers are engaged in the economy of potlatch in which wealth is expended to gain status, i.e. the LSA gains a reputation (symbolic capital) for its big hearted generosity by giving away cookies to non-swappers.

