

# Fish Boil

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It's a cheap way to feed three hundred people.  
Hot fire. Metal pot. Peeled potatoes. Raw fish.  
Control the temperature with a garden hose.  
Burn off the scum with kerosene. Use giant  
aluminum colanders. Lift them out with iron rods.  
Set up a buffet table. Scatter picnic benches over  
the grounds. Truck in some spicy cole slaw.  
Provide trays and salt and pepper. If you boil it,  
they will come. Those in shorts and socks. Those  
in sundresses sans brassieres. Those in cocktail  
gowns. The talk will be of bones and sunscreen  
and beer and bones. Careful of the bones. You  
have to protect the bones. Put sunscreen on your  
bones. Death has an appetite for bones.

