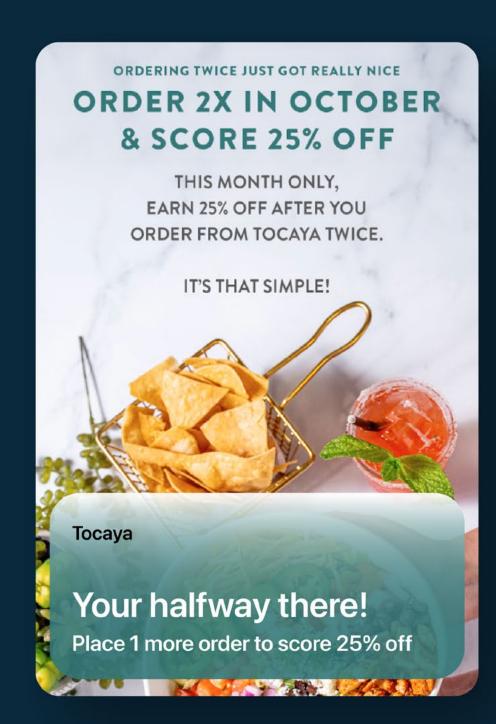


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RESTAURANT LOYALTY CAMPAIGNS







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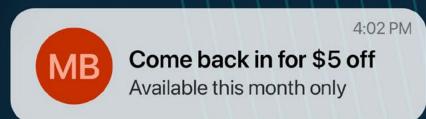


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EXPLORE REWARDS





We leveled up, so can ye Here's what to expect



### INTRODUCING TIERS PROGE

More food, more points, more (Have no fear, your current points w

First things first, you'll get 20% off at launch as part of the new program.

\$5 OFF

We got a bi the house! I get \$5 off y

Marketplace Reward
lets you reedeem points
you level up.

\$1 spent = 5 points ear

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In today's restaurant landscape, loyalty programs have moved from a nice-to-have to a necessity. With rising costs and intense competition, getting customers to return—whether to your physical location or first-party ordering—is crucial. A well-crafted loyalty program should drive enrollment, activation, and ongoing engagement without heavily relying on expensive discounts. When properly structured, loyalty is your secret weapon in delivering samestore sales.

Loyalty programs are not just about accumulating points and driving frequency—they're about creating personalized, meaningful interactions that make guests feel valued.

A loyalty program's true strength lies in using the data it captures to tailor each guest's experience and optimize

THIS IS WHERE CAMPAIGNS COME IN.

their lifetime value.



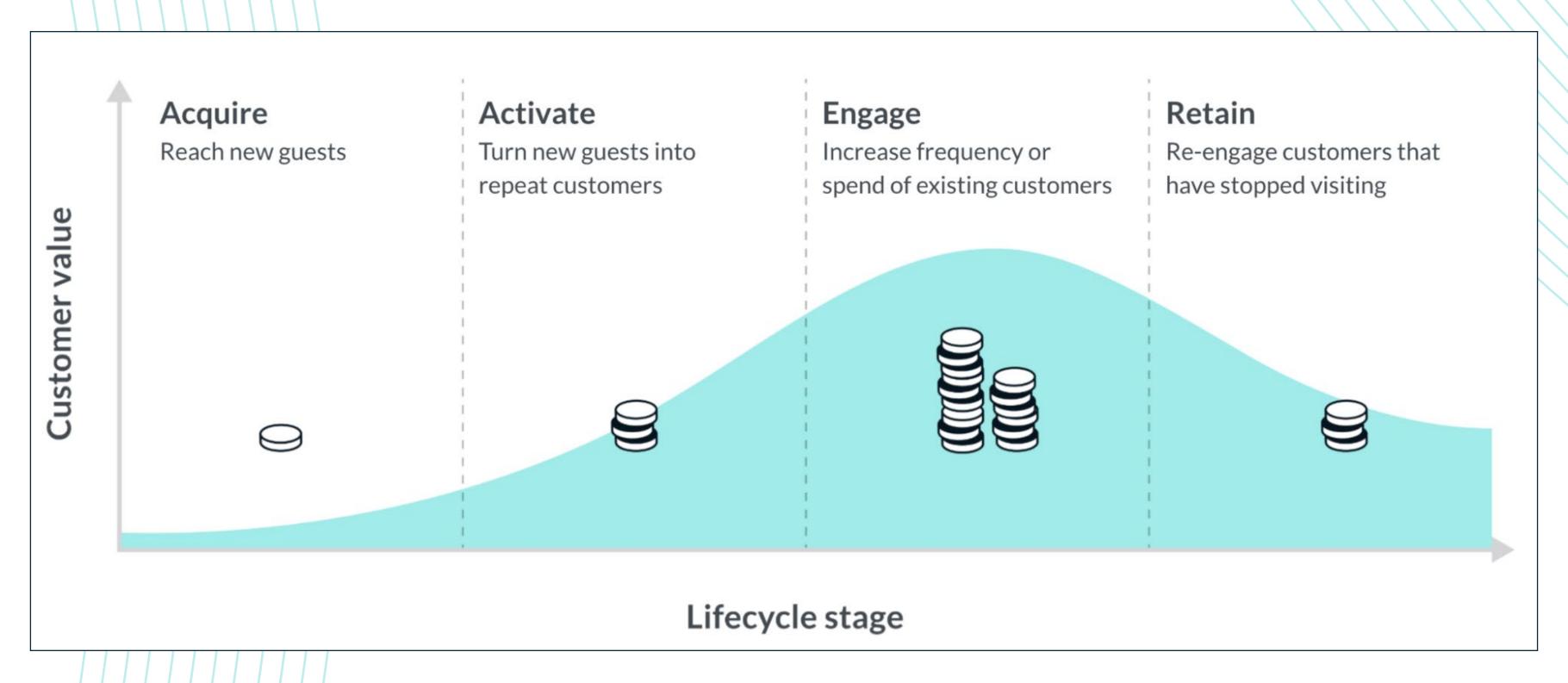


CAMPAIGNS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR PERSONALIZING EACH GUEST'S EXPERIENCE BASED ON THEIR PREFERENCES AND BEHAVIORS.

Campaigns are essential for personalizing each guest's experience based on their preferences and behaviors. They are critical to communicating the loyalty program's benefits, driving trial, and encouraging guests to spend more and return more often. When loyalty programs and campaigns are combined effectively, they significantly boost retention rates and increase same-store sales by driving activation and habitual use.

To start, we recommend creating campaigns that drive activation, engagement, and retention based on where the customer is in their journey with your brand. Newly acquired customers must be communicated with differently than your regulars, just as both groups differ from potential customers you haven't acquired yet and those who've stopped returning.

This guide explores practical strategies for building successful loyalty campaigns that enhance customer relationships, drive revenue, and achieve long-term growth.



LEARN HOW TO CREATE CAMPAIGNS
THAT DELIVER RESULTS AT EVERY
CUSTOMER JOURNEY STAGE.

## STEP 1 ENIROLL



THIS SECTION FOCUSES ON THE CRITICAL FIRST PHASE OF BUILDING A SUCCESSFUL LOYALTY PROGRAM: ENROLLING MEMBERS.

Establishing a solid base of loyal members who understand the program benefits and how to maximize participation sets the stage for activation and ongoing engagement with your brand.

**ENROLL** 

## CREATE EXCITEMENT ABOUT YOUR NEW PROGRAM

When launching a new loyalty program, create excitement by promoting the unique benefits that differentiate your program from competitors. Highlight specific perks, from sign-up offers to ongoing incentives, and communicate how members earn and redeem rewards.



#### SEGMENT

Current loyalty program members, former program members, or email lists if you've never had a loyalty program.



#### WHY

Drive excitement and momentum for the new loyalty program by highlighting unique benefits and encouraging sign-ups.



#### WHEN

2-3 weeks before the new program launches (and after launch).

#### WHAT'S EXCELLENT

The launch discount offers immediate value, while the tier system encourages ongoing engagement with compelling, multi-level rewards.

**Example: Salad House** 

## NOW LOADING... SALAD HOUSE REWARDS

We leveled up, so can you! Here's what to expect.



## INTRODUCING OUR TIERS PROGRAM

More food, more points, more rewards!

(Have no fear, your current points will be safe!)

First things first, you'll get 20% off at launch as part of the new program.

OFF

\$5 OFF

We got a birthday in the house! Now, you get \$5 off your order.

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#### TIER LEVELS



#### Silver

Intro 20% Off Birthday Reward \$5 Double Point Sundays



#### Gold

Includes ALL of Silver
Free Appetizers (1x per month)
Free Sweet Treats (1x per month)



#### **Emerald**

Includes Silver + Gold BOGO Offer (1x per month) Free Delivery Fridays

LAUNCHING FEB. 1

ENROLL

## ENCOURAGE LOYALTY MEMBERS TO TRANSITION TO THE NEW PROGRAM

At launch, ensure existing members know exactly how to claim their accounts and understand the benefits of doing so. A step-by-step guide can be helpful. Highlight the advantages—new tiers, better rewards, or personalized offers—and use multiple channels to inform and motivate members.



#### SEGMENT

Existing loyalty members.

) WHY

Ensure a smooth transition to the new program by informing existing members of the steps needed to claim their accounts and emphasizing new perks.



#### WHEN

Immediately at launch (and again in the weeks after).

#### WHAT'S EXCELLENT

Clear, step-by-step guidance helps members seamlessly transition, emphasizing new perks and the value of the updated program. Mo'Bettahs saw a 15x increase in sign-ups and a 30% increase in digital revenue after launching with Thanx. Check out the case study.

Example: Mo'Bettahs



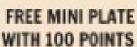
Makana is the Hawaiian word for gift. We want to send you a special feeling of Aloha and gratitude as our most-loved customers.

#### **HOW IT WORKS:**

Register your payment card to your account and automatically earn points for every purchase!

1 dollar = 1 point



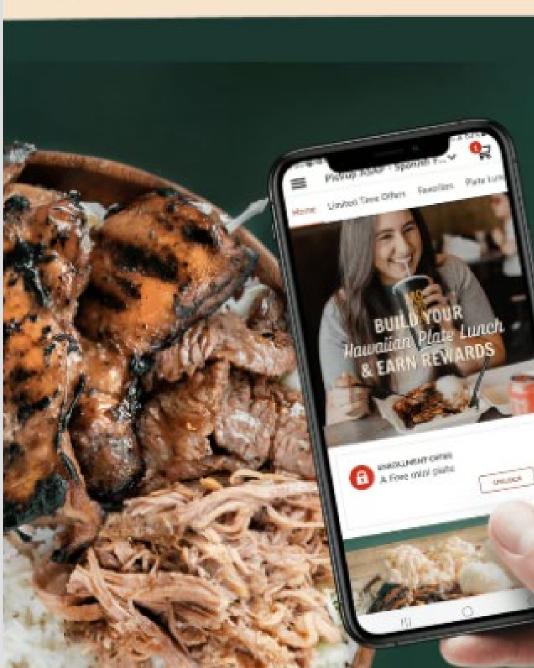




SWEET BIRTHDAY REWARDS



MORE REWARDS THROUGH THE YEAR



#### **GETTING STARTED**

1

Update your current app or download our app 2

Make your account

Go into your rewards and "Claim Your Progress" by entering your phone number - all your points will be there! 4

As a current loyalty member – you will see a Free Mini Plate in your account ready to redeem

#### WHAT TO KNOW

- Current Makana Points have been transferred to the new Makana Rewards Program
- Un-used \$5 off rewards have been converted into 60 Points
- Rewards can be redeemed both online, in-app and instore with a registered card
- · No More Phone Number Entry In-Store

#### THE REWARDS

- 25 points get a FREE Cookie or Drink
- 100 points get a FREE Mini Plate
- FREE Cookie or Drink for your Birthday
- · and more to come!

#### ORDER NOW

For Pick-Up or Delivery

#### DOWNLOAD THE APP

Start Earning Your Rewards

ENROLL

## ENCOURAGE LOYALTY MEMBERS TO TRANSITION TO THE NEW PROGRAM

When launching a new program, create a compelling reason for existing members to make their first purchase and claim their account. Rather than providing step-by-step guidance, this brand simply emphasized that their previously earned benefits are already waiting—an enticing call to action that's hard to resist.



#### SEGMENT

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WHY

Existing loyalty members.

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the

Motivate existing members to complete their first purchase in the new program by highlighting that previously earned benefits are already waiting for them.



#### WHEN

Immediately at launch.

#### WHAT'S EXCELLENT

The message effectively compels members to engage with the new program by highlighting the immediate availability of previously earned benefits.

Example: Rasa

#### RASA

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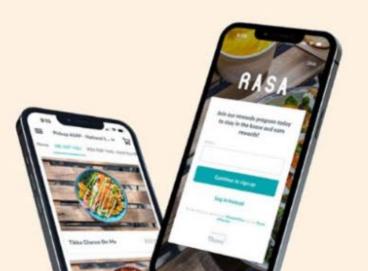


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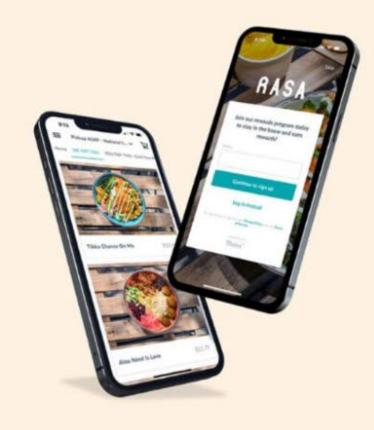


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#### BEST PRACTICES FOR ENROLLMENT

### HERE ARE FOUR BEST PRACTICES FOR DRIVING LOYALTY ENROLLMENT:

1

2

3

4

#### PROMOTE LOYALTY BENEFITS CLEARLY

Ensure customers understand how to sign up and the unique benefits they'll receive. Highlight these benefits at every touchpoint—in-store, on your website, and during checkout—to make joining compelling.

## PROVIDE SEAMLESS, MULTI-CHANNEL ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

Make it easy for customers to join by offering a variety of sign-up methods across different channels, whether online, in-store, or via email and text, without requiring a mobile app to participate.

#### USE ONLINE ORDERING TO DRIVE ENROLLMENT

Capture customers while they're entering personal information to place an order. When they're motivated and ready to eat, it's the perfect moment to invite them to join your loyalty program—just make it quick and seamless, with no extra steps required.

## COMMUNICATE CLEARLY ABOUT LOYALTY PROGRAM CHANGES

When transitioning to a new loyalty program, provide clear, consistent messaging before, during, and after the switch to retain existing members. Give customers a compelling reason to activate their new accounts and make the process as simple as possible to encourage participation.

## STEP 2 ACTIVATE



THIS SECTION FOCUSES ON THE NEXT
CRITICAL PHASE OF A SUCCESSFUL LOYALTY
PROGRAM: ACTIVATING NEW MEMBERS.

Once customers are enrolled, the goal is to motivate them to make their second and third purchases, establishing loyalty and increasing the likelihood of repeat visits. This step involves nurturing guests through their initial experience with your brand—encouraging them to return one visit at a time, whether by dining in-store or ordering online.



To become a customer's preferred choice, focus on more than just acquisition — activation is key. Encouraging new members through their first few visits is essential. The aim is to reach that third purchase within 120 days, as customers who do so are ten times more likely to return.

**ACTIVATE** 

## INTRODUCE THE PROGRAM WITH A WELCOME MESSAGE

Immediately after a guest signs up for the loyalty program, emphasize the benefits of ongoing participation. This approach builds excitement and encourages immediate engagement.



#### SEGMENT

New loyalty members.

? why

Reinforce the value of membership by sending a warm welcome and highlighting upcoming and long-term benefits of participation.



#### WHEN

Immediately upon enrollment.

#### WHAT'S EXCELLENT

This welcome offer is warm and inviting, emphasizing the tangible benefits of membership (such as weekly free coffee and monthly credits). The coffee segment typically sees high frequency. For that reason, Bluestone Lane's loyalty program targets incentives at regulars, fostering a sense of belonging and encouraging daily visits.

Example: Bluestone Lane

#### BLUESTONE LANE

VIP ACCESS

#### WELCOME TO THE BRUNCH CLUB



Hey, Mates! It's Frankie, your go-to source for all things The Bluestone Lane Brunch Club! You're officially a member now, and we couldn't be more excited to have you!



#### Every Month You'll Receive

- 2x Free Coffees a week
- · 2x \$25 Brunch credit a month
- 1x \$50 Brunch credit a month
- First access to partnerships and collaborations

Ве Уои

Authentically introduce
Bluestone Lane into your
coffee & brunch routine, and share
stories with us and your community!

#### Reward Schedule

- Coffee rewards replenished weekly
- Brunch giftcards will



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we're lucky to have you

Please reach out with any thoughts! We're always open to creative ideas :)

bluestonelane.com



## INCENTIVIZE MEMBERS TO MAKE THEIR 1ST PURCHASE

Encouraging new loyalty members to make their first purchase is critical for getting them engaged with the new program. Reminding them of their unused intro reward can motivate them to take this first step, setting the stage for future visits.



#### SEGMENT

Loyalty members who joined but haven't used their intro reward.



#### WHY

Motivate new members to make their first purchase and and kickstart the capture of valuable data for future personalized marketing.



#### WHEN

Trigger messages 3 and 8 days after sign-up if no purchase has been made.

#### WHAT'S EXCELLENT

By triggering the offer shortly after enrollment, the message drives initial engagement without additional costs, as the reward is already available.

Example: Modern Market



**ORDER NOW** 



#### **REDEEM YOUR REWARD TODAY!**

Don't let those hard-earned rewards go to waste!

Redeem your **\$2 welcome reward** today. And remember, every \$1 spent earns you 10 rewards points plus you'll get FREE FOOD on your birthday.

Does it get any better?

**ORDER NOW** 

## INCENTIVIZE MEMBERS TO MAKE THEIR 2ND OR 3RD PURCHASE

Securing a customer's second and third purchases within the first few months is critical for long-term loyalty. Target first-time buyers with compelling offers to increase activation rates and lay a strong foundation for ongoing engagement.



#### WHEN

After the first purchase, if no second purchase has been made.



#### WHY

Encourage a second purchase soon after the initial transaction to reinforce loyalty and build a foundation for repeat visits.



#### SEGMENT

Loyalty members who made their first purchase but haven't returned for a second visit within a specified timeframe.

#### WHAT'S EXCELLENT

The email encourages a second visit while the brand is still top-of-mind, increasing the likelihood of converting the guest to a habitual customer. Check out the case study.

Example: Flower Child

#### FLOWER CHILD

HEALTHY FOOD FOR A HAPPY WORLD

## THANK YOU



WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR MAKING YOUR FIRST PURCHASE WITH US.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU MORE GOODNESS IN THE FUTURE!

ORDER AGAIN

#### BEST PRACTICES FOR ACTIVATING

#### FIRST-TIME CUSTOMERS

1

**TAILOR YOUR** 

**APPROACH FOR** 

**FIRST-TIME CUSTOMERS** 

THINK LONG-TERM
WITH ACQUISITION

A "buy 9, get the 10th free" offer likely will not appeal to someone who's only made a single purchase. Instead, focus on driving that crucial second visit with incentives that encourage an immediate return.

When acquiring new customers, aim beyond the first purchase. For instance, spending \$50 to acquire a customer who only makes a \$35 purchase results in a loss. However, you've achieved real value if that same \$50 investment generates three purchases totaling \$105. The goal is to maximize spending to attract long-term customers, not just one-time buyers.

3

TEST AND OPTIMIZE REGULARLY

There are many ways to increase customer activation, but continuous testing and optimization are key. Experiment with different campaigns to discover what resonates with first-time buyers and assess results. Identify drop-off points in the customer journey and use automations to guide them. Running A/B tests helps determine the most effective strategies for driving repeat purchases.

4

INCENTIVIZE EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Encourage prompt action by offering rewards that are attainable after just one purchase, such as bonus points or special offers.

Set up automations to trigger rewards after the first purchase and engage directly with personalized messages. Promote exclusive perks for those who make two more purchases to maintain momentum.

## STEP 3 ENGAGE



Repeat customers are invaluable; they've already integrated your brand into their routines and are more likely to return, even when faced with competing options. Engagement is about nurturing these loyal customers with personalized experiences, exclusive perks, and tailored rewards. By understanding their preferences, you can turn repeat customers into frequent visitors, higher spenders, and advocates who refer friends.

THIS SECTION COVERS THE THIRD CRITICAL PHASE OF A SUCCESSFUL LOYALTY PROGRAM: FOSTERING HABITUAL USE.



Engaged customers contribute up to 80% of revenue or more, making nurturing these relationships essential. In 2023, the average merchant on the Thanx platform increased engaged users by 23%.

## DRIVE VISIT FREQUENCY WITH CHALLENGES

Generate urgency and excitement by running exclusive, time-sensitive offers for loyalty members, such as seasonal dishes, double points days, or exclusive early access to new menu items.



#### SEGMENT

Loyalty members based on visit frequency (target one incremental visit for each cohort).



#### WHY

Stimulate repeat visits with limited-time offers and seasonal challenges that create urgency and boost loyalty engagement.



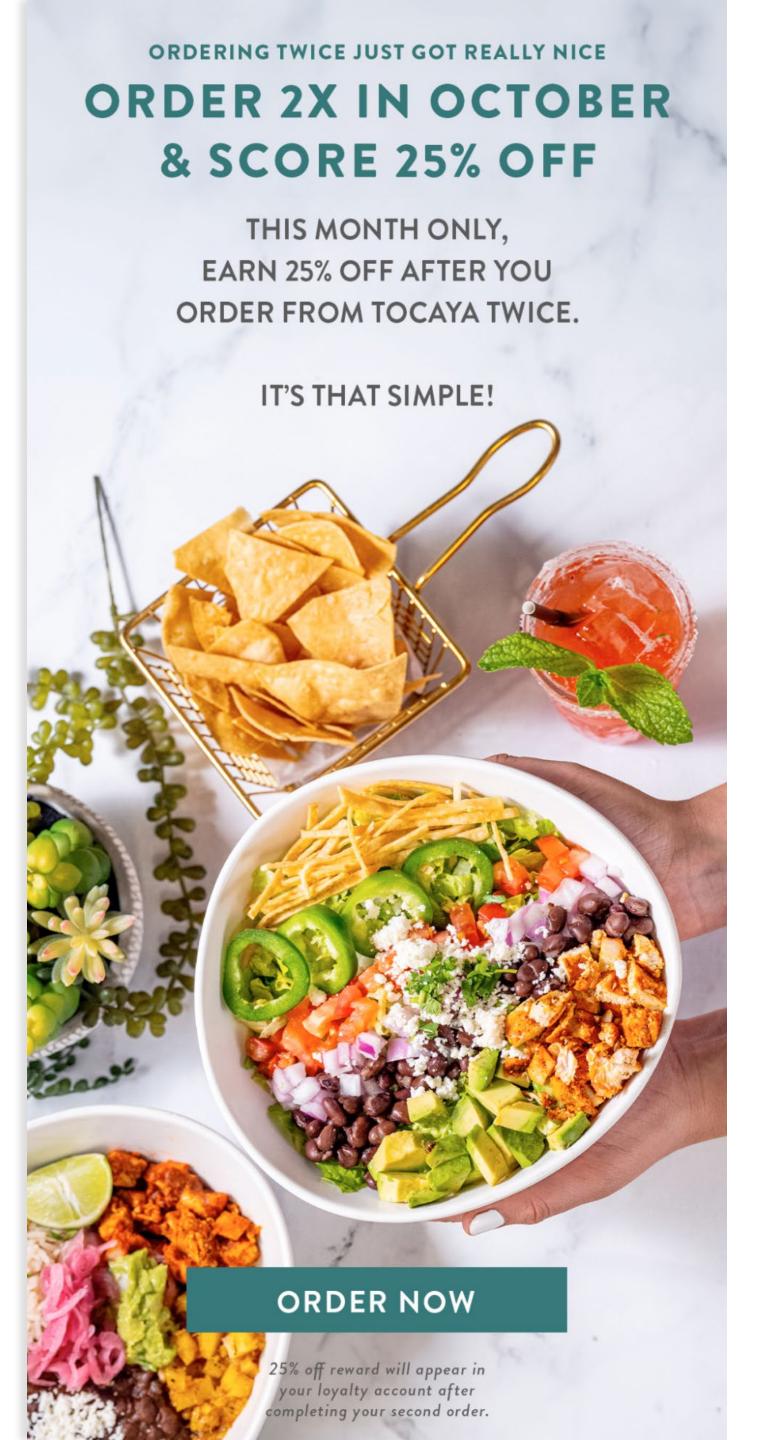
#### WHEN

As often as desired.

#### WHAT'S EXCELLENT

Limited-time offers create a sense of urgency, promoting repeat visits and strengthening customer loyalty with exciting, point-in-time incentives.

Example: Tocaya



## DRIVE ONLINE PURCHASES

Digital customers tend to spend 1.25-1.5x more than in-store-only guests. Free delivery and online-exclusive offers are effective incentives to encourage this behavior.



#### SEGMENT

Loyalty members who haven't made a digital purchase.



#### WHY

Promote digital purchases by incentivizing online ordering, helping shift customers from third-party platforms to first-party channels.



#### WHEN

On days where capacity allows.

#### WHAT'S EXCELLENT

This cross-channel promotion boosts order frequency by nudging in-store customers to try online ordering, steering them away from third-party platforms. Check out the case study.

Example: Pincho

# FREE DELIVERY ON THE PINCHO BURGERS + KEBABS THE PINCHO APP

Back to school love! Enjoy free delivery all day today, August 24th, when you order directly from our app or website! Guaranteed lower prices than any other platform including UberEats and Postmates.



## DRIVE IN-STORE PURCHASES

Encourage guests to visit in-store with exclusive, location-specific promotions.



#### SEGMENT

Loyalty members who haven't visited in-store.

?

#### WHY

Increase foot traffic by offering in-store-exclusive promotions that encourage online customers to visit physical locations.



#### WHEN

During slow dining periods.

#### WHAT'S EXCELLENT

This promotion entices guests to visit in-store for a unique deal, effectively driving foot traffic and increasing in-store sales, as multi-channel customers spend 3x more than single-channel customers. Check out the case study.

Example: Hopdoddy Burger Bar





\$5 BIG ASS GLASSES
FROM 3PM-6PM
WHEN YOU STOP
IN MON-WED.

FIND A LOCATION

OFFER VALID IN-RESTAURANT ONLY. EXCLUDES GEORGIA LOCATIONS.

## ADVERTISE THE BENEFITS OF ORDERING DIRECTLY ON THE APP

Highlight the value of ordering through your app with perks like lower pricing, exclusive offers, and loyalty rewards.



#### SEGMENT

Loyalty members without the mobile app.



#### WHY

Highlight app-specific perks like exclusive offers and loyalty rewards to shift customer engagement to high-conversion channels.



#### WHEN

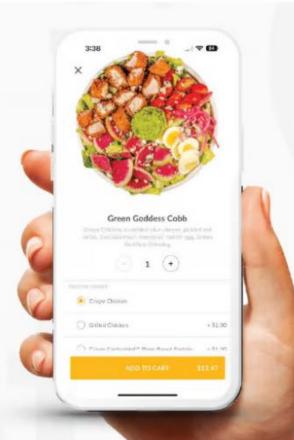
Any time.

#### WHAT'S EXCELLENT

By emphasizing app-specific perks, the message directs customers to a high-engagement channel, enhancing conversion rates and reducing third-party dependence. Check out the case study.

Example: Starbird

#### Starbird



## ORDER DIRECT ON OUR APP!

- Better pricing
- Exclusive offers
- Unlimited perks

#### **BETTER PRICING**

Our delivery prices are cheaper than all third-party delivery companies.



#### EXCLUSIVE OFFERS

Get \$10 off your second purchase when you sign up on our mobile app.



#### LOYALTY PERKS

Earn 10 stars for every \$1 spent and collect stars to redeem rewards.



#### SAVE YOUR FAVORITES



## DRIVING SIGN-UPS AND ENGAGEMENT

Offering an app-exclusive deal can be a strong motivator for customers to download and use your app.



#### SEGMENT

Members who haven't downloaded or recently engaged with the app.



#### WHY

Encourage app downloads by offering exclusive deals that promote engagement with the loyalty program on a dedicated mobile channel.



#### WHEN

Any time.

#### WHAT'S EXCELLENT

The app-exclusive promotion on a specific day maximizes engagement and app downloads, driving repeat usage of the loyalty program on mobile.

Example: Sonny's BBQ (in partnership with Croud)



## DRIVE ENGAGEMENT WITH STORED VALUE

Digital stored value programs—such as gift cards, reloadable wallets, or loyalty-linked payment—encourage customers to prepay for future purchases, increasing brand commitment and visit frequency.



#### SEGMENT

All loyalty members.

?

#### WHY

Increase commitment by offering stored-value programs, such as reloadable wallets or gift cards, which incentivize customers to prepay for future purchases.



#### WHEN

During new feature launches or digital engagement initiatives.

#### WHAT'S EXCELLENT

The tiered reward structure offers incentives for larger wallet loads, building loyalty through upfront commitment and strengthening future engagement.

Example: Sweetfin



### Pre-Load Funds For Extra Poke

## The bonus breakdown:

add \$35 + earn \$2 reward add \$60 + earn \$5 reward add \$85 + earn \$10 reward

Add money to your NEW digital Sweetfin card using any payment option.

**Load Your Card Now** 

## CREATE MOMENTS OF JOY WITH DELIGHTFUL IN-STORE EXPERIENCES

Transform loyalty members into VIPs with Access Pass, offering exclusive perks and experiences that create genuine brand connections without relying on discounts. Members gain privileged access to special in-store benefits like extended happy hour windows and limited-time experiences. This status-based rewards program emphasizes recognition and exclusivity over traditional discounting, driving engagement while protecting your margins.



#### SEGMENT

All loyalty members.

? WHY

Drive traffic during off-peak hours while making members feel special with exclusive perks rather than discounts.



#### WHEN

During slower periods like weekday afternoons.

#### WHAT'S EXCELLENT

This campaign drives specific behaviors like off-peak visits and minimum spend thresholds, while fostering exclusivity through members-only perks rather than discounts. This approach strengthens loyalty by making members feel like true VIPs with special access to unique benefits.

Example: Marugame Udon (in partnership with Dreambox)









SPEND \$15 OR MORE
BETWEEN 2PM TO 5PM,
MONDAY THROUGH
THURSDAY, AND GET A
FREE TEMPURA DELIGHT!

PRESENT THIS EMAIL OR YOUR IN-APP PASS AT THE REGISTER TO REDEEM.

CLICK A LINK BELOW TO GET YOUR ACCESS PASS ON YOUR PREFERRED DEVICE.

GET ACCESS
ON iOS

GET ACCESS
ON ANDROID

## BEHIND-THE-SCENES AND SNEAK PEEKS

Offering exclusive access or previews of new products gives loyal customers a sense of insider privilege.



#### SEGMENT

Engaged members at specific locations.



#### WHY

Deepen customer relationships by providing loyal members with exclusive previews and insider access to new products.



#### WHEN

Any time.

#### WHAT'S EXCELLENT

Exclusive previews reward loyal customers with VIP access, enhancing brand loyalty by making them feel like insiders.

Example: &pizza







#### Let's party: &pizza product launch

We are throwing an invite-only party on Sunday Evening, October 20, 2024 at our Hotel Hive location in DC to celebrate a new product launch that will **blow your mind.** 

Do you love DC politics? Are you cool?

Apply below and we'll chose our favorites to join us for this exclusive event.

LET'S GO



DOWNLOAD THE APP





## DELIGHT MEMBERS WITH SECRET MENUS

Secret Menus can give loyalty members exclusive access to hidden items or offer early access to new dishes before they launch to the public, creating a powerful sense of insider status that drives program engagement and organic social buzz.



#### SEGMENT

Specific member tiers.



#### WHY

Create exclusivity through limited-time deals and insider access.



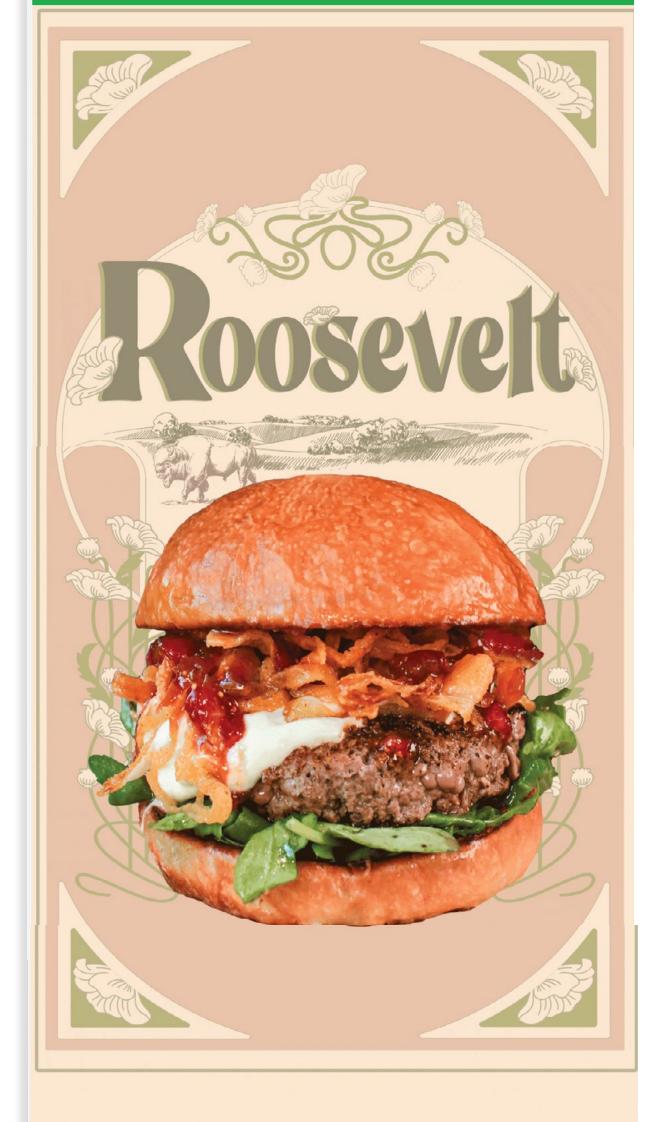
#### WHEN

During special promotion periods.

#### WHAT'S EXCELLENT

Hopdoddy's secret menu program strategically rewards tier status with early access to their popular Burger of the Month. Creating urgency through the 7-day redemption window while encouraging spending through tier progression. Check out the case study.

Example: Hopdoddy Burger Bar



THE GRAZE CRAZE IS BACK
AND IT'S TOPPED WITH CHERRY &
FIG HONEY JAM. SINCE YOU'RE A
LEGEND, IT'S ON US.



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OFFER VALID IN-RESTAURANT 7 DAYS FROM RECEIPT.

DOWNLOAD THE APP TO REDEEM IN-RESTAURANT. OFFER MAY NOT BE
COMBINED WITH ANY OTHER PROMOTIONS OR DISCOUNTS

#### **DELIGHT MEMBERS** WITH SECRET MENUS



All loyalty members.

WHY

Drive tier progression by offering a secret "Backdoor Menu" only accessible to top-tier members.



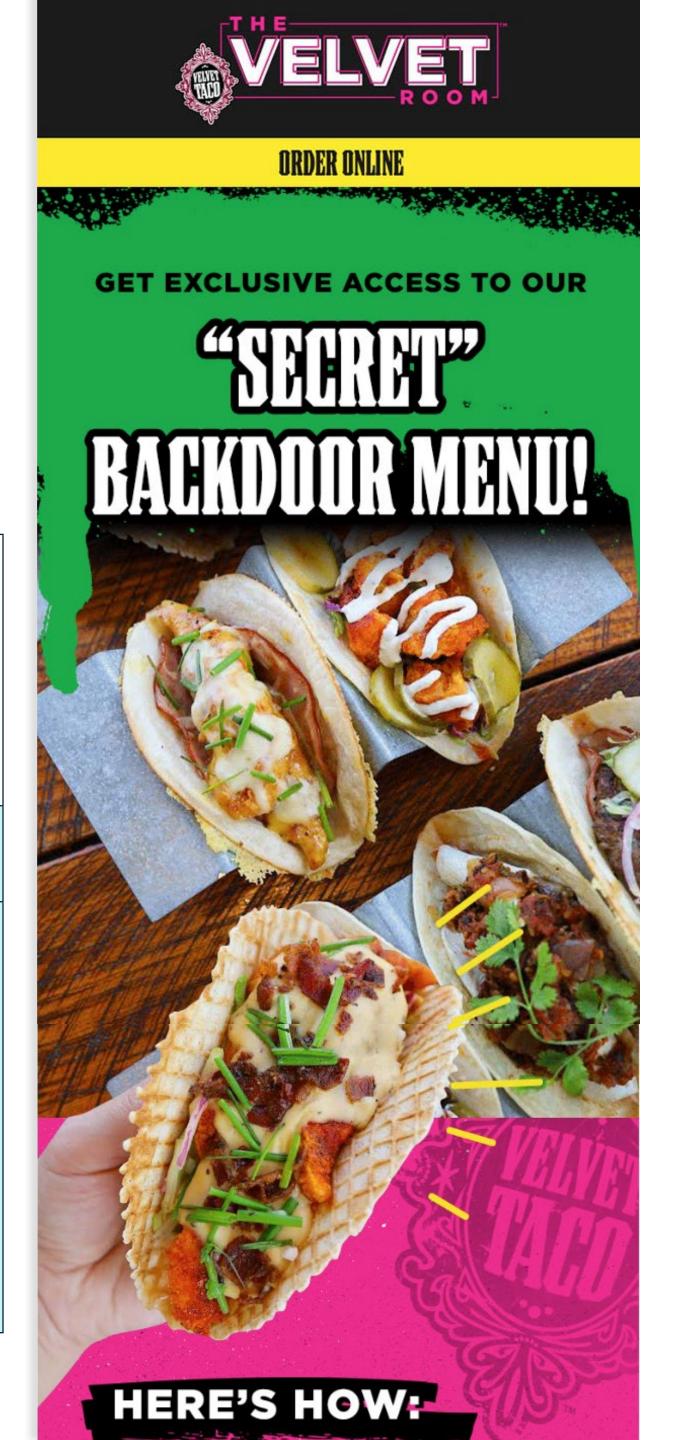
Ongoing.

#### WHAT'S EXCELLENT

By requiring guests to "level up" through consistent purchases to unlock exclusive menu access, Velvet Taco creates a compelling reason for members to increase visit frequency.

Velvet Taco achieved a 30% participation rate and saw 13% of members upgrade their tier status through their Secret Menu campaign. Check out the case study.

Example: Velvet Taco (in partnership with Dreambox)





#### HERE'S HOW:

- Download the app
- Sign up for The Velvet Room
- Buy Kick Ass Tacos and level up to Bad Ass or Hard Ass loyalty tiers!

SIGN UP

## UPGRADES FOR VIP MEMBERS

Offering exclusive upgrades for VIP members fosters a sense of special treatment and encourages ongoing engagement.

SEGMENT

(?) WHY

A specific loyalty tier.

Foster loyalty by offering VIP members exclusive upgrades and perks, reinforcing their special status in the program.

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During LTO promotions

#### WHAT'S EXCELLENT

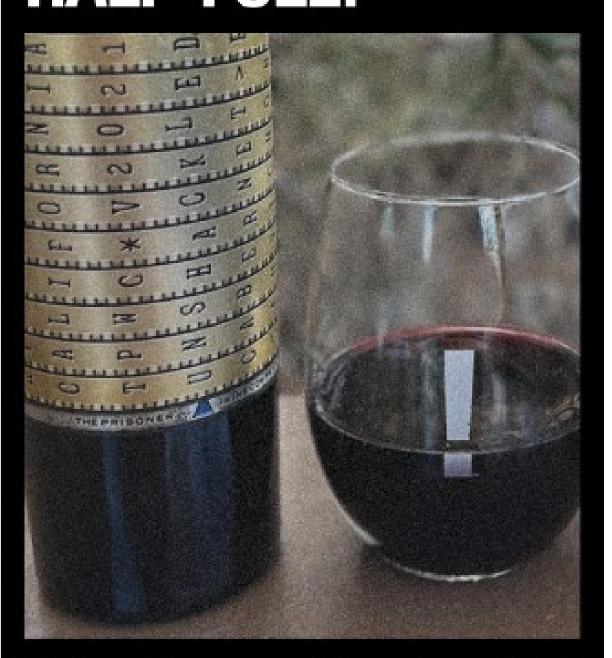
This message reinforces loyalty by adding exclusive, on-brand perks for VIP members, enhancing the experience and emphasizing customer value.

Example: Eureka! Restaurant Group

FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS

Eureka!

#### MORE WINE, NO EXTRA DIME. WE'RE LOOKING AT THE GLASS (more than) HALF-FULL!



Order a 6oz pour of the Unshackled Cabernet Sauvignon from The Prisoner, and receive a COMPLIMENTARY UPGRADE TO A 9oz POUR for 60 \$\pm\$ BROWNIE POINTS! Our Loyalty Member Perks just got a little (boozy-er) better.

## ABANDONED CART CAMPAIGNS

Recover lost sales by re-engaging customers who started but didn't complete an order. These reminders encourage customers to finalize their purchases, boosting revenue.



#### SEGMENT

Customers with items in their cart who haven't completed the purchase.

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#### WHY

Recover lost sales by reminding customers to complete their orders boosting revenue through follow-up incentives.



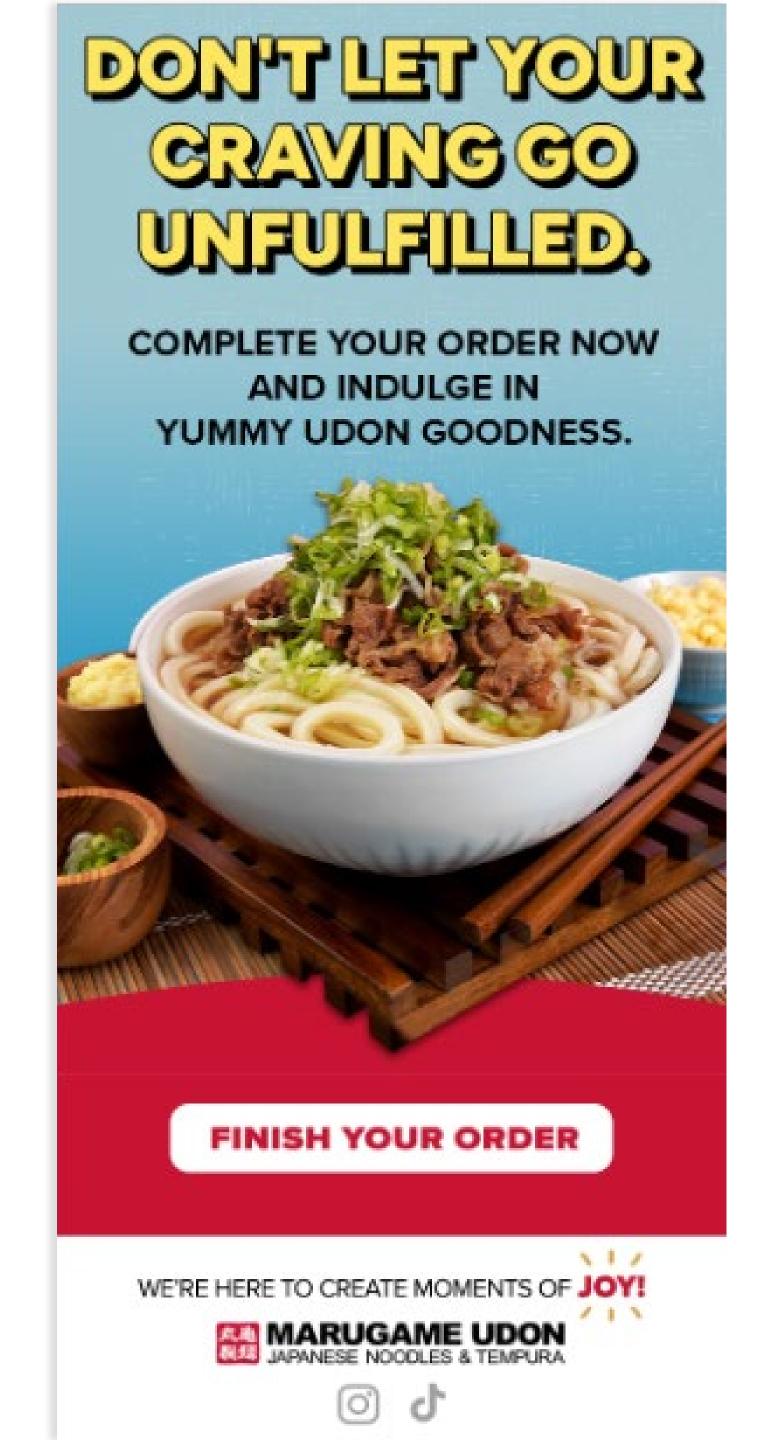
#### WHEN

After a set period of inactivity (e.g., 24-48 hours post-abandonment).

#### WHAT'S EXCELLENT

Visually appealing reminders and a clear call-to-action drive customers to complete pending purchases, effectively recovering potential lost sales.

Example: Marugame Udon (in partnership with Dreambox)



## BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGNS

Celebrate special moments with your customers by offering personalized rewards that foster a deeper emotional connection and encourage repeat business.



#### SEGMENT

Loyalty members celebrating a birthday.



#### WHY

Loyalty members expect birthday perks; without them, you risk losing their special day to a competitor. Guests are often willing to splurge more on their birthday, so they will likely increase spending.



#### WHEN

A month, a week, or on the day of the customer's birthday.

#### WHAT'S EXCELLENT

The celebratory tone, paired with a time-sensitive offer, encourages immediate redemption, strengthening customer loyalty on their special day.

Example: Smalls Sliders



## Celebrate your big day with a free milkshake from Smalls!

Just place an online order to claim your b-day freebie. Slide thru soon, this offer is valid this week only.

**GET YOUR SHAKE** 



at Smalls

Menu

Locations





Privacy Polic

#### **GAMIFIED LOYALTY**

Incorporating gamification into your loyalty program adds excitement and motivates customers to engage more with the brand. Through challenges, quizzes, or puzzles, gamification taps into customers' competitive spirit, encouraging repeat visits and ongoing participation.



#### SEGMENT

All members or a specific segment.



#### WHY

Interactive challenges like menu discovery games increase engagement while educating guests about your menu in an entertaining way. This approach promotes immediate purchases and long-term engagement, making the loyalty experience more dynamic and enjoyable.



#### WHEN

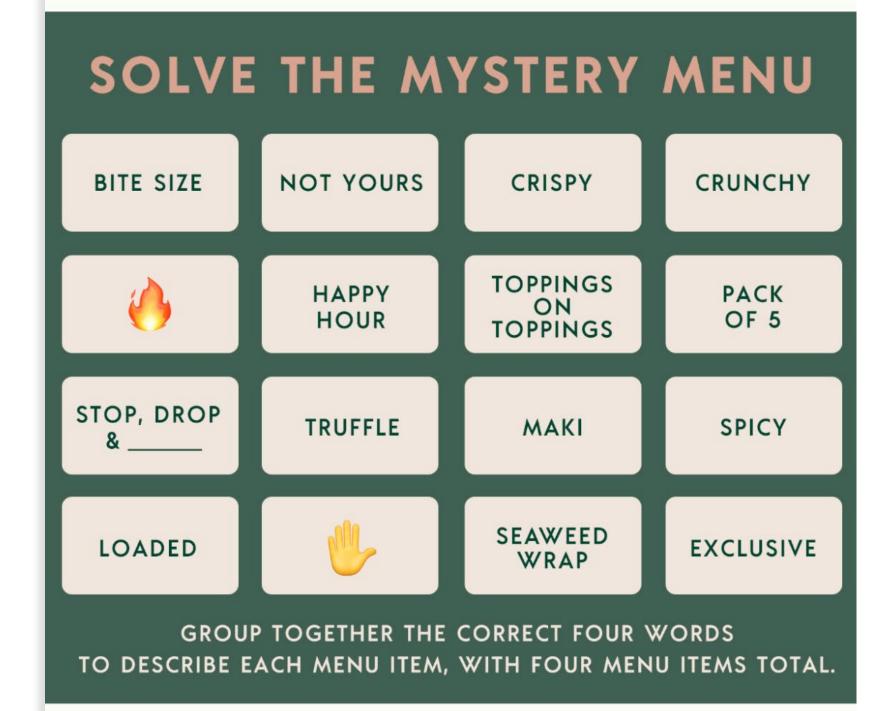
During slower periods or to promote specific menu items.

#### WHAT'S EXCELLENT

By tapping into customers' competitive spirit, these challenges add a fun, interactive layer to the loyalty experience, encouraging frequent engagement.

Example: Planta

#### PLANTA



#### THE CHALLENGE IS HERE

Try your luck at solving our take on the New York Times Connections. The correct menu items are tied to rewards, and if you order right, you'll be rewarded in Passport.

There's even more winning items on the menu—but these are four of our favorites.

TRY YOUR LUCK

#### **GAMIFIED LOYALTY**



#### SEGMENT

All members or a specific segment.

? WHY

Limited-time gamified promotions create a sense of excitement and urgency, making the loyalty program more engaging. The element of chance adds entertainment value, encouraging immediate participation and timely purchases.



#### WHEN

During holidays or seasonal promotions.

#### WHAT'S EXCELLENT

In October, loyalty members were invited to enter a promo code at checkout to receive either a "trick" or a "treat," adding excitement and anticipation to their order. The promotion included a mix of valuable rewards and playful surprises, enhancing the dining experience with an element of fun and suspense. Check out the case study.

Example: Urbane Cafe





#### TIME TO PLAY...

## TRICK OR TREAT WITH URBANE CAFE!



Enter promo code



### TREAT WITH URBANE CAFE!



Enter promo code

#### **spooky**

when ordering today,

*10/28/2023* 

and see either a **trick** OR **treat** at checkout.

\*Minimum order \$25

Order Now If You Dare

Only valid on 10/28/2023. Only one per person.

Minimum order \$25. Only available for app and online orders.

## DRIVE TRAFFIC TO OFF-PEAK HOURS

Target customers based on business goals, such as driving traffic during off-peak hours.



#### SEGMENT

Various. Members who dine late at night, members who don't. All members to create awareness.



#### WHY

Availability late at night is a big differentiator at Velvet Taco. Using the loyalty program to amplify that differentiation further advanced their business goal of driving more traffic at night (and overall).



#### WHEN

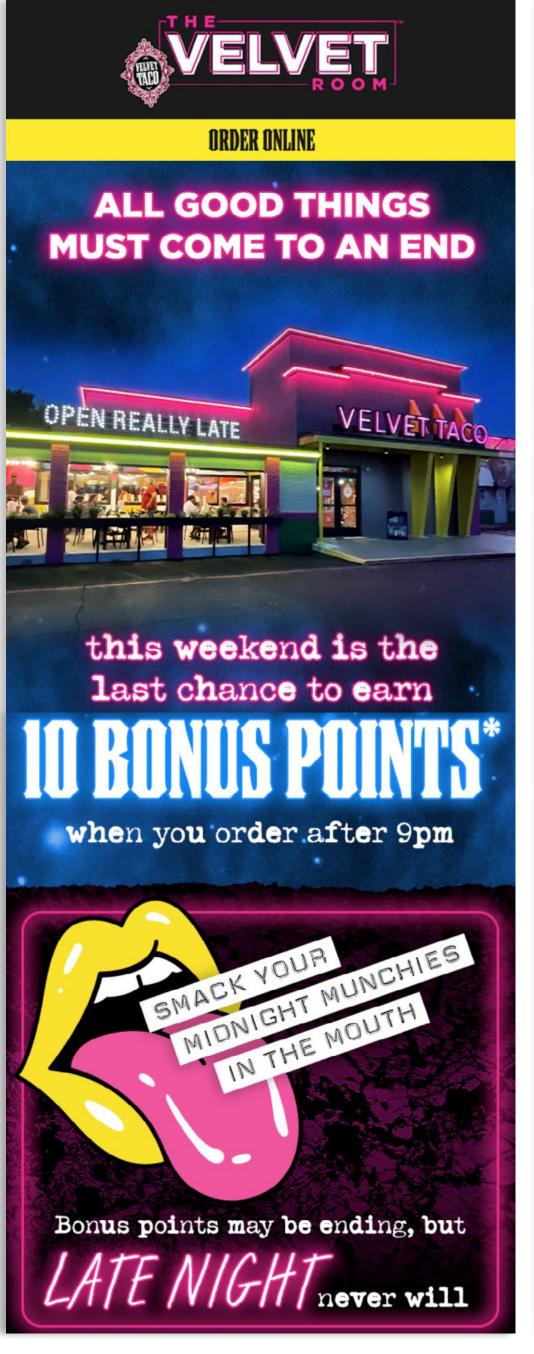
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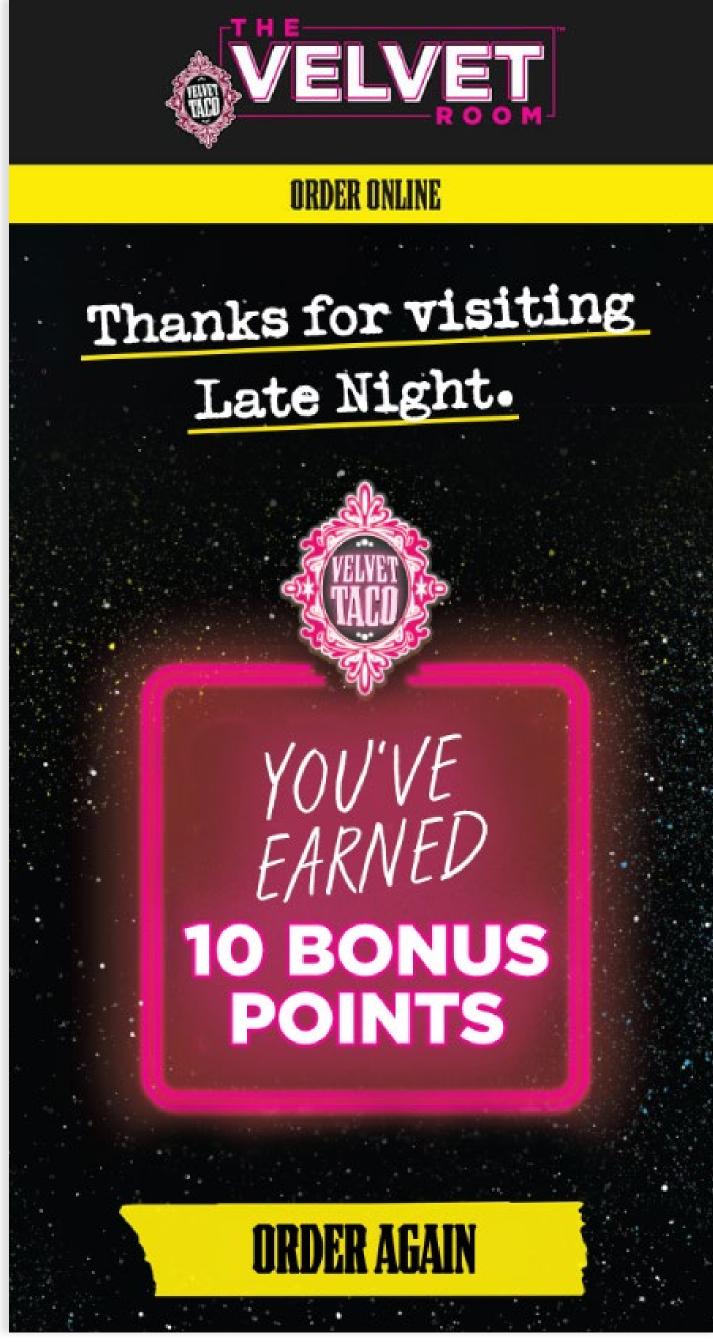
#### WHAT'S EXCELLENT

The tailored message aligns promotions with customer habits, effectively filling seats during off-peak hours and boosting engagement.

Check out the case study.

Example: Velvet Taco (in partnership with Dreambox)





Initial Campaign

## DRIVE PURCHASE OF SPECIFIC ITEMS

Item-based segmentation allows you to tailor messaging based on past orders, encouraging repeat purchases or introducing new menu items.



#### SEGMENT

Members who previously ordered the item and, separately, those who hadn't.



#### WHY

This segmented approach increases relevance by targeting repeat purchases and encouraging new trials of featured items.



#### WHEN

During specific promotions.

#### WHAT'S EXCELLENT

Hopdoddy Rewards personalized email subject lines based on customers' ordering history. For those who had tried the Korean Seoul Burger, the subject read: "Burger of the Month: Get it again before...," while for new customers, it read: "Burger of the Month: Try the Korean Seoul before..." This personalized approach enhances engagement and drives specific item purchases. Check out the case study.

Example: Hopdoddy Burger Bar

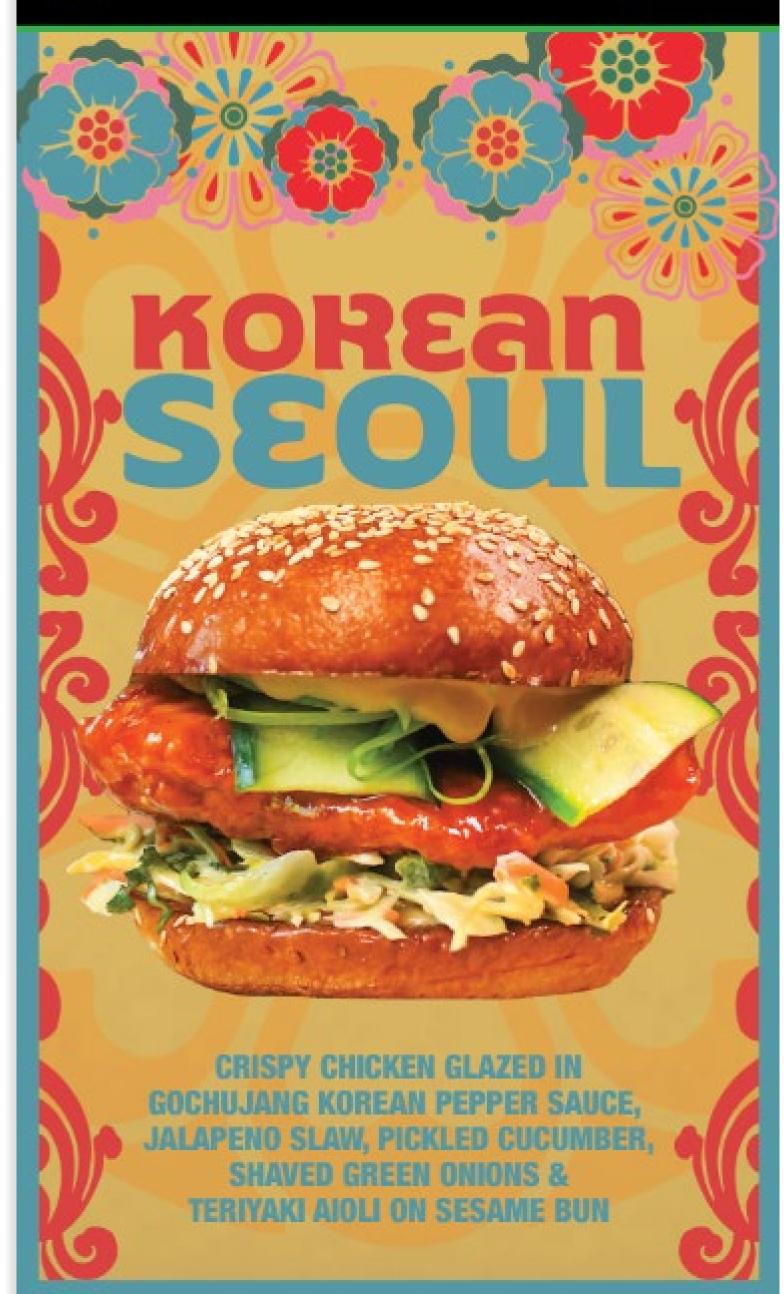


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LOYALTY PERKS



## DRIVE TRAFFIC THROUGH MULTIPLIERS

Offering loyalty points multipliers on menu items encourages frequent visits and increased spending, especially during slower periods.

SEGMENT
 Existing loyalty members.
 Multipliers help boost traffic during targeted times and only impact liability when redeemed.
 WHAT'S EXCELLENT
 During slow periods like mid-week or during new product launches.
 Mid-week multipliers drive traffic with consistent rewards, making it an easy, predictable way to boost engagement.

Example: Bubbakoo's Burritos





# DRIVE TRAFFIC WITH "REVERSE" MULTIPLIERS

Encourage visits during quieter times by offering loyalty points or rewards that maximize value during these periods.



### SEGMENT

Existing loyalty members.



#### WHY

Reverse multipliers incentivize visits during low-traffic times, helping restaurants balance demand and manage costs efficiently.



#### WHEN

During promotional periods, such as slower days or product launches.

#### WHAT'S EXCELLENT

R&R BBQ adjusted the points value of their entire marketplace, cutting the cost of rewards in half, creating a temporary, high-value menu of incentivizes to encourage visits during a slow period. By maximizing rewards only during targeted times, R&R BBQ effectively increased foot traffic without permanently altering program economics.

Example: R&R BBQ

### CREW PERK! PIT CREW PERK! PIT CREW PERK! PIT CREW PERK! PIT CREW PERK!

# 1/2 OFF REWARDS

HEY PIT CREW! TODAY'S YOUR LUCKY DAY.
WE'RE SLASHING THE POINTS NEEDED TO
REDEEM YOUR REWARDS IN HALF

What does that mean?

THAT MEANS USING FEWER POINTS FOR
THE BBQ YOU CRAVE





REDEEM POINTS NOW

Happening today only.

ENGAGE

# INCENTIVIZE WITH BONUS POINTS

Bonus points are a cost-effective strategy to encourage visits while providing instant progress toward rewards. Because bonus points must be claimed, they add less liability than granted rewards. By offering bonus points strategically, businesses can drive specific behaviors, such as increased visit frequency or higher spending per visit.



### SEGMENT

Existing loyalty members.



WHY

This approach boosts engagement by encouraging visits during slower times, giving customers a quick sense of progress toward their next reward.



#### WHEN

Any time, especially during slower periods.

## WHAT'S EXCELLENT

The urgency created by bonus points drives immediate engagement, helping customers progress towards their next reward while saving on traditional discounts. Check out the case study.

Example: Urbane Cafe



# ORDER A BOWL FOR DINNER

AND EARN 100 BONUS POINTS!



# NO NEED TO SACRIFICE FLAVOR

Our bowls are a tasty way to stay on top of your New Year's health resolutions.





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Our bowls are a tasty way to stay on top of your New Year's health resolutions.



BAJA BOWL

# Order a bowl JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>\_20<sup>TH</sup> and RECEIVE 100 BONUS POINTS!

All you need to do is place your order between 4-9PM

ORDER NOW

Can order multiple times during **January 16–20**, **2023**, **4–9pm**, Cannot be combined with other offers.

ENGAGE

# REMIND MEMBERS OF THEIR UNUSED REWARDS

Many customers may forget they have rewards available, so a well-timed reminder can effectively encourage their next visit.



Send reminders 3 and 7 days after the reward is issued or as expiration approaches.

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them engaged.

A simple reminder can nudge customers to return, motivating their next visit and keeping



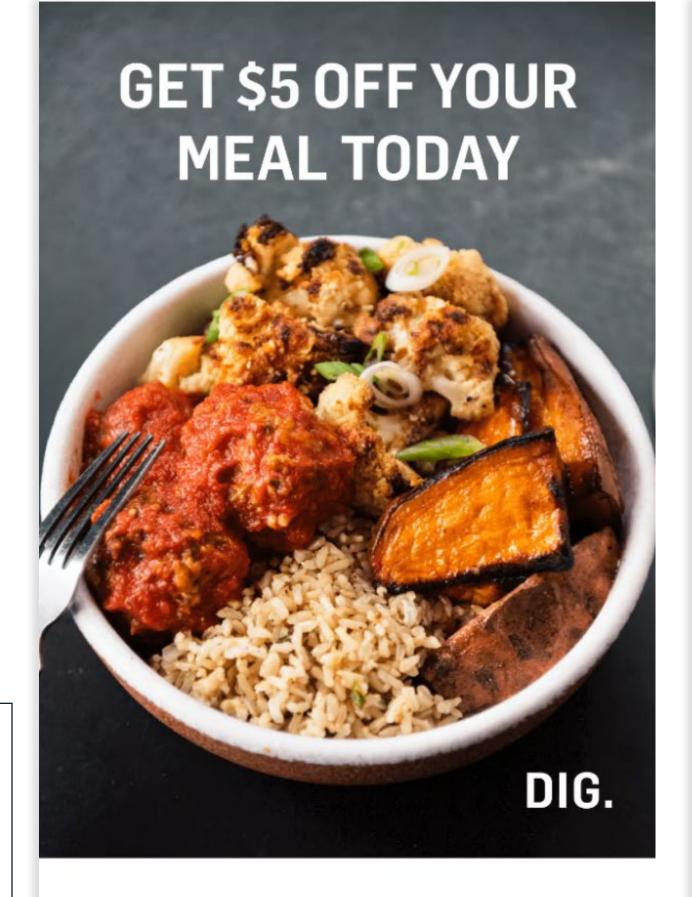
# SEGMENT

Members who have earned a reward but haven't redeemed it within a set time (e.g., 7 days after issuance).

### WHAT'S EXCELLENT

A simple reminder encourages customers to return, reinforcing the program's value without adding more liability through additional discounts.

Example: DIG



# You've got a \$5 reward waiting for you

- 1. Start an order on the DIG app or order.diginn.com
- **2.** Add whatever you like to your order (\$5 minimum)
- **3.** Apply your \$5 signup reward in the checkout



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GET \$5 OFF

# Get the full DIG Rewards experience on the DIG app

- · Check your progress toward your next tier & reward
- Enroll your card for automatic in-store progress
- Refer a friend and get \$5 for each of you
- Never be logged out again

**GET THE APP** 

# BEST PRACTICES FOR ENGAGING REGULARS

1

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# KEEP YOUR LOYALTY PROGRAM FRESH

Avoid letting your program
become predictable by
sticking to the same "Spend
X, get Y" model. Regularly
introduce new perks, rewards,
or experiences to keep
things exciting for your loyal
customers. Surprise rewards or
limited-time offers add variety
and keep regulars engaged
and eager to participate.

# FOCUS ON EXCLUSIVE AND EXPERIENTIAL REWARDS

Regulars often seek more than discounts. Providing exclusive access, VIP experiences, or status-based rewards strengthens their bond with your brand. These unique perks offer value beyond discounts, fostering deeper loyalty and transforming regulars into advocates who share your brand with others.

# PERSONALIZE WITH TARGETED CAMPAIGNS

Leverage customer data
to tailor offers based on
regulars' habits. For instance,
if a customer visits monthly,
create a personalized offer to
encourage more frequent visits.
Automated campaigns that
adapt to customer behavior
drive consistent engagement,
keeping regulars connected
without additional effort.

# TEST AND REFINE STRATEGIES

Continuous testing is key to understanding what resonates with regulars. Use A/B testing to find the most effective engagement tactics and regularly assess campaign performance. Optimize successful strategies and automate them to maintain ongoing engagement and retention.

# REWARD REGULARLY

Show appreciation for your regulars by offering easily attainable rewards. Bonus points, surprise offers, and tiered rewards foster a sense of progress and encourage frequent participation, enhancing customer satisfaction and long-term loyalty.

# STEP 4 RETAIN



Once customers are activated, the focus shifts to keeping them engaged and, if they become disengaged, winning their interest back. You can think of retention as a defensive strategy to keep guests from migrating elsewhere. Changes in this stage directly impact customer lifetime value and reduce churn.

This section outlines strategies for boosting retention and winning back lapsed customers. By tracking retention metrics and implementing thoughtful re-engagement campaigns, you can reengage at-risk customers and build long-term loyalty.

RETENTION IS THE FINAL, CRITICAL STAGE OF THE CUSTOMER JOURNEY.



Most brands don't realize just how difficult it is to retain their customers—a restaurant's average monthly retention rate is 86%, meaning 14% of customers are lost each month. To combat this loss, brands must regularly A/B test retention campaigns to measure revenue impact and automate the best-performing approaches. Thanx customers routinely achieve 90-95% monthly retention rates.

# WINBACK CAMPAIGNS

Targeting customers who haven't visited recently allows brands to rekindle relationships and drive repeat business. These campaigns typically feature personalized offers that create urgency and incentivize customers to return.



# SEGMENT

Previously engaged, now lapsed loyalty members who have deviated from their usual frequency.



# WHY

Automating win-back campaigns ensures targeted messages reach the right customers at the optimal time, encouraging return visits without cannibalizing regular sales.



#### WHEN

Ongoing campaign targeting members who have altered their typical visit pattern.

#### WHAT'S EXCELLENT

Mo'Bettahs used multi-channel messaging with a compelling discount to drive reactivation. Future iterations could escalate rewards over time (e.g.,\$5,\$7, Free Plate), progressively increasing the incentive. Check out the case study.

Example: Mo'Bettahs





# IT'S BEEN A WHILE... Take an extra \$5 Off

Come and enjoy this special offer! It's one of the perks of being a Makana Rewards member! In fact it's already waiting in your account.



**CLICK TO REDEEM** 

RETAIN

# WINBACK CAMPAIGNS



## SEGMENT

All members or a specific segment.



### WHY

Re-engaging lapsed members with familiar favorites while introducing new menu items provides multiple reasons to return. Personalized messaging based on previous orders effectively encourages visits during targeted dayparts.



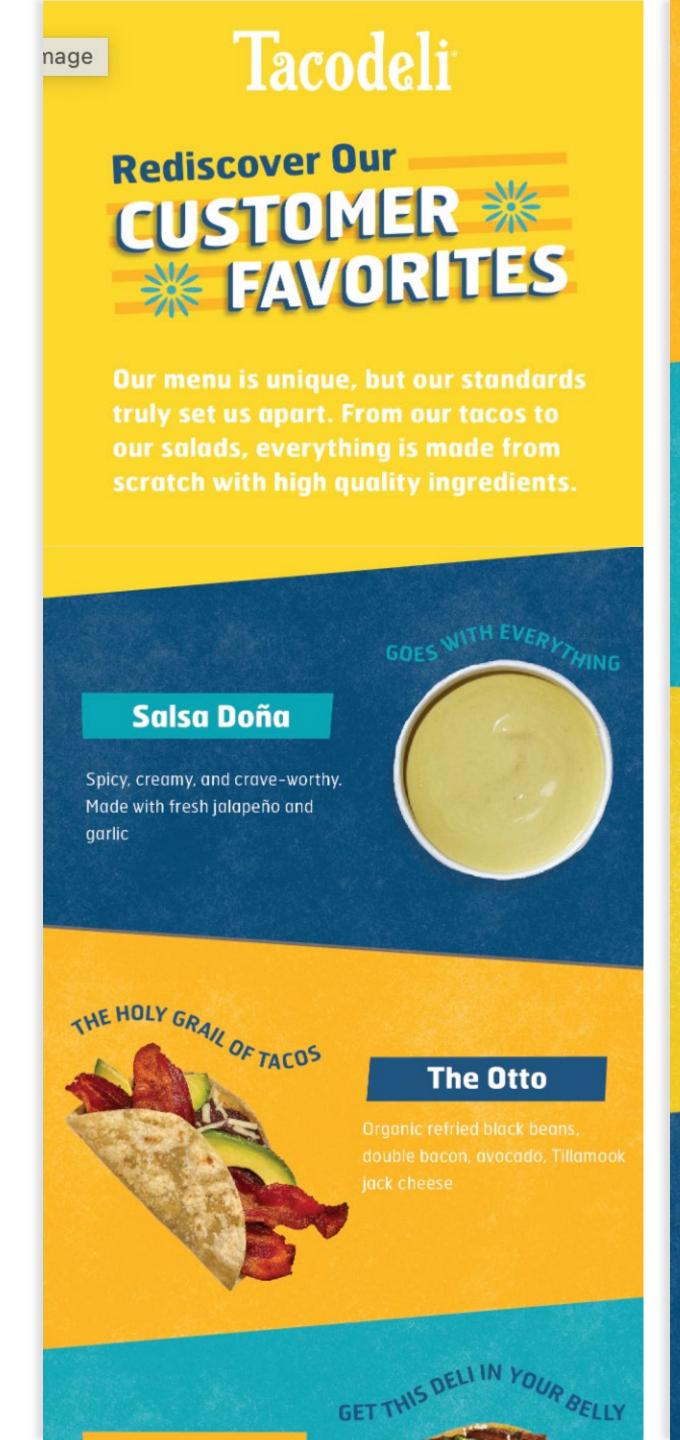
## WHEN

During slower periods or when introducing menu items.

# WHAT'S EXCELLENT

This approach rekindles interest in the menu by promoting new and familiar items, fostering repeat visits, and highlighting the unique offerings that set Tacodeli apart.

Example: Tacodeli





## Delibelly

Organic pork belly, Goodflow honey, tomatillo-serrano salsa, avocado, cilantro, onion



# Cowboy

Dry-rubbed beef tenderloin, grilled corn, caramelized onion roasted peppers, guac, Texas Cheesemaker's queso fresco



avocado, pico de gallo



# WINBACK CAMPAIGNS



# SEGMENT

Lapsed customers (previously Engaged but haven't been in recently).



A lighthearted free guacamole offer paired with a refresher on the loyalty program. Benefits gives lapsed members both immediate value and longer-term motivation to return.



### WHEN

Any time.

#### WHAT'S EXCELLENT

By combining humor with immediate value, Bubbakoo's winback campaign creates an approachable way to rebuild the relationship while educating members on all program benefits. The step-by-step guide helps remove friction for re-engagement by clearly outlining how to claim rewards and unlock exclusive perks.

Example: Bubbakoo's Burritos



RETAIN

# **BRING BACK CLASSICS TO** THRILL YOUR LOYALISTS

Appeal to nostalgia and exclusivity by offering loyalty members the chance to enjoy classic menu items that may no longer be available to the general public.



WHY

Existing loyalty members.

Establishing a predictable lineup of loyalty-exclusive benefits that honors beloved classics, whether on the menu or retired, is a powerful way to drive traffic and re-engage lapsed guests.



Any time.

#### WHAT'S EXCELLENT

Nostalgic menu items appeal to loyal customers, adding exclusivity and a memorable experience that reinforces brand connection.

Example: Ruby's Diner (in partnership with Dreambox)

# INTRODUCING THROWBACK DEALS!

OCT. 7TH - DEC. 7TH



· MEMBERS ONLY ·

**Get Throwback Rewards** each week on classic eats.





Your Throwback Reward will be added to your account Monday, 10/7!

Not a member? Join and save on all your favorites.

Look out for a push notification Monday alerting you that your reward has been added!

Download the app & turn on push notifications to stay alerted.

**NOT A MEMBER? JOIN NOW!** 

# BEST PRACTICES FOR

# RETENTION

1

MONITOR RETENTION
RATES ACROSS DIFFERENT
TIME FRAMES

Track retention metrics at 30, 60, 90, and 120 days to identify optimal engagement points. Using customer data to guide timing maximizes the effectiveness of each touchpoint.

2

# ADOPT A MULTI-FACETED APPROACH

Your retention strategy should include various tactics, such as brand awareness campaigns, automated outreach, targeted promotions, and adaptive loyalty program adjustments. Testing different methods helps determine what resonates most with each customer segment.

3

# UTILIZE A FLEXIBLE LOYALTY PROGRAM

A self-service loyalty platform
enables frequent updates to
rewards and offerings, keeping
engagement high. Regularly
refreshing the Rewards Marketplace
maintains customer interest and
encourages repeat visits.

4

# **EMPHASIZE PERKS OVER DISCOUNTS**

While discounts can be effective,
loyal customers often return
without them. Instead, focus on
exclusive perks that foster a sense
of access and privilege. Unique
experiences and VIP offerings
build stronger connections,
promoting retention without
relying solely on discounts.

# BONUS SECTION TEST



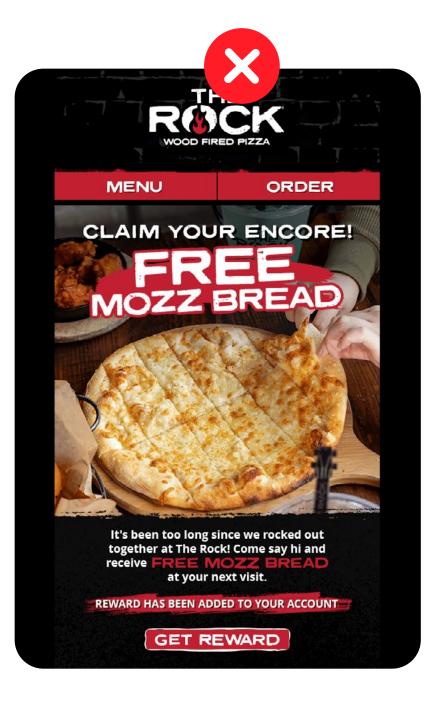
Multivariate testing is a powerful tool in loyalty campaigns. By testing elements like imagery, subject lines, offers, and send times, brands can identify what resonates most with their audience. This data-driven approach enables you to understand the incremental impact of each campaign component quickly.

**TESTING** 

# TESTING EXAMPLE









## SEGMENT

Lapsed members.

#### WHEN

Any time.



## WHY

Re-engage lapsed members by testing different incentives.

### WHAT'S EXCELLENT

The Rock Wood Fired Pizza conducted an A/B/C test, offering lapsed customers 50 bonus points, a complimentary order of mozzarella bread, or a \$5 discount. This approach allowed the brand to identify the most effective offer in driving purchases, revenue, and profitability.

Example: The Rock Wood Fired Pizza

**TESTING** 

# TESTING EXAMPLE



# SEGMENT

Loyalty members with a recent purchase.



# WHEN

Any time.



# WHY

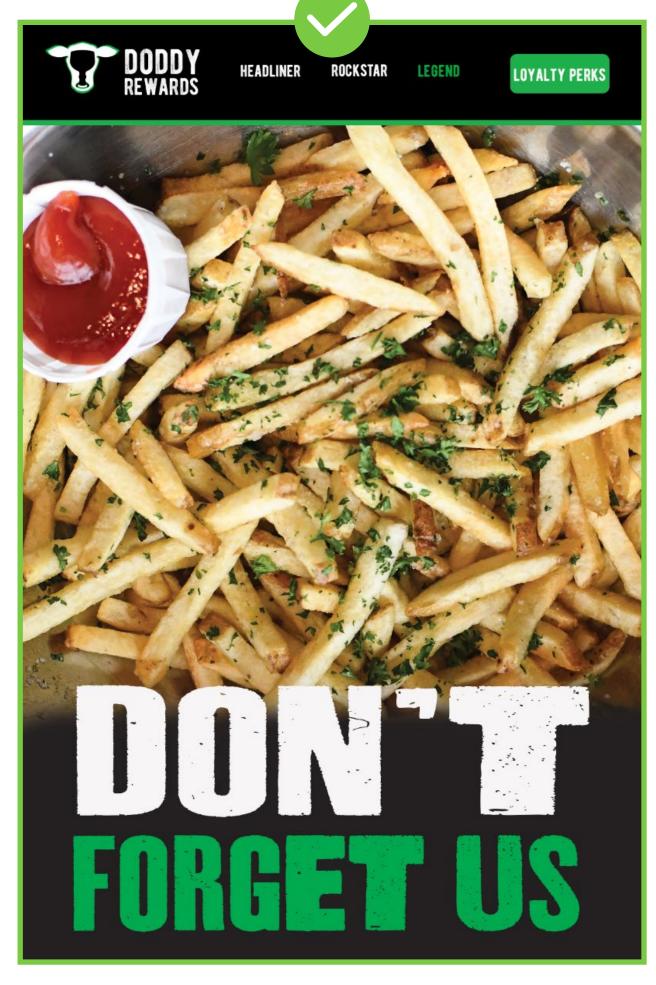
Testing different campaign aspects helps optimize guest engagement and business impact by identifying which offers drive the highest revenue at the lowest cost.

### WHAT'S EXCELLENT

Hopdoddy ran an A/B test comparing free shakes vs. free fries. The fries offer generated 33% more revenue and 57% more redemptions at less than half the discount cost (2% vs. 5%). Automating this optimized campaign is projected to drive \$168k in revenue while saving \$16.5k annually. Check out the case study.

Example: Hopdoddy Burger Bar





# TESTING EXAMPLE



# SEGMENT

All program members or a specific segment.



### WHEN

Any time.



## WHY

Testing different subject lines helps optimize email open rates and campaign performance by identifying which messaging approach resonates best with customers.

#### WHAT'S EXCELLENT

Starbird A/B tested email subject lines to determine which messaging drove higher open rates. This approach gave Starbird valuable insights on tone and style, allowing for data-driven adjustments to improve engagement and campaign success. Check out the case study here.





### **Email**

### **Subject Line:**

Your Exclusive Starbird Reward is Here!

#### **Preview Text:**

Your Exclusive Starbird Reward is Here!

# **Email**



Welcome! Enjoy \$5 on us.

### Preview Text:

Welcome! Enjoy \$5 on us.

# CONCLUSION



THE STRATEGIES OUTLINED IN THIS
GUIDE—FROM ENROLLING NEW MEMBERS
TO RETAINING LOYAL CUSTOMERS—
DEMONSTRATE HOW PERSONALIZED
MARKETING CAN DRIVE MEANINGFUL
BUSINESS OUTCOMES.

By targeting guests based on their unique journey with your brand, restaurants can grow customer lifetime value and boost samestore sales. In fact, a 10% increase in engaged customers roughly translates to a 2% increase in same-store sales.

As you implement these loyalty campaigns, remember that success lies in ongoing evaluation and optimization. By tracking the most relevant loyalty program metrics, you can develop a program that meets your guests' needs and supports sustainable growth for your business.

Want to learn more about how to measure the success of your loyalty program?

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OF YOUR RESTAURANT LOYALTY PROGRAM.

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