

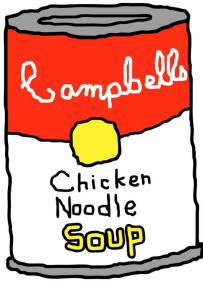
Where is my Donut Wheel shirt?



“When’s the last time you saw it?”

We can start from the beginning...

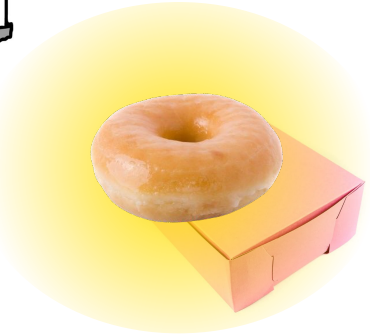
One day, Soma was sick. He, Dabel and I were supposed to hang out. Clearly, Soma couldn’t make it, so Dabel and I picked up a single can of Campbell’s chicken noodle soup and delivered it to Soma’s front door.



But he got better anyhow, and a few months later, when Dabel came down with the cold. Soma and I grabbed the Campbell’s can... and to step it up a notch, we swung by Donut Wheel.

We forgot that chicken noodle soup has chicken in it. Soma is vegetarian.

So he never actually cracked it open.



Donut Wheel is the spot for Sunnyvale teens. It (& Safeway) is the only 24h place in town.

Greasy booths are the breeding grounds for first teen romances, people watching, raucous inane laughter, gossip and teen schemes and cooperative soul searching.

You can get a dozen donuts and they’ll throw in a bunch of donut holes for free. Everyone has memories of getting a breakfast sweet or late evening post-prom treat from Donut Wheel.

To us, Donut Wheel is the Campbell’s chicken soup for the non-physical body. Soma and I saw the t-shirts they had for sale as we were checking out. We bought 2 and donned them immediately.



Crisp and new, I wear it from Donut Wheel to Dabel’s.

I love the shirt so I wear it sparingly. Pretty much only for the special occasions in which I’ll be around people who would appreciate it... IYKYK vibes

While on spring break my senior year, COVID hits and school tells us to go home. I fly straight to CA and my friend helps pack up my stuff. Most of it goes to donation, but I ask for a select set of things to be shipped to me. This set includes the Donut Wheel shirt



I go back east for school, and nobody gets the reference anyway. I start wearing it as a cute white graphic tee top. Spill on it a bit.



The freshness of the shirt wears off more as I begin wearing it to vball practice. The pits get grayish and collar worn out over the years and sweat.

I start grad school and move across the country again. I think I left the shirt at home with other valuable mementos.

I move 4 more times in the first 2 and a half years of my program. Mom and Dad also move. I know I went back to help pack up, but I was thinking recently and...

Where the heck is my Donut Wheel t-shirt?