

BLOCK PARTY IDEA BANK

Tower Grove South Block Captains, Revised 7/24/2006

SIMPLE FOOD/DRINK IDEAS	ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH (continued)
• Brats, chicken	• Sing-alongs
• Buns for Brats/Dogs/Burgers	• Sprinklers (& swim suits or play clothes kids can get wet in)
• Coffee, tea and dessert	• Skits
• Cookies	• Water balloons
• Corn on the cob	• Youth parade with a theme
• Fruit and cheese plates	ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES
• Hamburgers	• Barbecue
• Hot dogs	• Cards & Board Games
• Ice cream cones	• Celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, etc.
• Iced tea	• Crime prevention videos
• Lemonade & cookies	• Disposable camera distribution/photo contest
• Make your own sundaes	• Dunk tank
• Pizza	• Funniest hat contest
• Potluck - bring your specialty	• Horseshoes
• Pretzels and chips, tortilla chips and salsa	• Hula hoop contest
• Punch	• Jail & Bail
• Salads	• Jump rope contest
• Soda, Juice or Alternative Beverage & Ice	• K-9 demonstration
• Vegetarian Protein (veggie dogs/burgers, etc.)	• Karaoke
• Water, Bottled or Insulated Water Cooler	• Live music/band
• Watermelon	• Musical instruments or crowd-pleasing talents of any kind
GROUP CONVERSATIONS/MIXERS	• Movies
• Block history stories	• Music and DJ
• Design a mixer: "Find a person who..." – w/ prizes	• Parade
• National Night Out stories	• Rummage sale
• Photos from past block parties and NNO events	• Sandy beach party
• <i>Resident Awards</i> : Newest, Oldest, Longest on block	• Scavenger hunt
ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH	• Self-defense demonstration
• 3-legged race	• Storytelling (truth or fiction)
• Bike parade	• Street carnival
• Bike Safety	• Street dance
• Board games	• Take lots of pictures
• Bubbles	• Visits from police, fire and EMS (Fire trucks are great fun!)
• Chalk art	• Volleyball
• Child ID Kits	• Welcome new neighbors
• Clowns	CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY
• Coloring Contest	• Beautify a common area
• Facepainting	• Collect for a food bank
• Football, baseball, basketball & hoop, street hockey	• Discuss neighborhood concerns, problems
• Frisbee competition	• Discuss outdoor lighting in the area
• Jump rope	• Distribute neighborhood block list, phone numbers, etc.
• Magic show	• Plan a fall clean-up or bulb planting
• Make a mural or banner	• Recruit additional Neighborhood Watch leaders, block capt.
• McGruff	DON'T FORGET
• Piñata	• Balloons to add to the fun party atmosphere
• Pony rides	• Flyers and Signs to remind neighbors of party
• Roller blade	• Grill, Chairs, Tables; Plates, Napkins, Utensils, Cups & ICE
• Sack races	• Permit/Register to block street (Nat'l Night Out has no fee)