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Resource Guide



Yard Games and Candy 100–200 people

GOAL: To connect with your neighbors and neighborhood visitors by hosting a simple hangout with little prep time.

Supplies: Your Favorite Yard Games, Candy, Church Invite Cards

Total prep time: 1 hour

Estimated event cost: \$30–\$50 (cost of candy)

Instructions:

1. Set up your favorite yard games like ladder golf, corn hole, or ring toss. Consider teaming up with a couple of neighbors if you need more yard games. Set up an outdoor firepit for an added touch! (If you don't own any yard games, you can DIY simple games with an internet search with minimal supplies.)
2. Prepare an outdoor table or chairs to pass out candy and church invite cards.
3. Create a fun moment by having the children participate in the yard games to “win” candy. Everyone receives candy for participating!
4. Greet and welcome parents. Start friendly conversations and be ready to compliment, encourage, and pray for people. (Tip: Include all of your family members in hosting games and engaging in conversations.)

SUPPLY LIST	DESIGNATED PERSON	COMPLETE
Candy		
Church Invite Cards		
Small Table for Candy Station		
Yard Game #1		
Yard Game #2		
Yard Game #3		



Grill Block Party 10–50 people

GOAL: To invite your neighbors to dinner at your house. The idea is to be intentional in developing relationships with the people you invite by eating, fellowshiping, and caring for them.

Meal idea: Hamburgers and hot dogs

Total prep time: Approx. 2–3 hrs

Food prep time: 20–30 mins

Cook time: 30–45 mins

Set-up time: 20 mins

Serves: 30

Estimated event cost: \$50–\$100 (depending on guest count)

Instructions:

1. Make the patties by weighing them so that they are all the same size, ensuring meat cooks evenly.
2. Use heartier dinner rolls, regular hamburger/hot dog buns or slider buns. They vary in price.
3. Prepare condiments one day in advance. Most of the sauces can be made several days in advance, if you prefer.
4. Serve sauces in squeeze bottles and the remainder of the toppings in mason jars, bowls, and platters. Label each with the name of the condiment written on masking tape and stick to the front of the bottle/jar.

SUPPLY LIST	DESIGNATED PERSON	COMPLETE
Grill		
Hamburger meat		
Hamburger buns		
Hot dogs		
Hot dog buns		
Sliced tomatoes		
Lettuce		
Chili (optional)		
Chopped white onions		
Sliced red onions		
Grated cheddar cheese		
Pickle relish		
Dill pickles		
Jalapeños		
Mustard		
Ketchup		
Water bottles or drinks		
Ice		
Plates		
Napkins		
Cups		
Forks, spoons, and knives		



Movie or Games Popcorn Night 5–30 people

GOAL: To invite your neighbors to dinner at your house. The idea is to be intentional in developing relationships with the people you invite by eating, fellowshiping, and caring for them.

Meal idea: Popcorn

Total prep time: 1 hr

Food prep time: 30–45 mins to pop the popcorn

Set-up time: 20 mins

Estimated event cost: \$20–\$50

SUPPLY LIST	DESIGNATED PERSON	COMPLETE
Popcorn: butter or kettle		
Assorted candy: Miniature Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, Kit Kats, M&M's, Reese's Pieces, Gummy Bears, Skittles, or Mike and Ikes		
Bowls (for candy)		
Bowls (for popcorn)		
Water bottles or drinks		
Ice		
Napkins		
Cups		
Spoons		
Games		
Movies		



Pizza and/or Ice Cream on the Driveway 10–50 people

GOAL: To invite your neighbors to dinner at your house. The idea is to be intentional in developing relationships with the people you invite by eating, fellowshiping, and caring for them.

Meal idea: Domino's, Pizza Hut, or Papa John's Pizza

Prep time: 1 hour

Estimated event cost: Ice-cream: \$20–\$50, Pizza: \$30–\$100

Set-up time: 30–45 min

- Table set-up
- Blankets and lawn chairs
- Order pizza

Ice cream station set-up:

- Various ice cream flavors
- Toppings
- Bowls for ice cream and toppings, spoons and napkins

SUPPLY LIST	DESIGNATED PERSON	COMPLETE
Pizza		
Ice cream: chocolate, vanilla, or strawberry		
Toppings: sprinkles, chocolate syrup, carmel syrup, Oreos, M&M's, nuts, marshmallows, cherries, or candy		
Fold-out tables		
Plastic tablecloths		
Lawn chairs		
Blankets		
Water bottles or drinks		
Ice		
Plates		
Bowls (for ice cream)		
Bowls (for toppings)		
Napkins		
Cups		
Spoons		



Spaghetti Block Party 10–50 people

GOAL: To invite your neighbors to dinner at your house. The idea is to be intentional in developing relationships with the people you invite by eating, fellowshiping, and caring for them.

Meal idea: Spaghetti, salad, and bread

Serves: 30

Prep time: 2 hours approx.

Food prep time: 15 min

Cook time: 20 min

Set-up time: 45 min

Estimated event cost: \$20–\$60 depending on guest count

Cooking Instructions:

1. Combine the canned tomatoes (with juice), butte,r and onion halves in a saucepan. Add a pinch or two of salt.
2. Place over medium heat and bring to a simmer. Cook, uncovered, for about 45 minutes. Stir occasionally, mashing any large pieces of tomato with a spoon. Add salt as needed.
3. Discard the onion before adding the sauce into the pasta. This recipe makes enough sauce for a pound of pasta. Boil pasta as instructed on packaging.

You can assign different households to make a variety of different types of sauces such as classic tomato sauce, meat sauce or an Alfredo cheese sauce. Top with Parmesan cheese, basil, mushrooms, artichoke hearts, or tomatoes. Have everyone bring over their sauces, boil a big pot of pasta, and invite all your neighbors!

SUPPLY LIST	DESIGNATED PERSON	COMPLETE
Slow cooker pot		
Pasta		
Canned tomatoes (with juice) – 2 cups For example, a 28-oz can of San Marzano whole peeled tomatoes		
Butter – 5 tablespoons		
Peeled onion, sliced in half		
Optional: add in 1 lb of ground beef, turkey, or chicken breast		
Toppings: cheese, basil, mushrooms, artichoke hearts, or tomatoes		
Water bottles or drinks		
Ice		
Plates		
Bowls (for toppings)		
Napkins		
Cups		
Forks, spoons, and knives		



Taco Party Dinner 5–30 people

GOAL: To invite your neighbors to dinner at your house. The idea is to be intentional in developing relationships with the people you invite by eating, fellowshiping, and caring for them.

Meal idea: Tacos

Total prep time: Approx. 2 hrs

Food prep time: 20 mins

Cook time: 15 mins

Set-up time: 45 mins

Serves: 30

Estimated event cost: \$40–\$90 (depending on guest count)

Cooking Instructions:

1. Cook ground beef and store in slow cooker.
2. Serve ingredients buffet style and let guests make their own – perfect for entertaining a large crowd!

SUPPLY LIST	DESIGNATED PERSON	COMPLETE
Ground beef		
Ground chicken		
Taco seasoning		
Taco shells		
Flour tortillas		
Shredded lettuce		
Tomatoes		
Sour cream		
Shredded cheese		
Salsa		
Avocado		
Water bottles or drinks		
Ice		
Plates		
Bowls (for taco toppings)		
Napkins		
Cups		
Forks, spoons, and knives		