

National Night Out

Kids in NNO...and beyond

Bring youth and adults together. Here are some great activities from past National Night Out celebrations and ways to continue activity through the year:

| On National Night Out | Before and after National Night Out |
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| Give awards to young people for outstanding things they have done during the year. | Cheer the youth when they have their special activities. |
| Do chalk art. | Ask a youth center, art gallery, church or business to have a day for youth on the block to display their art. |
| Play—basketball, baseball or volleyball in the street. Have the east side play the west side. Have an egg toss, bob for apples or have a three-legged race. | Have a game night once a week, or once a month, where all can have fun. |
| Do a “book head” race—have kids race while balancing books on their heads. | Learn when the library has story time and take the children on the block there. |
| Put the names of famous people on name tags. Place a tag on the back of each person without them seeing it. Each participant asks one “yes” or “no” question of each person at the party. The first person who guesses correctly wins. | Remember the names of people on your block, and greet them when you see them. |
| Hold a block parade—have children and adults decorate bikes, wagons, strollers, pets, even spouses and then parade in style. | Take a walk with neighbors in the evening (no decorations required!) |
| Have young people select “Neighbor of the Year” and crown the person who has been the outstanding neighbor during the year. | Be an outstanding neighbor |
| Talk about graffiti—how do kids think that the community can decrease the amount of graffiti? What type of message does graffiti give? What could the people who do graffiti in the neighborhood do instead? How can we clean up graffiti in the community? | Hold a graffiti clean-up day; paint a mural; plant thorny or thick bushes in front of large walls in the community. |

