

# National Night Out activity ideas

## Simple refreshments

- Bring your favorite snack
- Coffee, tea, and dessert
- Cookie exchange
- Fruit and cheese plates
- Hot dogs and brats
- Ice cream cones/make your own sundaes
- Lemonade and cookies
- Mini-donut stand
- Popcorn
- Potluck
- Pretzels and pop
- Root beer floats
- Watermelon

## Group conversations/mixers

- “Neighbor of the year” award
- Block e-mail list
- Block history stories
- Find block leader and McGruff volunteers
- Have an ice breaker
- Interview politicians running for office
- Neighbor trivia game w/prizes for right answers
- Photos from past block parties and activities
- Share ideas and accomplishments on the block
- Skill swap
- Talk about area crime concerns and keeping an eye on each other’s houses
- Update block list for people and pets

- Update block contact list
- Welcome new residents

## Activities for youth

- Bicycle parade/rodeo
- Chalk art
- Coloring/maze sheet
- Dime/penny guess
- Duck pond
- Face painting
- Games
- Kiddie jump (“moon walk”)
- Make a banner or mural
- Piñata
- Riding bikes in streets
- Scavenger hunt
- Skits
- Talent show

## All-ages activities

- Book exchange
- Book swap
- Build a milk carton boat for Aquatennial
- Cake walk
- Celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, etc.
- Dance
- Lawn mower beauty contest w/parade
- Ring toss contest
- Live music
- Movies
- Organize a book club
- Paint an old car with water colors
- Parade
- Plant exchange
- Prizes

- Races: minnow; cotton ball on a spoon
- Recognize kids’ accomplishments
- Scavenger hunt
- Sing-along/karaoke
- Soccer
- Storytelling (truth or fiction)
- Street dance
- Talent show
- Tour the gardens on the block
- Volleyball
- Water balloon fights
- Water balloon toss contest
- Welcome new neighbors
- White elephant exchange

## Contribute to your community

- Beautify a common area
- Collect for a food shelf
- Cover graffiti
- Have a signup sheet for Operation Identification
- Nominate a block club or an individual for a crime prevention award
- Plan a fall clean-up or bulb planting
- Presentation by an arborist (Dutch elm disease, etc.)
- Recruit a McGruff House volunteer
- Sign all ages up for library cards
- Use e-mail to communicate more with your block club
- Voter registration drive
- Community impact statements or petitions

