



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT BLOCK PARTY PLANNING TIPS

- Poll your neighbors or members of your organization/group to gauge their interest in having a National Night Out Block Party and their availability to attend.
- Designate a time and location for the block party
 - Street
 - Local park
 - Neighbors Yard
 - Local church, business, or organization, etc.
- Decide on a menu
 - BBQ
 - Potluck
 - Bring your own
 - Collect money to purchase group meal
 - Other creative ideas
- Determine a source for tableware, silverware, cups, paper products, etc.
- Plan activities for kids & adults
 - Yard games
 - Minute to Win It activities
 - Contests
 - Music
 - Other creative ideas
- Ask for donations from area businesses for door prizes or contest prizes.
- Create and distribute invitations or flyers to invite neighbors/members to the party.
- Register your party with the Coralville Police Department
- Arrange to have name tags at the party, which is especially helpful for new faces, large crowds, and party visitors.
- Take lots of pictures during the event and send them to Officer Jennings at the Coralville Police Department so he can document all the fun that you had at your party and pass it along to the National Night Out organization.
- Enjoy the party, and before it ends, appoint organizers or a committee to head up next year's event.

**Questions, comments or ideas to share?
Contact Officer Adam Jennings at the Coralville Police Department.**

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