



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 Nicholson at the Coralville Police Department, knicholson@coralville.org, 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 the Coralville Police Department.**