

Rock Your Block!



Plan a neighborhood celebration on
National Night Out
Tuesday, August 5, 2008

Block parties, potlucks, barbeques and ice cream socials
are being held throughout Meridian to show crooks that
crime isn't welcome in our neighborhoods!

The Mayor, City Council, Department Directors, Police Officers and Fire Fighters
will be visiting various neighborhood parties all evening,
so let us know what your neighborhood is planning!



Call National Night Out Coordinator
Melissa Delaney
Meridian Police Department
at 846-7360.

The History of National Night Out

The "25th Annual National Night Out" (NNO) has been scheduled for **Tuesday, August 5, 2008**, it's always the first Tuesday in August. We cordially invite you to be a part of our MERIDIAN NIGHT OUT 2008 team. National Night Out, 'America's Night Out Against Crime,' started in 1983 in an effort to heighten awareness and strengthen participation in local anticrime efforts. This year the national campaign celebrates 25 years.

Last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from all over city. Meridian's NNO celebration hosted over 23 neighborhood events (large and small) with well over 2,500 participants.

While the traditional 'lights on' and front porch vigils remain a part of NNO, activities have expanded considerably over the years to include block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from police, festivals, neighborhood walks, safety fairs, contests, rallies and meetings.

It's a wonderful opportunity for our community to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie. While the one night is certainly not an answer to crime, drugs and violence, National Night Out does represent the kind of spirit, energy and determination that is helping to make many neighborhoods safer places throughout the year. National Night Out is a night to celebrate crime prevention successes - and to expand and strengthen programs for the next 364 days.

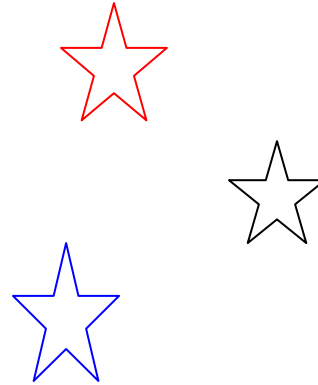
National Night Out Party Ideas

(ways to jumpstart your NNO event)



SIMPLE REFRESHMENTS

- Watermelon
- Potluck - bring your specialty
- Lemonade and cookies
- Dessert Pot-Luck
- Ice cream cones
- Make your own sundaes
- Pretzels and chips
- Fruit and cheese plates
- Pizza
- Cookies
- Hamburgers
- Hot dogs
- Chicken
- Corn on the cob
- Salads
- Soda, Iced tea or Punch



GROUP CONVERSATIONS/MIXERS

- Block history stories
- National Night Out stories
- Photos from past block parties and NNO events
- Design a mixer: (Find a person who....." - with prizes
- Oldest resident award
- Longest resident award
- Newest resident award

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH

- Bike parade
- Board games
- Skits
- Make a mural or banner
- Coloring contest
- Pony rides
- 3-legged race

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- Football, baseball, basketball, Street hockey
- Roller blade
- Youth parade with a theme
- Jump rope contest
- Chalk Art
- Facepainting
- Bubbles
- Sack races
- Magic Show
- Sing-Alongs
- Water Balloons
- Frisbee competition
- Pinata
- Clowns
- Bike Safety
- Child ID Kits

ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

- Cookout
- Hula hoop contest
- Street dance
- Visits from police, fire and EMS
- Karaoke
- Music and DJ
- Movies
- Street carnival
- Disposable camera distribution/photo contest
- Funniest Hat contest
- Horseshoes
- Live music

CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY

- Collect for a food bank
- Beautify a common area
- Plan a fall clean-up or bulb planting event
- Update your Neighborhood Watch Profile and Block Maps to re-distribute to your neighbors

*Remember the whole idea of NNO is to have Fun and
to get to know your neighbors!*

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National Night Out 2008

Meridian Police Department Party / Event Registration



- **Exact Location of Event:**

- **Organizer(s) of Event:**

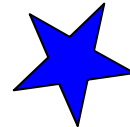
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- If you need one, have you applied for a Street Use Permit with the City of Meridian yes I need to apply no, I don't need one
- Will this take place in a Meridian City Park Have you notified the Park and Rec Dept. yes I need to apply no, I don't need one

- **Time frame of Event:**

From: _____ To: _____



- **Activities Planned:**

- **Estimated Number of Participants:**



Adults _____

Children _____

- **Special Notes:**

* Please note that Meridian will do it's best to schedule visitors to all of the parties, as resources and time allow. **You must register** your event by **7/25** in order for us to plan for attendance by city staff.