



Party Ideas

Your PDA Birthday Party doesn't have to be fussy or stuffy!!

Here are some ideas for hosting a fun and easy party!

Take your party to a park or to the beach! This is a great opportunity for a potluck and for building a sense of fun and community. Or host a party in your shady backyard, or even your front yard...make it a block party! Or set up at a café, bakery or coffee shop! (Many of these have rooms you can reserve at no charge, and the best part is no cooking or cleaning up and someone else does the dishes!) Or for a little more festive atmosphere, take your party to a local pub! (Be sure to pick a day and time that doesn't conflict with a major sporting events.)

Here are some idea's to make it fun and easy.

- Have a Chili Cook-off: ask everyone to bring a pot of his or her favorite chili
- Plan a Cookie Exchange: have everyone bring 2 dozen of their favorite cookies- one to share at the party and the other to exchange
- Host a Coffee and Desert, or a Wine and Cheese tasting party
- Organize a simple zesty-nacho-night, or build your own taco-bar party
- Invite your neighbors for an Old Fashioned Home Made Ice Cream Social, or
- Root-Beer Float night: a perfect way to bring people together in the summertime!!
- Or try combining your party with a regularly scheduled family/friends Sunday brunch or dinner. (This is a great way to open a dialog about making the world a better place.)

A PDA house party is also a great way to meet and get to know other groups working for a common cause. Invite local groups to join you—Code Pink, Women in Black, United for Peace and Justice, DFA, Counter-Recruitment, your local Dem. Club, etc.. This is a great way to find out what we all have in common, and how we can support each other and really work together. After your party, groups could even join in a vigil, a rally, or a meeting.

Your party could also feature a food or toy drive for a local worthy cause. (Call around to some local food banks and shelters and see what they are in need of this month.)

Your party could also be scheduled before or after a community service day. (What a great way to end a day of helping others, by having everyone over for popcorn or ice cream, games and a movie!)

The most important thing is to have fun and build community while we focus on the importance of building the grassroots!