

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Program Information/History

WHAT IS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT?

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes strong police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live and work. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August (The state of Texas and select areas celebrate on the first Tuesday in October). Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much, much more.

“NATIONAL NIGHT OUT™”

Celebration

First Tuesday of October

5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

For celebration packets and ideas, or to register your N.N.O. celebration online, visit the Tyler Police Department’s N.N.O.™ Program webpage at: www.tylerpolice.com and click on the CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS link for information or the ONLINE SERVICES link for registration.

N.N.O.™ PROGRAM HOURS

Your N.N.O.™ celebration should be held on the first Tuesday of October. Officer-Visitations will be conducted between 5:00 PM – 8:30 PM.

Remember that the deadline for registering your celebration and getting on the Officer-Visitation list is by the end of the second week of September.

N.N.O.™ CELEBRATION REGISTRATION FORMS

N.N.O.™ Celebration Registration Forms will be used only for scheduling Officer-Visitations. Requests for barricades will also be noted on the forms.

Neighborhood Block Captains will receive by mail, no later than the middle of August. Registration forms may also be requested by calling the Tyler Police Department Community Response Unit at (903) 531-

1096 or visiting the TPD website at: www.tylerpolice.com and by clicking the CRIME PREVENTION link.

Party Ideas

SIMPLE REFRESHMENTS

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| * Watermelon | * Potluck | * Lemonade |
| * Cookies | * Coffee, Tea & Dessert | * Ice Cream |
| * Make sundaes | * Pretzels & Chips | * Fruit and cheese |
| * Pizza | * Hamburgers | * Hot dogs |
| * Chicken | * Corn on the cob | * Salads |
| * Soda | * Iced tea | * Punch |

GROUP CONVERSATIONS / MIXERS

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| * Block history stories | * Photos from past block parties and NNO events |
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ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH

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| * Bike parade | * Board games | * Skits |
| * Make a banner | * Coloring contest | * Pony rides |
| * 3-legged race | * Magic show | * Pinata |
| * Roller blade | * Sack races | * Frisbee |
| * Jump rope | * Chalk art | * Face painting |
| * Bubbles | * Clowns | * Youth parade with a theme |
| * Sing-along | * Water balloons | * Football, baseball, basketball |

ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

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| * Block party | * Cookout | * Parade |
| * Jump rope contest | * Hula Hoop contest | * Swim Party |
| * Street dance | * Volleyball | * Storytelling |
| * Scavenger hunt | * Karaoke | * Dunk tank |
| * Funniest hat contest | * Horseshoes | * Self-defense demonstration |

CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY

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| * Collect for a food bank | * Beautify a common area |
| * Plan a fall clean-up or bulb planting | * Pick up litter in neighborhood |
| * Distribute neighborhood block list, phone numbers, etc. | |