



*From one man God made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. Acts 17:26-27*

### **When is National Night Out?**

- **Tuesday, October 3rd.** Fun fact, Texas has it's own night because the rest of the country does NNO in AUGUST! No thank you!

### **What is National Night Out (NNO)?**

- NNO Began in 1984 and is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

### **What do I do to Host NNO?**

- First, check to see if your neighborhood is hosting a NNO event for the whole neighborhood. If so, attend that and meet more neighbors. If your neighborhood has nothing planned, host your own at your house for the folks on your street.
- These are typically “front lawn” or “driveway” gatherings. So don't overthink it. No need to scour your house with cleaning products! Simple ideas will be included here.
- Use the invitation below or create your own to invite neighbors from the homes around you a week or a few days before October 3rd. Pick the time of night that works best for you and your neighbors. You can ask neighbors to bring a snack or a lawn chair or just ask them to come...whichever works for you.

### **Tips for a Fun NNO from some NNO Pros in our church**

- **Prepare in advance** - Don't wait until the last minute to get everything you need for your party. Gather all the food, drinks, tableware, and other supplies a few days in advance so you can relax and enjoy your guests. You can even enlist another neighbor to partner with you in hosting.

- **Keep it simple** - If making homemade things gives you life, do it! If having pizza delivered is easier, do it! There is no right or wrong way to do it! Things to have on hand: A table, food of choice, a cooler with drinks, paper plates, napkins, etc. Here are a few food ideas:
  - Popsicles
  - Pot luck (neighbors all bring a snack)
  - Ice cream sundaes
  - Nacho bar
  - Order pizza - Little Caesar's \$6 pizzas! It's all you need and is a game changer!
  - Smores with a portable fire pit
- **Pray** - Pray ahead of and the day of the event. Pray with your spouse, friend, neighbor or whoever you are hosting with. Ask God to help you make meaningful connections with neighbors.
- **Put your own twist on NNO** - BYOchairs, play music, set up a projector and movie, have pop corn, etc! Make sure you have food though, people like food!
- **Sign up online with NNO** - Go to the official NNO <https://natw.org> and register your street, section or neighborhood! Someone from the city will come and drop off a fun swag bag and a yard sign. It's a GREAT way to share that you are hosting.

#### **A few ideas for AFTER the event**

- Write down names (and any distinguishing information) about neighbors that you meet to help you remember them in the future. (Let's be honest, we all struggle with names if we are not intentional about it!)
- Pray for your neighbors as you drive by their house or see them.
- Consider hosting another similar event, such as a spring break or summer kickoff.
- Be sensitive to the Spirit's leading of those He wants you to further pursue and what that specifically looks like.
- Continue to build relationships with them, knowing that God has set where you should live SO THAT people would reach out to Him and know Him! You are part of His eternal plan!

#### **Check out the sample Invitation Below**

- Copies available in the Mission Kiosk
- Or print your own
- Fill in the info and pass them out to neighbors

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