



ALAMEDA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



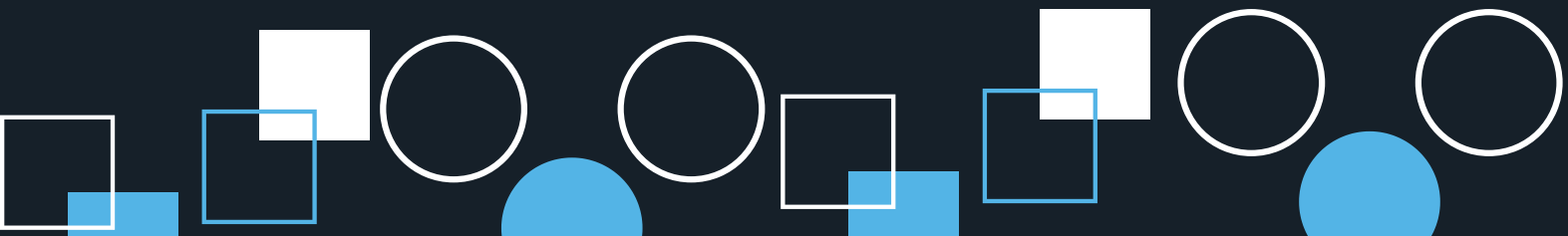
# WELCOME MESSAGE

National Night Out (NNO) is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live. Held on the first Tuesday in August, NNO events feature activities such as block parties, festivals, parade, cookouts, and various community events with youth activities, visits from emergency personnel, safety demonstrations, seminars and more.

Participating in National Night Out is a wonderful way to strengthen community ties and foster a sense of unity and cooperation among neighbors. It's an opportunity to meet and engage with local law enforcement and emergency personnel in a positive, fun, and informal setting. This collaboration can help improve communication, build trust, and create safer and more resilient neighborhoods.



We encourage everyone to join in the celebration of National Night Out. Get involved by organizing or attending an event in your neighborhood. Together, we can enhance the quality of life in our communities, build lasting relationships, and work together towards a safer environment for all. Let's come together and make our neighborhood a place where everyone feels connected, valued, and secure.





# BLOCK PARTY

**Food and Drink:** Host a pot luck or barbecue. Invite neighbors to bring their favorite dishes, snacks or desserts.

**Music and Entertainment:** Set up a sound system for music or invite local musicians to perform. Consider a karaoke set up for added fun.

**Games and Activities:** Organize games like cornhole, relay races, scavenger hunts, chalk art, or bounce houses for kids.

# THEME IDEAS

**Cultural Celebrations:** Highlight the cultural diversity of your neighborhood with themed decorations, music, and food from different cultures.

**Decade Theme:** Plan a party around a specific decade, encouraging participants to dress in themed attire and play music from that era.

**Other Theme Ideas:** "Whodunit" mystery night, carnival/fair, Hollywood/red carpet, pirate adventure, garden party, Mardi Gras, beach party, western, superhero, tropical, etc.



# KIDS' ACTIVITIES

**Arts and Crafts:** Set up tables with various arts and craft supplies for kids to get creative.

**Face painting:** Hire or ask a volunteer to do face painting or glitter tattoos.

**Sports:** Organize sporting activities like soccer, basketball, frisbee, or tug-of-war. This is a great way to encourage physical activity while limiting screentime.

# COMMUNITY IDEAS

**Local Business** - Invite local businesses to set up booths or sponsor activities, providing an opportunity for them to engage with the community.

**Community groups** - Invite community groups to attend your event and provide an activity or education. Include a safety benefit as an added bonus. Ideas include - Friends of the Alameda Animal Shelter, East Bay Regional Parks, Alameda Parks and Rec, Mastick Senior Center, Bike Walk Alameda, Crab Cover, etc.



# RAFFLES & PRIZES

**Food and Drink:** Conduct door prizes donated by local businesses or community members.

**Competitions:** Hold raffles or friendly competitions, like a bake-off, talent show, a guessing games, etc.

# EDUCATIONAL BOOTHS

**Health and Wellness:** Invite local health organizations to provide free health screenings or wellness information.

**Crime Prevention:** Set up booths with information on crime prevention, home security tips, and neighborhood watch programs. Consider inviting subject matter experts to discuss various safety information - self defense instructions, security camera companies, vehicle alarm companies, etc.



# HEALTH & WELLNESS

**Yoga or Fitness Classes:** Offer free outdoor yoga or fitness sessions led by local instructors.

**Wellness Workshops:** Organize workshops on mental health, nutrition, or stress management. Consider inviting the City of Alameda's CARE team.

# ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES

**Community Clean-Up:** Help neighbors take pride in their community, by organizing a neighborhood clean-up before the main event.

**Recycling Education:** Set up stations to educate about recycling and sustainability practices.

**Offer Services:** Invite an organization in to offer free document destruction or e-waste disposal.

YOU'RE INVITED  
**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

**TUESDAY**  
**AUGUST 6, 2024**



*Join your neighbors*

TIME:

LOCATION:





# LET'S START PLANNING



## REQUEST A VISIT

The **Alameda Police Department** will visit neighborhoods throughout the evening. When registration opens, please request a visit. APD **will coordinate** with the Alameda Fire Department and make arrangements to visit as many neighborhoods as possible. Please note, preferred visit times are not guaranteed and APD and AFD will do their best to accommodate preferences. Visits are limited.



## PLAN AHEAD

It is time to start coordinating your event. Schedule visits from local public safety departments, book entertainment, reach out to vendors, plan menus, and don't forget to solicit help from your neighbors, volunteers, or local sponsors.



## INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS

What's a party with our friends and family? Start inviting neighbors. Post flyers in your neighborhood, email residents, and place notices in mailboxes. Don't forget to send out reminders. We have included a flyer template in this guide.



## ENJOY THE NIGHT

Before you know it the first Tuesday in August will be here. Enjoy the night getting to know your neighbors, having fun, and chatting with members of Alameda's public safety team.

