

Social Ideas

for Sunday School and Connect Groups

We encourage each Connect Group and Sunday School to plan one social event per quarter where everyone can connect in a new way. These socials can include children too if appropriate. We are always looking for fun things to do with our Connect Groups and Sunday Schools.

- **Major Holiday and Calendar Events**

- Super Bowl Party
 - There is a Super Bowl every year on the first Sunday of February. Find out who has the largest TV in your discipleship group then tell everyone to bring food to that person's house. Food, Football, Fellowship!
- Memorial Day Party
 - Have a Memorial Day party with your group! You know you will go to someone's Memorial Day party so have one with your discipleship group!
- Halloween Party
 - Find out who has the most trick-or-treaters come to their house. Have some bring lots of candy, have some people bring water to give to parents, then sit at the end the driveway with a fire and get to know the people AS A GROUP! 😊
- Christmas Party
 - Have a progressive dinner (see "progressive dinner" in the Food and Potlucks section), a white elephant party, an ornament swap party,...

- **Field Trips**

- Car pool into Springfield and take the Metro into DC for a full day of site seeing, museum's and lunch. Most museums are free and the metro is very affordable.
- Head south for a trip to Richmond. Without the traffic of DC you can visit museums, the zoo and plenty of great shows or concerts to catch at the Landmark Theatre.
- Take a Trolley Tour downtown Fredericksburg or plan a hike at one of the many battlefield trails in our area and take a bag lunch for a picnic.

- **Games**

- Lunch and Bowling
 - Grab lunch somewhere and then enjoy an afternoon of bowling
- Laser Tag and Dinner
 - Laser Tag is a fun activity for adults and kids. Throw in some pizza and you have a great evening with your Sunday School or Connect Group.
- Dinner and Play
 - There are several pre-packaged murder-mystery plays available at game stores.
- Miniature Golf
 - Miniature Golf can be a fun activity for adults and children.
- Game Night
 - Game nights are always popular especially when combined with fun food such as appetizers or a potluck. Fun games to play are Taboo, Bunco, Cranium, Quelf and more... check your local game store.
- Itty Bitty City Scavenger Hunt
 - It starts every year in May and last til early July. Go to www.fredericksburg.com/ittybittycity
 - Print off enough sheets for everyone.
 - On the day of event split your group up into two or more groups

- Give a time limit (2 hours). Tell everyone where to meet at the end of time.
- See who won.
- Go to lunch (or dinner) in a restaurant downtown.

- **Food and Potlucks**

- Progressive Dinner
 - Choose 4 member's houses to visit. Each "house" will provide a different part of the dinner. Everyone carools to each location for that portion of the dinner. You can play a game at each house as well.
- Breakfast Bar
 - Meet for breakfast on the weekend and cook a big breakfast together. During good weather, this can be fun to serve in the backyard or around the pool.
- Sushi Night
 - If one person has a special cooking skill ... share it with the group. Combines fun, learning and eating all in to one event.

- **Dinner and Show**

- Riverside Dinner Theatre
 - enjoy dinner and a show. Group seating is available.
- Christian Youth Theatre
 - You know someone involved in this! Go out support this great local organization and head out afterwards to some one's home for a meal or just dessert!
- Stage Door Productions
 - You know someone involved here too! Another great organization to support and have a great time too.

- **Scavenger Hunt**

- Design a fun scavenger hunt around town and end up at a dessert shop, coffee shop or eatery to end the evening. Be creative, make teams, just have fun.