



## Plan Now for National Night Out

National Night Out in Texas is always **the first Tuesday in October**. The Fort Worth Police Department encourages residents to plan neighborhood events that will help residents meet and get to know each other. Knowing your neighbors and the police officers who serve your neighborhood helps prevent crime.

Hosting a National Night Out event doesn't have to be complicated or expensive. Here are some ideas to keep it simple and share the costs:

- Ask neighbors to turn on their porch and outdoor lights and just come outside for a walk after dinner.
- Host a front yard dessert potluck: ask everyone to bring a lawn chair and a favorite treat to share.
- Email or hand-deliver homemade invitations to every neighbor on your block. Get the kids to help make and deliver them!
- Add some simple activities for the kids: sidewalk chalk art, corn hole or ring toss games. Let the kids play while the adults catch up.
- Say hello, introduce yourself, help new neighbors meet each other, collect and share contact information.
- What's the best time? It depends on your neighborhood. If there are lots of young children, you may want to start earlier; if most neighbors work, you might start a little later to give folks time to get home.

**Want to go big?** Contact your nearest community center, library, faith-based organization, grocery store or restaurant and ask them to partner with you. Partners may be able to provide a free venue, food, beverages, volunteers or other help.

**Be sure to register:** <https://police.fortworthtexas.gov/get-involved/National-Night-Out> The Fort Worth Police Department will open registration in August. If you register, we'll provide you with goodies to hand out at your event, while supplies last. We'll also do our best to stop by and say hello. If you have questions about NNO, email [FWNNO@fortworthtexas.gov](mailto:FWNNO@fortworthtexas.gov)