



National Night Out Planning Guide

This National Night Out (NNO) planning guide is a helpful resource for your next NNO celebration. Registration is required if you would like your party to be visited by city representatives. The party itself, who attends, where it is located, and the activities to be help are decided by individual neighborhoods.

Below you'll find helpful tips and information to make your NNO party a success!

What is National Night Out?

NNO occurs annually on the first Tuesday of August as America's night out against crime; the nation's premiere crime prevention event. The goal of NNO is to promote police-community partnership in an effort to build safer more caring communities.

City Support

Several city departments from Meridian, local first responders, and other local government agencies team up to provide resources to Meridian NNO parties.

City staff and first responders will attempt to visit every party in the city. We cannot promise a visit to your party and we cannot schedule a particular time for any of the city resources to arrive or how long they will be able to stay.

City resources are available between **5:30pm-8pm**

- Mayor Simison
- Mayor's Office Staff
- City Council
- Police Department
- Fire Department
- Probation and Parole
- Meridian Anti-Drug Coalition (MADC)
- Ada County Paramedics

National Morning Out For Senior or 55+ communities only.

- City resources are available between **8am-11am**

Planning Your Party

- Planning Liaison/Main Contact
 - One main contact is needed from each neighborhood. The person who submits the registration will be the liaison for the neighborhood. This is decided by each neighborhood itself.
- Choosing a location
 - Your location is important. It is best to choose a neutral, public place within your neighborhood. A common area, for example, a neighborhood pool/park or city park.



Registration

The following information is needed to register your event.

- Neighborhood Name
- Contact Person
- Phone Number
- Email
- Location of party*
- Time of party
- Approximate number of attendees
- Community Resource Requests

Get the Word Out!

Advertising your event.

- Social media (neighborhood Facebook page)
- Through your HOA
- Flyers or signs around the neighborhood

Party Ideas

- Bouncy house
- Water activities
- DJ or music
- Face painting
- Scavenger hunts
- Sidewalk chalk art
- Cooking competitions
- Crafts/activities
- Food trucks

Goodie bags/Donations

- The Meridian Police Department solicits donations from businesses around Meridian.
 - Participating businesses will have their logo on a poster that is distributed to all participating neighborhoods to be displayed during NNO, as well as a post on MPD social media.
 - We ask all participating neighborhoods who receive donations to please display the poster at their party.
- Donations are divided up among neighborhoods and made into goodie bags for each neighborhood.
 - Bags will be available for pick up at the police department the week prior to NNO.
- Donations such as gift cards can be a great way to encourage participation among the neighborhood.
 - For example, donations can be used as prizes for contests or a raffle (participants must be present to win).

Things to Remember...

- Most communication between MPD and the liaisons will be via email so please check it often, especially in the weeks prior to NNO.
- If your neighborhood needs to cancel for any reason please let us know ASAP so we may reallocate resources to the other parties.

National Night Out Registration:
meridiancity.org/NNO

