

Ways to Neighbor This Summer

Make a habit of playing in your front yard.

Schedule “Neighbor Nights,” regularly inviting neighbors over for dinner.

Host a Popsicle party, backyard barbecue, or potluck picnic.

Host a Book Club or Bible Study.

Make a Slip-N-Slide in your front yard.

Create a neighborhood Facebook group if there’s not one already.

Have a water balloon fight.

Use a projector on the garage or a sheet for an outside movie night.

Ask a neighbor to meet you for a morning walk or run.

Offer to keep pets, get mail, or water plants while neighbors are on vacation.

Host a block party with music, food, and games. Some cities even have a free pop-up party trailer you can request.

Host a kid’s karaoke or talent show.

Make an outdoor photo booth for neighbors to take photos at.

Start “Fridays on the front lawn” to kick off the weekend.

Intentionally meet and mingle with others at your apartment, community, or city pool.

Share photos of your neighboring fun using the hashtag #CBNeighboring

Big Ideas

Backyard Kids Club

Invite a group of kids from your neighborhood to come over for a small-scale VBS in your backyard! Lifeway VBS offers a kit that includes all the basics you need to host and lead a Backyard VBS.

You can find the kits at: vbs.lifeway.com/backyard-kids-club

Neighborhood Summer Olympic Games

Celebrate the return of the Olympics with an epic outdoor Olympic tournament! Separate adults and/or kids into teams, and encourage teams to create team spirit with team names, colors, flags, shirts, etc.

Your Neighborhood Summer Olympic Games could include:

- 100-meter race
- Tug of War
- Water Balloon Toss
- Hula-Hooping
- Egg on a Spoon race
- Pool Noodle Fencing
- Improv Gymnastics/Water Aerobics

Once the games are complete, finish with an awards ceremony! Stack boxes to create 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, and hand out medals.