

Party Planning Tips

Come To The Aid Of Your Party

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(NAPSA)—If you want your next dinner party to be the good time that was had by all, you have to create a fun atmosphere that inspires shared memories and gives everyone a chance to shine. Here are three ideas that will help you make sure your guests connect with each other so that everybody talks, everybody laughs and everybody wants to stay past bedtime.

- When your guests don't know each other, prepare some fun questions for them to answer. Good examples might be: "What's the longest you've ever gone without sleeping?" or "What do you own that you would never wear outside the house?" The idea is for the answers to spark conversation—and connections. During dinner, read everyone's fun facts and have your guests match facts to people. The best guesser and the person with the most-entertaining revelations win. Or play a game of Cranium, which engages participants in 14 different activities, ranging from answering questions to humming, drawing and sculpting.

- When you're catching up with old friends, you want to reconnect right away. Have fun by building a time capsule for the next time you get together. Have each person jot down some favorites of the moment—songs, clothing styles, foods or must-



The best parties are the ones where guests just seem to click.

watch TV shows. Toss in some predictions for the future for good measure. If you can, take pictures of you and your friends and throw those in, too. Seal your capsule and write a date on it. The next time you get together you can make an impromptu game of catching up.

- When kids are in the picture, have fun by making and decorating giant cookies. Have plenty of decorating supplies on hand and let your guests take turns creating a crazy cookie face. After dinner everyone can debate who gets to eat the nose. Games help, too. Cranium Cadoo, for example, has a variety of hilarious activities that gets kids ages seven and up thinking, creating, giggling and grinning.

For more game ideas, visit www.cranium.com and click on "fun stuff."

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