

Añy Time Is PARTY Time

What's more fun than gathering friends, family, and neighbors for a party? Bahá'í holy days and the festival of Ayyám-i-Há are great times to have fun and build friendships in your community.

But you don't have to wait for a special occasion to plan a celebration. You can turn an ordinary day into something amazing. So bring on your creativity and plan an event to brighten up your neighborhood!

Check out these party themes, and add your own imaginative ideas.

Love and Laughter



'Abdu'l-Bahá said, "Joy gives us wings!" Celebrate this idea by making butterfly or bird crafts.

Play charades or have a joke-telling contest—who can get the biggest laugh? Have fun competitions, like hopping on one foot the longest or blowing the biggest soap bubbles.

Serve "smiles" made of two apple slices with mini marshmallows for teeth, stuck on with peanut butter.

Creative Crafts

Set up stations for making homemade gifts or cards. Use recyclables like empty bottles or boxes for earth-friendly projects.

Put together craft supply kits for hospital patients (ask your local hospital for a wish list). Serve cookies you decorate yourself, or make animal shapes out of fruits and veggies.



Celebrate Service



Ask guests to bring gifts for people at a shelter, such as soap or canned foods. On a poster, ask people to write services they're willing to do, from teaching children's classes to musical performance. Consult about volunteering that everyone can do together to help the community.

Then dig in to snacks named for virtues, like "Helpful Hummus" or "Grapes of Giving."

Music for the Soul



Invite guests to jam and sing together. Make "shakers" out of containers filled with beads, beans, or rice.

Play freeze dance, where everyone freezes when the music stops. Try guessing tunes after just a few notes. Serve cupcakes baked in ice cream cones for edible "microphones."

You can find music and more games and crafts for parties on our website at www.brilliantstarmagazine.org!