

FUN WITH FRIENDS

“The actions of the youth shine resplendent . . . They are teaching the Faith to their friends and making service the foundation of more meaningful friendships.” —The Universal House of Justice

Summer often brings new opportunities to connect with family and friends. With school vacations and sunny weather, we can spend more time outdoors, getting to know our neighbors.

Invite friends to participate in fun social gatherings and

conversations about uplifting your community. You can even ask them to join children’s classes, junior youth groups, prayer gatherings, service projects, and Bahá’í summer schools. Trusting friendships can lead to communities focused on love, justice, and mutual support!

STARS OF UNITY



Cut out enough white paper stars for the number of guests you expect. Provide a variety of markers and star stickers. Invite guests to decorate stars with hopes and prayers for the future or drawings that show their vision of unity.

Hang a large banner of dark blue fabric on a wall to represent the sky, and attach the stars for a brilliant display that has special meaning for your guests.

ROLL WITH IT



Write six prompts on a poster board:

- 1: Activity you love to do
- 2: Something you’d like to learn how to do
- 3: Favorite book or movie
- 4: Place you’d love to visit
- 5: Virtue you admire in others
- 6: One of your heroes

Ask everyone to sit in a circle. Each person rolls a six-sided dice, then answers the prompt for the number rolled. Continue around the circle until each person has rolled the dice three times.

BALLOON BUILDINGS



Split into two teams and give each team a bag of balloons and a roll of masking tape. They have four minutes to plan how to make the tallest tower they can, using only balloons and tape.

After four minutes, say “Go!” and let teams build for 10 minutes. The tallest tower wins!

BLOOMING LETTERS

On poster board, draw large letters to spell out “Friends” or “Unity.” Cut out flower shapes of various sizes and colors from decorative paper.

Glue flowers to the poster board letters. Add green paper leaves and sequins for flower centers. Post your letters as a festive decoration.



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