

ICE CREAM BAR

Having an ice cream party is an easy way to gather families of all ages on a budget! And who doesn't want a delicious bowl of ice cream with all of the toppings of your dreams on a summer day? This is a great block party for any size group and can be hosted any time of the day! This is also a great food to tie to other types of parties, like a game night or community pool party!

THIS MIGHT BE A GOOD OPTION FOR YOU IF:

- There are lots of families with kids in your neighborhood!
- You plan on hosting outdoors!
- You have a low budget with a large guest list.
- You are planning on hosting at your community pool or a picnic area.

SUPPLIES

ICE CREAM BAR:

- Ice cream: you can either go simple with chocolate and vanilla ice cream, play up the toppings, or you can get all different flavors of ice cream to try! 1 gallon of ice cream will feed about 10 people.
- Toppings: Whipped cream, chocolate sauce, and sprinkles are always a necessity! Other types of toppings that are fun are things like M&Ms, Oreos, nuts, or gummy candies. Be sure to check allergies with your neighbors!
- Ice cream scoops
- An ice chest and ice to keep ice cream cold while outside of the freezer
- Bowls, spoons, and napkins/wipes
- If you want to do ice cream floats, purchase soda options as well.

HOW TO:

- You can create or set up an ice cream bar with gallons of ice cream or choose to have the pre-pack aged ice cream cups for people to grab and top as they wish!
- Get creative in displaying all of the ingredients while also showing intentionality through the fun way it is set up! Be sure to have the ingredients labeled, especially if there are food allergies!
- If you know your neighbors have a favorite flavor ice cream or candy, include that in the bar and tell them about it when they arrive!
- Want to make it a little more interactive? Have people vote on their favorite flavor ice cream or topping!
- Doing this for adults? Grab the odd flavors of ice cream (like mac and cheese—yes, it exists!) and do a taste test of them all!

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:

Have an outdoor speaker to have music playing.

Keep plenty of trashcans around.

Make a plan for keeping the ice cream cold while out of the freezer so it doesn't melt!

If you have a lot of kids coming, have someone serve the ice cream so they don't overscoop their bowl!