



PARTY ON!

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PRESENTING THE NEED TO MY TEAM

- How many parties do you get invited to? What kind of parties are they? What kind of activities / music / dancing do they have? You want to have fun and enjoy them but you know so many have things that go against your faith.
- God did not want you to be someone who spends every night sitting in a chair, staying home just to avoid the evil in the world. Perhaps your friends feel the same way? Or perhaps they do go and are placing themselves in the way of temptation? How can you make a difference?
- You can be the party organizer and make sure that everything conforms to God's plans. You need to host an exciting party because you and your friends want to have fun and there are tons of ways to plan it so that all will have a great time. It is up to you to figure out how to do it and how to create an atmosphere where guys and girls your age can have fun without bad consequences.



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OUR CALL TO SERVE

Let's organize an awesome party as a team and invite all of our friends! We can host a party that is a ton of fun without crossing the line into inappropriate or immoral activities.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

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WEEK	STEPS	QUESTION OF THE WEEK
1	<p>Location: Based on the type of party, determine a place to hold it. One person needs to contact the proprietor and arrange for a date and price (if any).</p> <p>Party Type: Determine what type of party you are going to have. Standard types include an all guys tournament in pool or cards, a co-ed dance party, a bonfire, a party after a high school game, or even just a social night together. If you think of some other type don't be afraid to try it out as long as you can do it without offending Jesus.</p>	
2	<p>Plan All Details: Music (CD's or DJ?), Food / drinks, theme or decorations, chaperone volunteers, cover charge price, etc.</p> <p>Responsibilities: Assign responsibilities among the team members. Each person should have a part in helping to plan and execute the party.</p> <p>Money: Make a budget and set a cover charge to help pay for any expenses.</p>	
3	<p>Flyers: Make flyers and start promoting the party heavily so that all of your friends know about it. You can invite kids from your school and parish youth groups as well. The key is to spread the word!</p>	

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4	Continue Planning: Confirm and follow up on all assignments. Find any areas that may be lacking in the planning and apply extra effort.	
5	Onward: Continue to promote the party to all! Chaperones: Make sure to have at least two adult chaperones confirmed and committed by this week.	
6	Final Plan: Follow up on all assignments and make sure all areas are covered. Shop: This week the supplies, food and decorations should be purchased in advance. Estimate number of participants before shopping for supplies. It would also be good to have an extra adult chaperone at the party just in case there is a need to run out for more supplies.	
7	Final Promotion: Final push for flyers and invitations.	
8	PARTY ON!: Make sure the team arrives early to setup, decorate and ensure a safe clean environment. Enjoy the party! Do something radical such as saying a prayer at the beginning of the party after everyone arrives! The team should be the examples of virtue to all at the party and act as true Christian role models at all times.	

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LOCATION

- Somewhere Fun!: a parish hall, a community center with dance lighting, or even a house with lots of room for activities such as a large backyard, basement, etc.
- Girls: If you invite girls, you need to take a few precautions. Make sure there are no dark corners, have a separate bathroom for each gender and enforce that, and don't leave small rooms / buildings near the main event unlocked.

PROVISIONS

- Funds / Budget: It may be good to ask the club leader or another adult volunteer to help front the funds needed for supplies before the party. Money collected at the party could then be given back as reimbursement. Make sure not to go over budget by getting a good estimate of participants in advance.
- Food / Drinks: Get good quality food: Pizza, Coke, Lay's, Sour Patch Kids, etc. but make sure nobody brings alcohol or any questionable food or drink.
- Party Activities: Board games, pool table, video games, dance lights, decorations, playing cards, volleyball, bocce ball set, etc.
- Flyers and Invitations: have a common theme for promotion and make them look exciting. Don't just throw something together in MS Word with two clip art pictures. Assign a team member who is talented in design to this or even ask an adult volunteer for help – especially with printing.
- Music: Make sure the music does not offend God or his commandments but is still exciting and fun. There are a lot of cool Christian music artists today that would work well. Make sure to have a good quality sound system for dance parties.

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RESPONSIBILITIES

- Chaperones: Someone needs to organize chaperones. These become especially important when both boys and girls are invited. If it is co-ed they need to watch the bathrooms and any side rooms with extra care.
- Flyers: A member of your team should be able to create something exciting that others your age will want to come to. Ask the adult volunteers to help with printing (in color ideally).
- Decorations: often you will need to decorate the place you want to have a party. Party supply stores have lots of cool stuff and can help you better to decide a theme. If a co-ed party, ask a few girls to potentially help with this in advance.
- Provisions: someone needs to be responsible for procuring each of the provisions (food, music, supplies, etc.).
- Location: One young man needs to speak with the owner / responsible person of the place where you want to have the party.
- Promotion: Each boy needs to take initiative to invite friends and kids to the party. It may be good to set a goal that each team member brings at least 4 friends (or other number).
- Finance: Budget estimates, paying people and collecting money at the door is your responsibility.

CONTACTS

- Guys and girls your age: Just talk about the fun. Emphasize whatever type of party you are having. Try to get the cool kids signed up first since others will come just if they are there.
- Moms and Dads: you need to mention that it will be clean. Often showing that Conquest is sponsoring it is a huge help to them if Conquest has developed a good name locally.
- Owner of the party location: Be friendly with him. Often if you agree to clean up he will give you a discount or be more willing to rent to you.

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SPECIAL OPS

- Make everything seem exciting and attractive for guys (and girls if both are invited).
- Don't spend all your time talking about the faith; talk about sports and what college you want to go to like most teenagers do at this age.
- The main goal of this is to teach your classmates and buddies that it can be more fun without going against God's laws so be joyful and enjoy yourself.
- The Conquest members need to spread out and mingle, and keep in mind that they should invite new friends to their club.

CONTINGENCY PLAN



- A good idea is to make it a no texting party. Guys and girls will realize how much more exciting it is to actually speak to people face-to-face than just sending them some words on a 2-inch screen. You need to present this well.
- You could extend this into a series, inviting everyone to the next party as the previous one is coming to a close. This is recommended if practical.
- Other variations of the party could be: large group going bowling, to the movies, to dinner at a cool restaurant, etc..
- This can work anytime of the year. You can host a party around an event, such as the Superbowl or other local sports team events, etc. It would be good to skip the commercials and plan an activity for halftime to distract from whatever show they put on.

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