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## Ways to Make Your COMPANY PICNIC or OUTING a Success!

For many of us, life is finally beginning to seem normal again. More people are back in the office and that means more ways to celebrate together! Summer is the perfect time to reward employees for their hard work with easy-going fun. Here are 25 ways to get the party started.

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**Slide In Some Softball.** Set up a company-wide softball game! Divide staffers into teams and make sure everyone is wearing a logoed cap.



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**Work Out The Kinks.** Bring in a massage therapist who can give staffers a brief but much-needed break with individual chair massages.

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**Game On.** Remember those games from childhood birthday parties, like sack races, three-legged races, beanbag toss, and carrying an egg on a spoon? Bring them back for some laugh-out-loud lunchtime fun or to liven your next company barbecue.

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**Ultimate Coffee Break.** Create a dream beverage bar with coffee, tea, syrups, whipped cream, and all the fixings. Gift everyone with a stainless steel coffee mug to use and take with them for the summer and beyond.



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**Appreciating The Arts.** Invite an art instructor to lead your team through a take-home painting project.

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**Sun And Strings.** Treat your team to a picnic with live music. Hire a string quartet, mariachi band, or other musical group to serenade your staffers while they enjoy a meal. Send everyone off with a new Bluetooth® speaker!



**7** **Feel Good Field Trip.** Knock off work early one afternoon and give back to your community by organizing a volunteer cleanup or donate time at a local charity, such as the food or diaper bank.

**8** **This Company's Got Talent.** Pep up your usual team barbecue by hosting a talent competition. Encourage staffers to show off a special skill, trick, or talent. Prizes can include a grill set or apron.

**9** **Sketchy Fun?** Bring in a caricature artist to whip up fun portraits of your team.

**10** **No Pool, No Problem!** Set up a faux pool party with beach balls, coolers full of beverages, and maybe a few kiddie pools so guests can soak their feet. Have a cookout with burgers, brats and, of course, s'mores. Make sure each team member receives a beach towel to lounge on and maybe a new pair of sunglasses or flip flops!

**11** **Wild About Wordle** The five-letter, web-based word game is taking the world by storm. Hold daily Wordle breaks and allow some friendly competition among coworkers.

**12** **Summer Stroll.** Gather team members together at a popular botanical spot in your area. Have a guide lead everyone through the flora and fauna unique to your town.

**13** **Boost Those Brains.** Challenge employees with trivia or puzzles like sudoku or logic problems at your next event, and award winners with gift cards or fun socks.

**14** **Lunch N' Laughs.** Cater a lunch and bring in a comedian to entertain team members during their midday meal.

**15** **Miniature Golf, Maximum Fun.** Show everyone how "fore"-tunate you are to have such a great team by treating the crew to an afternoon of mini golf!

**16** **Meditation Break.** Everyone needs to de-stress and re-center regularly, so arrange for an expert to lead employees through some calming meditation exercises. Send attendees off with a stress management handout to encourage further self-care.



**17** **We All Scream For Ice Cream.** For sure your team will know what a treat they are to work with if an ice cream truck stops at the office. Or, send everyone home with a sundae-building kit!



**18** **Night At The Movies.** Host an outdoor movie night and have employees bring families and friends to watch a favorite flick. Provide popcorn and classic movie snacks.

**19** **Starry, Starry Night.** Have an astronomer point out constellations and share fun, planetary facts during a nighttime gathering, or plan a planetarium or telescope visit!

**20** **What A Zoo.** Treat your team members to an outing at the local zoo for a fun-in-the-sun reward. Hand out cool sunglasses to wear at the event.



**21** **Who Needs Vegas?** Host a casino day with different games like poker and blackjack.

**22** **Checkers, Clue or Taboo?** A regular game night, or "game afternoon," will liven up everyone's summer. Ask team members to bring in new and classic board games and card games to share with their coworkers. Provide drinks and treats.



**23** **Stay On A Roll.** Invite staffers to a local roller rink, or better yet in the summer, an ice rink for some fun and exercise all in one.

**24** **Fit For Life.** Bring in a trainer or coach to lead employees through easy moves they can do right at their workstations. Gift each person with exercise bands or a jump rope to take home and use.



**25** **Just Relax.** For some of us, that's easier said than done. Have a wellness expert share some relaxation techniques and hold a drawing for a few 30-minute massages at a local spa. Send everyone off with a spa gift set.

