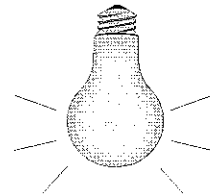


## Event Ideas



### Auctions

- # Special auction: auction of "special" items such as jeans, celebrity donations, antiques, food, or picnic baskets
- # Art auction: sell admission and receive percentage of sales; usually done through an outside company
- # Regular auction: including silent auction (must have a great group of solicitors)
- # Chinese auction: draw name/bid from basket placed by item

### Audience Participation

- # Craft and holiday shows, casino party
- # Carnivals, games night, casino party, fair
- # Beauty contest
- # Clowns
- # House tours, garden walks, art shows and exhibitions
- # Card party, bridge tournament
- # Haunted house
- # Dances
- # Face painting
- # Petting zoo
- # Dunking stand
- # Decorate a cookie or cupcake
- # "Pie-in-the-Face"

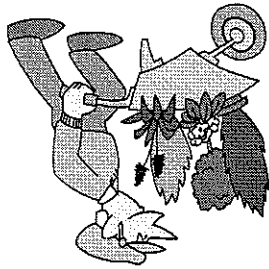
### Black Tie Events (in a large place or large home)

- # Dinner with or without auction
- # Cocktail party/buffet
- # Benefit featuring celebrity entertainers
- # Theme dinner dance
- # Dining in/dining out



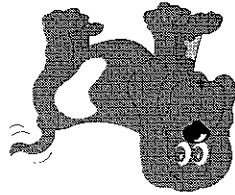
**Classes and Demonstrations**

- # Cooking: microwave, cuisinart, (crepe-making, bagel-making, bread-making, etc)
- # Understanding wine
- # Home entertainment ideas
- # Children's party ideas
- # Knitting, embroidery, macrame, pillow, plastic canvas, cross-stitch, needlepoint
- # Drying flowers
- # Origami
- # Weaving, spinning
- # Chair-caning, sand art, glass-blowing
- # House plants, outdoor gardening
- # Self-defense courses
- # Cosmetic demonstrations
- # Identifying genuine antiques
- # Self-improvement classes
- # Wardrobe selection—styles and colors



**Contests**

- # Photography
- # Special skills such as poetry writing
- # Home videos (G rated only!)
- # Cook-off
- # Pet show
- # Old-fashioned pictures
- # Eating

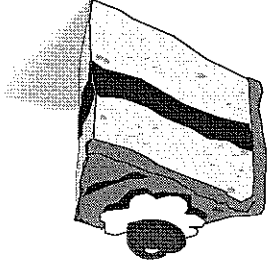


**Dances** (held in unusual location, such as an empty building, skating rink, etc.)

- # Street dances
- # Disco
- # Square dance
- # Sock hop
- # Costume for Halloween or Mardi Gras

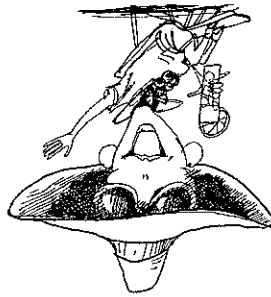


- # Sale of soups, sweets
- # World's longest banana split
- # Dessert buffet
- # Refreshment stand at sporting event
- # Old-fashioned ice cream social
- # Homemade candy sale
- # Pancake breakfast
- # Dinner theater
- # Barbecue
- # Regional or international
- # Wild game dinner
- # Picnic
- # Gourmet
- # Homemade specialty items
- # Sub sandwich sale
- # Berry festival
- # Box lunch sale or auction
- # Hobo dinner in a park or railroad yard



**Food** (can be used in combination with main event)

- # Bridal
- # Designer
- # Historical
- # Home sewn
- # Old uniforms
- # Seasonal
- # Children's clothing

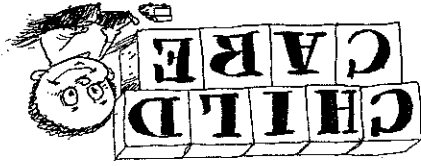


**Fashion Shows**

- # Amateur show
- # Follies, revues
- # "Theme" motion pictures
- # Music—battle of the bands, gala premiere
- # Professional shows
- # Readings, story telling
- # "Spoofs," roasts
- # Classic film premiere
- # Drama—opening night group attendance
- # Concerts
- # Mystery dinner or weekend (solve mystery)

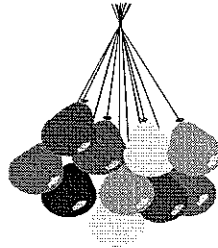
**Entertainment**

- # Car washes
- # Dog washes
- # Clean-up squads
- # Baby-sitting
- # Gift wrap service
- # Repair—handy-man service
- # Shoeshine day
- # Plant care service
- # Pet sitting service
- # Lawn care service (teens who will mow lawns)



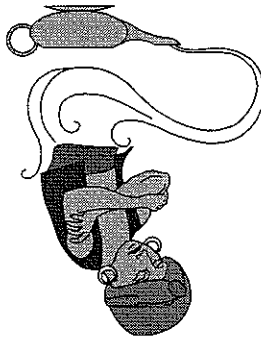
### Services

- # T-shirts
- # Pets, birdhouses, feeders
- # Garden items
- # Antiques
- # Books
- # Bazaars
- # T-shirts
- # Bulbs
- # Special items—flowers, balloons, collectibles, coins, stamps, medallions
- # Holiday decorations, cards
- # time only” clothing
- # Black tie garage sale—resale of prom gowns, cocktail dresses, costumes, any “one-



### Sales (garage or special)

- # “Childhood fantasies” party
- # Hard times party
- # Nostalgia party
- # Magic, mystery party
- # Wine tasting
- # Heroes from fiction party
- # Western night
- # Science fiction theme party



### Parties

- # Late night supper
- # Mythical meal tied in with legend or superstition
- # Black tie picnic at a fancy hotel
- # Bake sale, taco sale at motor pool

# Catering, boxed dinners, meals-on-wheels

### Sports and Recreation

# Aerobics dance marathon

# Parking lot slalom (obstacle course)

# Frisbee throwing

# Pet sports—frog jumping, turtle derby, owner look-a-like contest



# Sports clinic

# Bicycle rodeo, bicycle polo

# Rock-a-thon

# Walk-a-thon

# Game-a-thon

# Road rally

# Fun run

# Disco skating

# Softball tournament

# Volleyball

### Money-making Tours

# Decorator home tours

# Spring walking tours

# Historical tour

# Christmas home tour

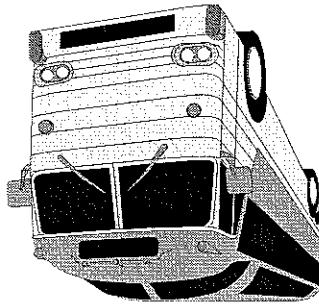
# Weekend bus tour

# Factory tour

# Sports special

# Ski weekend

# Local attractions tours





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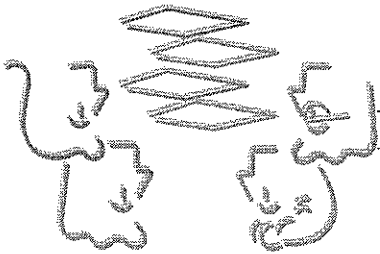
**Thanks to:**  
Who helped?

**Concerns:**  
What could have been done better?

**Successes:**  
What went well?

Event \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

## After Action Report



# Minutes of \_\_\_\_\_ Family Readiness Group Meeting (date)

1. Meeting called to order at (time) by (name of president).  
(Everyone attending should have a copy of the agenda.)
2. Present were:  
(List names of all attending)
3. Review minutes of the last meeting (these can be read by the secretary, or each person may be given a copy to read).  
Ask for additions or corrections.  
Minutes stand approved as read or corrected.
4. Read the treasurer's report (even if no action occurred).  
(Copies should be given to leader and commander and one retained in treasurer's files.)
5. Committee reports.
6. Review unfinished business.
7. Introduce new business.  
(The secretary should keep accurate notes of what is discussed and what votes are taken. Motions should be asked for on anything that requires a vote of the membership, after sufficient discussion.)
8. Announcements.
9. Adjournment (ask for motion and second, and vote for adjournment). There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at (time).

(Name)  
FRG Secretary

# Family Readiness Group Monthly Report (date)

Due at the end of each month

To: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Commander Copy to \_\_\_\_\_ Battalion FRG Leader  
From: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit FRG

## FRG Meeting Report

Meeting held: where \_\_\_\_\_ when: \_\_\_\_\_ No. present \_\_\_\_\_  
Topics discussed: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Number of New Spouses Contacted: \_\_\_\_\_

## Volunteers and Hours Reports

Total Number of Volunteers \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_  
Family members \_\_\_\_\_ Active Duty \_\_\_\_\_  
Family members \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Number of Hours \_\_\_\_\_

Activity	Type
Meeting	
Fundraiser	
Training	
Recreation	
Family Activity	
Single Soldier Activity	
Other	

## Financial Report

Beginning balance \_\_\_\_\_  
Income sources & amounts \_\_\_\_\_  
Expense sources & amounts \_\_\_\_\_  
Ending balance \_\_\_\_\_

FRG Leader Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## You Know You're an FRG Leader When...

You mail your Christmas cards right after Thanksgiving—last year's!

Your dining room table is a flat file cabinet, and you eat dinner standing at the sink.

You've baked thousands of cookies, and not one of them stayed at home for your family.

The calendar on your refrigerator is not only color-coded—it's divided into 15-minute segments.

You've seriously considered getting rid of your phone and communicating only by smoke signals.

Your children told their teachers that they are orphans.

Your husband calls the commander to set up a meeting with you.

You have a meeting, and you're the only one there.