



# Party with a Purpose:

An Exercise in Hospitality

Here are tips from Priya Parker's clip that will help you get into the hosting mindset.

## Step 1

Identify the purpose: What is a need in your life right now that by bringing in a specific group of people might address?

## Step 2

Give your gathering a name so the guests can anticipate what it's going to be about.

## Step 3

Apply rules to your gathering. What's allowed and what's not?

## Step 4

Prepare an opening ritual to get everybody into the spirit of the gathering.

## Step 5

Take the Toasts challenge! Invite guests to tell a story from the past few months that no other guest has heard, and how it affected their lens on the world.

## Tip!

Hospitality Bingo is a perfect activity for this gathering!

On the next page you'll find a template for planning a virtual gathering where you can put hospitality to the test! At the end of this file is a completed Host/ess Diary page to give an idea of the first steps in planning a virtual gathering.

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Reunion for my camp friends, especially because we are not gathering in person this summer. This should be a space to joke and have fun, and also reconnect since we haven't seen each other in a year.

### What are you going to name the meet-up?

"Apache Kings Live On", based off of an inside joke our bunk shared.

### Who is on the guest list?

My bunk of 12 friends and our two counselors from last summer.

### What theme are you going for? How can you create the atmosphere to best reflect that theme?

I'm trying to recreate the feeling of being at camp. I'll take 20 images of the scenes at camp and will send them to the group in advance of our meet-up. Each person can use an image as a virtual background. I'll also ask people to wear their camp t-shirt from last year.

### How will you get the party started?

Each person can take a minute to share a funny camp memory that took place in the scene they chose as their virtual background. In the chat box, each person will be asked to type a memory of their own that's connected to that space.

### What are two rules that you'll introduce to your guests when sending them an invitation?

1. We want to hear from everyone, so each of you should come prepared to talk.
2. We'll have a separate meet-up to express disappointment about camp being canceled this summer. For now, this meet-up is about reconnecting with old friends, so let's keep it exciting.