

Friday Night Festival – Cracker-Barrel

The Friday night festival is a late-night cracker-barrel focused on introducing the conclave theme. Participants will be immersed in the theme as they complete the in various evening yard games and activities. The Friday night festival is designed to be a flexible and casual ice-breaker program. Make a point to ensure participants are interacting with each other, and meeting others from different lodges.

Objectives:

- Immerse participants in the theme
- Create a welcoming environment focused around fellowship

Required Materials:

The materials required for this activity are dependent on the theme and desired atmosphere. This could include:

- Themed Food
- Lawn Games
- Team Games (Capture the Flag, Ultimate Frisbee)
- Themed Music
- Themed decorations

Tips/Resources

In any situation, the human brain focuses on three parts: the beginning, the climax, and the conclusion. Having a themed cracker-barrel Friday evening provides the opportunity to create a large impact on each participant's perception of the event, however it presents an equally strong opportunity to hinder their perception of conclave. Therefore, there are a few vital aspects of a strong Friday evening program:

- The Friday evening program should create a high energy, engaging atmosphere. Arrowmen should feel an irresistible urge to participate, and struggle to maintain anything other than a friendly smile or laugh.
- The program should quickly and effectively immerse all participants in the conclave theme. This theme immersion should be strong enough to carry all participants into Saturday morning with an eagerness to further engage with the theme.
- Use the cracker-barrel food to further integrate the theme. Utilize food that is theme-specific or arrange it in a manner specific to your theme. Don't allow anything to detract from the theme immersion that you have worked hard to create.

Following these guidelines will help you to create an engaging and effective Friday program, and keep participants engaged in the theme.