AMERICA'S Potluck
July 2, 2026

America 250 Guilford County, NC

FOOD & DISH IDEAS

Red Dishes:
- Strawberry shortcake
- Watermelon salad
- Tomato bruschetta
- Red velvet cupcakes
- BBQ pulled pork

White Dishes:
- Creamy coleslaw
- Deviled eggs
- Ranch pasta salad
- White bean dip
- Potato salad

Blue Dishes:
- Blueberry pie
- Blueberry lemonade
- Blue corn tortilla chips with salsa

All-American Classics:
- Burgers
- Hot dogs
- Mac 'n cheese
- Baked beans
- Corn on the cob

Fun Idea:
Ask neighbors to bring a dish representing their heritage

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DECORATING TIPS

Color palette: Red, white & blue (obviously)
DIY bunting: check out the printable buntings on our website, or design your own!
String lights + American flags along fences, porches, and tables
Balloon clusters in red, white & blue at the entrance
Centerpieces: Mason jars with DIY flags *(template on our website)*, wildflowers, or sparklers (for display only!)
Chalkboard sign at the entrance: "Celebrating 250 Years of Neighbors, Food & Freedom!"
Photo booth corner: Hang a flag or red, white, and blue backdrop and set out props *(star-shaped glasses, "We the People" signs, mini flags)*
Tablescape tip: Use red & white checkered tablecloths for a classic picnic feel

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Fun & Games

Cornhole Tournement
set up brackets & make it official

Water Balloon Toss
great for kids AND competitive adults

America250 Trivia
test your neighbors on American (or Guilford Co.) history

Photo Scavenger Hunt
find and snap red, white, and blue things around the neighborhood

Kids' Craft Station
decorate mini flags, paint rocks, make star-spangled crowns

Glow Stick Dance Party
as the sun sets, put on the tunes and show off your moves

Potluck Bingo
download the board from our website

Relay Races
three-legged, sack, and egg and spoon

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Organization & Set Up

6-8 Weeks Out

- ★ Pick a block or yard, get permits if closing street
- ☆ Create a simple sign-up
- ★ Designate dish categories so food is balanced

2-4 Weeks Out

- ★ Send invites (flyers, neighborhood social media)
- ★ Assign volunteer roles: setup crew, grill master, games coordinator, cleanupcrew
- ★ Gather supplies: tables, chairs, coolers, serving utensils, plates, cups, napkins

Day Before

- ★ Set up tables and decorations
- ☆ Prep any dishes that can be made ahead
- ★ Charge your spearker and prep the playlist

Day Of

- ★ Set up a food table with labels (great for allergy awareness!)
- ★ Have a cooler station for drinks
- ★ Kick things off with a group photo (you'll want to remember this one!)

Quick Tips for a Memorable Potluck

- ★ Welcome new neighbors with a special name tag
- ☆ Include non-alcoholic drinks so everyone's included
- ★ Set up a shaded seating area

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