

Date Idea: Back-to-School Cookout



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What's the best way to prepare for the new school year? With a party, of course! Enjoy the last few days of summer by hosting a back-to-school cookout with your beau for all your friends. Use this [relationship advice](#) to bring you and your significant other even closer. You don't have to be in school for this [date idea](#) either! Backyard barbecues are fun no matter what age you are. It's time to fire up the grill and make some ice cold drinks for everyone to enjoy.

Plan a cookout for a fun and relaxing date idea this weekend!

This weekend date idea should be casual. Set-up a buffet with a variety of picnic treats. Try branching out beyond burgers, hot dogs, and potato salad. You can make a nice grilled chicken or rack of ribs and some seasonal veggie kabobs. Don't forget the sides too! Skip the greasy potato chips and make some yummy cornbread instead. Fruit salad is a good standby, but maybe try something more adventurous like a watermelon Caprese salad. It'll have your guests coming back for seconds and thirds! For dessert, put out a sundae bar to satisfy everyone's sweet tooth.

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If you're not into doing too much work for a party, you can always plan a potluck party instead. Just ask your guests to bring a main dish, a side, a starter, or a dessert, and be surprised by the spread that comes together!

If you live in an apartment, condominium, or townhouse, don't write off this relationship advice just because you don't have a backyard. Plenty of parks have cookout areas with grills and benches that you can use. To keep things really simple, grab a few picnic blankets, a cooler, and a frisbee, and head to your local park for some nice outdoor time.

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Enjoy your last few days of freedom before the school year starts by organizing some fun games for your guests. If you have enough room, you can play touch football, kickball, or badminton. Or take some tips from your inner child and play some old school recess games like Duck Duck Goose or Red Rover. The most important thing to remember to make this date idea a success is to kick back and relax!

Follow this love advice, and you and your significant other will have a blast playing host. You'll see how well you guys mesh when working on a project. Plus, this weekend date idea is a great excuse to bring your groups of friends together. If things go well, there may be more joint parties in your future.

What are some ways you and your honey host a successful cookout? Tell us below!