

Holiday Party Ideas

Q1 In regards to entertainment at company events, such as Holiday parties, employee appreciation, etc., who would you recommend that did a great job at the events?

Answered: 65 Skipped: 15

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	We do everything in house. We do purchase pens and other tokens from Amsterdam Printing.	8/18/2022 10:52 AM
2	Employee Activity Committee or HR	8/17/2022 11:52 AM
3	The Christy Banquet Center Vin de Set	8/17/2022 11:21 AM
4	Never hired entertainment	8/17/2022 10:57 AM
5	internal events planning team	8/17/2022 8:56 AM
6	We had a great party at Grant's Farm - everyone got to see all the animals and they brought out the Clydesdales. At a previous company I attended a holiday party and they had a psychic.	8/17/2022 7:54 AM
7	Typically do them in house	8/16/2022 5:47 PM
8	we handle in house	8/16/2022 4:48 PM
9	Well Hungarians band from Illinois	8/16/2022 4:23 PM
10	Human Resources	8/16/2022 12:36 PM
11	The Fairchild's : Musician/band	8/16/2022 11:16 AM
12	Dirty Mugz	8/16/2022 10:30 AM
13	Callier's Catering	8/16/2022 10:03 AM
14	n/a	8/16/2022 9:06 AM
15	We often handle them ourselves. But have done events at the Zoo, Botanical Gardens, Top Golf, and many other banquet venues. For food we often use Callier's or Butler's Pantry.	8/16/2022 9:01 AM
16	We go with Anchor for DSP week. We usually use employee volunteer committees or our own PR Coordinator for events.	8/16/2022 8:48 AM
17	We haven't found anyone that does well	8/16/2022 8:14 AM
18	It has been our executive assistant to the owner; now it will be the HR Generalist and she is just getting started.	8/16/2022 8:08 AM
19	We typically plan and coordinate events in house. We have used Elite Events to host some of our parties in the past. They have been easy to work with	8/16/2022 7:40 AM
20	If you're in Indy, highly recommend Espresso To Go Indy. Full service coffee bar that serves Starbucks-like drinks. I've used them multiple times with success.	8/16/2022 7:37 AM
21	our employee Culture Corp team	8/16/2022 7:37 AM
22	n/a	8/16/2022 7:10 AM
23	Kendricks The Party People	8/15/2022 5:19 PM
24	1	8/15/2022 4:32 PM
25	We've never had outside entertainment.	8/15/2022 4:29 PM
26	We normally do not have entertainment we have food catered and we socialize/recognize	8/15/2022 4:02 PM

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27	Yes	8/15/2022 4:00 PM
28	The Social (food)	8/15/2022 3:58 PM
29	I don't have a preference. We reserve a room at different venues and have a full-on catered party.	8/15/2022 3:58 PM
30	We had Madrigal Singers at one of our office holiday parties. It was a group from a local high school and it was great entertainment.	8/15/2022 3:55 PM
31	We don't have entertainment at our events.	8/15/2022 3:54 PM
32	The HR department coordinates our annual employee appreciation event-for a staff of up to 400!	8/15/2022 3:50 PM
33	Hoss's Market (Columbia, MO)	8/15/2022 3:41 PM
34	Royale Orleans Banquet Center	8/15/2022 3:35 PM
35	Cool Time Ice Cream Truck	8/15/2022 3:34 PM
36	we self plan	8/15/2022 3:34 PM
37	Terry Richison -Magician from St. Louis, MO	8/15/2022 3:34 PM
38	Silly Jilly. Children are invited to our annual picnic and our Holiday party (every other year). Silly Jilly does a great job with children - magic show, balloon art/twisting and face painting.	8/15/2022 3:28 PM
39	we do not have entertainment	8/15/2022 3:26 PM
40	We don't have outside entertainment	8/15/2022 3:21 PM
41	We have management dress as santa and create a prize board, where santa draws names out of a bowl and then that employee chooses a number on the board (prizes are hidden behind the number they choose). Everyone wins a prize worth at least \$25 up to \$500. Cater food in from a smoke house - brisket, 1/4 chicken, lots of sides. Honor employee's of the month, long tenure employees, slide show of events/pictures from the year, etc.	8/15/2022 3:21 PM
42	NA	8/15/2022 3:21 PM
43	I have not been to your events in years, if you are looking to see who from the holiday zooms, I disconnected, the breakout did not work for me	8/15/2022 3:18 PM
44	We had the band FatPocket and Griffin and the Gargoyles at two different events and they were both crowd pleasers. We also held Mouse Races at an event and the comradery for our employees was off the charts! We used bestmouseraces.com (they are local to St. Louis).	8/15/2022 3:18 PM
45	nobody to recommend	8/15/2022 3:17 PM
46	Never hired entertainment	8/15/2022 3:17 PM
47	Extra Thyme Catering	8/15/2022 3:17 PM
48	We provide our own entertainment.	8/15/2022 3:15 PM
49	St. Louis Blues, Top Golf, Grants Farm	8/15/2022 3:15 PM
50	Don't know	8/15/2022 3:15 PM
51	Depends on the event.	8/15/2022 3:14 PM
52	Edison's in Edwardsville	8/15/2022 3:14 PM
53	Contemporary Events provided a great DJ. STL Photo Party does the photo stations with props, for group pictures. For catering, highly recommend SugarFire, Kenrick's and Bandana's. They also have veggie options.	8/15/2022 3:14 PM
54	Did those ourselves	8/15/2022 3:14 PM
55	STL Barkeep, Walter Knoll florists, Fete photo	8/15/2022 3:14 PM
56	Picnic People, HR, and Accounting Department	8/15/2022 3:14 PM
57	For a couple of different events, we hired a band, had a photo booth and even hired Santa	8/15/2022 3:13 PM

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Claus to come to our party. Also have held murder/mystery event and last year we rented out a local dinner theater company for their rendition of "The Christmas Story."

58	Jus playing music over the in-house sound system was better received by more attendees than live music.	8/15/2022 3:13 PM
59	Genesis Catering	8/15/2022 3:13 PM
60	no entertainment	8/15/2022 3:12 PM
61	Hollywood Casino was a really fun place to have a party for staff!	8/15/2022 3:11 PM
62	Our internal culture team	8/15/2022 3:11 PM
63	We do it in-house.	8/15/2022 3:11 PM
64	DJ - Linda Lipka - Sounsational	8/15/2022 3:11 PM
65	do it internally. No recommendation.	8/15/2022 3:11 PM

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Q2 What are some fun things your company has done for your employees that your employees still rave about today?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Casino theme party was a big hit	8/17/2022 11:52 AM
2	Monthly "National Days" with low cost snacks Annual Employee Appreciation Dinner with spouse Capers and Chow (monthly luncheon with fun competitive team game)	8/17/2022 11:22 AM
3	MO Botanical Gardens Lunch and Scavenger Hunt Christmas Party at Carousel - Faust Park Tour of Bissinger's Chocolate Factory	8/17/2022 10:58 AM
4	We provide lunch every month at our monthly employee meeting. We also have a family Christmas Party.	8/17/2022 8:41 AM
5	Fred Bird came in to help us gather food for Operation Food Search. It was a great photo opportunity.	8/17/2022 7:56 AM
6	Any sort of get together - (Pre COVID) We did a family tour of the facility at Christmas with snacks, games and giveaways.... Another year we showed a movie at the facility with snacks, games and gave away turkeys... In house lunch with festive decorations/music.	8/16/2022 5:47 PM
7	Employee family picnic with DJ, Bounce House, Cook Out competition	8/16/2022 5:16 PM
8	we are pretty low key; food, christmas carols, ornament give-aways, secret santas between employees.	8/16/2022 4:49 PM
9	Celebration at the end of the day, but during work hours.	8/16/2022 4:24 PM
10	Turkey Fry's	8/16/2022 4:23 PM
11	Olympics, food trucks, pumpkin carving/painting contests, retirement parties, Thanksgiving lunch	8/16/2022 12:36 PM
12	Hypnotist	8/16/2022 11:17 AM
13	We do raffles for very nice prizes at our large employee lunches, typically Thanksgiving, Christmas, and sometimes a Spring/Summer event.	8/16/2022 10:35 AM
14	Cornhole Tournament Cookout on site	8/16/2022 10:30 AM
15	We did go to an afternoon showing of Elvis on opening day. Top Golf, Six Flags, Cardinals Baseball Game. Internally we have breakfast on Fridays, celebrate opening day of the Cardinals and Blues or when they go to playoffs. We did have a spirit day with Hot Dog cart.	8/16/2022 9:03 AM
16	We do an employee car wash provided by the leadership team. We've done a pancake breakfast and employee appreciation parties around the holidays.	8/16/2022 8:49 AM
17	Minute to Win It competitions	8/16/2022 8:38 AM
18	For Christmas we buy enough giveaways for every employee to win something and raffle them off at our Holiday lunch/party.	8/16/2022 8:15 AM
19	currently we have been doing food trucks; previously holiday party at the bowling alley and in our warehouse.	8/16/2022 8:09 AM
20	- Rented out Loading Dock in Grafton - Rented out local bowling alleys (private party) - Ice Cream/Snow Cone Trucks - 5 Days of Christmas gift Give-a-Way - We try to do monthly events...even if its just handing out cookies, bags of chips with cute sayings (you're all that and a bag of chips), Easter Eggs with prizes in them, Wheel of Fun - EE spin wheel for different prizes, Free Shirts, Etc	8/16/2022 7:42 AM
21	Celebrating employee appreciation day! Sometimes we will pick out national food holidays (like	8/16/2022 7:38 AM

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National Pancake Day or National Ice Cream Day) and do an event surrounding that. Most people seem to come in from WFH to participate.

22	bowling, white water rafting	8/16/2022 7:37 AM
23	summer event - simple corn hole contest, dunk tank, food trucks for catering, prizes	8/16/2022 7:11 AM
24	Summer Picnic	8/15/2022 5:20 PM
25	We have an Employees Activities Committee, and they plan all of our events. We have cookouts, breakfast buffet, lunches, Halloween parties with almost everyone in costumes, office/cubicle decorating contests at Christmas, Dip-Luck (all dip pot luck). We also do a lot of FUNdraisers for various organizations - Cutest Pet contest, bake sales, chili contest, basket give-aways, etc. The best part is that the employees decide what to do - 1 or 2 employees on the committee volunteer for each month and they decide and organize the event(s) for that month. Others help however is necessary, depending on the event. The employees love it because it's ideas THEY have and want to participate in!	8/15/2022 4:33 PM
26	company family picnic, play games, BBQ	8/15/2022 4:02 PM
27	Games that we play as a group such as minute to win it Team building activities Dress up as characters in a selected movie Group pictures	8/15/2022 4:01 PM
28	Cosmic bowl, company trivia with gift cards as prizes..	8/15/2022 3:59 PM
29	Annual holiday party at a venue. Catered and open bar.	8/15/2022 3:58 PM
30	Happy Hour at fun places	8/15/2022 3:57 PM
31	We offer some great giveaways and sponsor an annual Ugly Sweater Party where everyone gets a prize.	8/15/2022 3:56 PM
32	Go home early or give an unexpected day off.	8/15/2022 3:54 PM
33	An outside appreciation event-at Lakeside 370 park that includes food trucks, nature walks, outdoor yard games, DJ, photo booth, lake activities-kayaking/paddle boats.	8/15/2022 3:51 PM
34	Visit to the Les Bourgeois Winery and A-Frame for wine tasting and music	8/15/2022 3:43 PM
35	Sumo wrestling in inflatable costumes, carnival with games (ran by vendors) the employees win prizes, fortune told, and carnival type food with magician, Halloween party, and demolition ball	8/15/2022 3:39 PM
36	Missouri Botanical garden lights & The St. Louis Zoo lights. We have also sent all the employees a gift basket at Thanksgiving with local goodies in it. We have also done a bowling party.	8/15/2022 3:36 PM
37	Played Company "Jeopardy".	8/15/2022 3:35 PM
38	Annual Christmas Party Monthly Engagement Activities (Chili Cookoff, Ice Cream Social, Halloween Party, Picnic in the Park)	8/15/2022 3:28 PM
39	We give away awesome attendance prizes- yeti coolers, coach purses, drones, etc.	8/15/2022 3:26 PM
40	Employee picnic at the STL Zoo.	8/15/2022 3:22 PM
41	smoked meat meal, and prizes mentioned above.	8/15/2022 3:21 PM
42	We had a full company outing at Brunswick Zone (rented the place for the day) with food, drinks, bowling, laser tag, and video games.	8/15/2022 3:20 PM
43	Bingo, Holiday Quizzes with Prizes	8/15/2022 3:19 PM
44	Family feud game	8/15/2022 3:19 PM
45	Top Golf Sheldon Art Museum miniature golf	8/15/2022 3:18 PM
46	nothing	8/15/2022 3:17 PM
47	We try and host a monthly fun activity out of the office. It's a rotating schedule for our event committee that everyone takes a turn planning. Our best event is an out of town office trip we offer every 4-5 years. Employees + 1 adult guest are invited. Cost is \$100 per person and	8/15/2022 3:17 PM

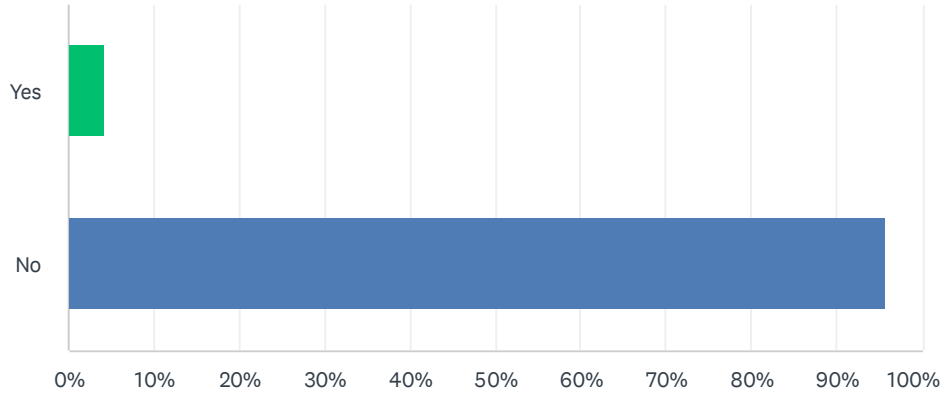
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company picks up the rest (hotel, meals, and transportation). In years past we've visited Nashville, Chicago, Memphis, Kansas City, Indianapolis

48	\$25 Rob Your Neighbor game . . . encourage plus ones/partners/spouse to participate	8/15/2022 3:16 PM
49	Family picnics Family day at Six Flags Holiday party with dinner, dancing and prizes with a photo booth and band.	8/15/2022 3:16 PM
50	Pot Luck	8/15/2022 3:15 PM
51	Golf outing	8/15/2022 3:15 PM
52	Live music, hosting it off-site, local business gift cards	8/15/2022 3:15 PM
53	Minor League baseball game trips.	8/15/2022 3:15 PM
54	Santa and elves at Christmas party, matching polo shirts for anniversary party	8/15/2022 3:15 PM
55	Company Picnics for the whole family, Bowling Parties, Friday Happy Hour, Halloween Parties, Summer Food/Dessert Trucks.	8/15/2022 3:15 PM
56	Twelve Days of Christmas, Biz Dash	8/15/2022 3:14 PM
57	Poker run, scavenger hunt, murder/mystery event, dinner theater.	8/15/2022 3:14 PM
58	Ice cream socials, scavenger hunts, outdoor clean-up day	8/15/2022 3:14 PM
59	Fun games and raffles	8/15/2022 3:14 PM
60	We had dueling pianos at Stifel Theatre A party at Hollywood Casino Sporting events	8/15/2022 3:13 PM
61	ballgame event at Eckerts during fall with Haunted Hayrides	8/15/2022 3:12 PM
62	bowling, food, contests, gift exchange, raffles, ugly sweater, build crafts	8/15/2022 3:12 PM
63	Masquerade Ball at Ameristar	8/15/2022 3:11 PM
64	Essentially, Employees make cookies.	8/15/2022 3:11 PM

Q3 Have you ever considered having a company event with other companies to bring down the price point in order to attract and afford the best talent?

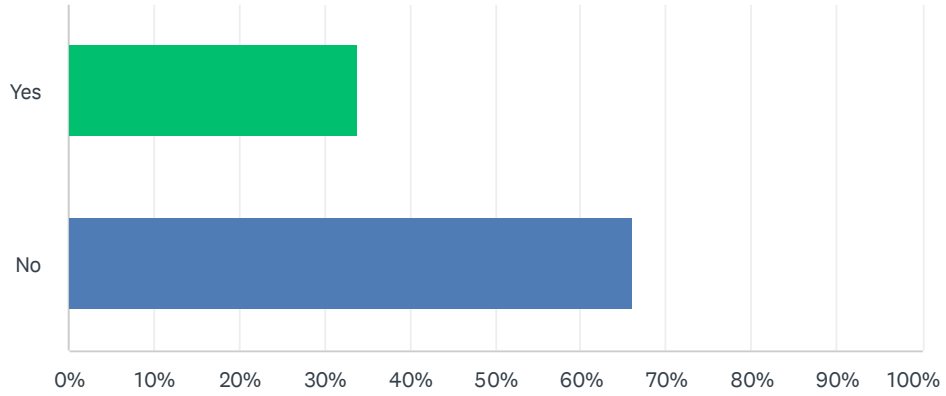
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	4.23%	3
No	95.77%	68
TOTAL		71

Q4 Would your company be interested in working together to bring in great talent for a shared company event?

Answered: 71 Skipped: 9



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	33.80%	24
No	66.20%	47
TOTAL		71

Q5 What was your "best bang for your buck" that you did for your employees?

Answered: 45 Skipped: 35

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Paid Day Off as a door prize	8/17/2022 11:24 AM
2	On-site catering	8/17/2022 10:58 AM
3	Probably Fred Bird	8/17/2022 7:56 AM
4	Doing something onsite vs renting allowed us to spend more money on employees	8/16/2022 5:47 PM
5	again, we are low key. no big 'party;' no alcohol.	8/16/2022 4:50 PM
6	Extra day off	8/16/2022 4:26 PM
7	Worked with the local Hy-Vee to present meat baskets to each of our employees. Also, had drawings for 12 days during the Holidays to one employee each day. The gift ranged from big screen TVs, Cruisnart mixers, laptops, I-watch, etc.	8/16/2022 2:26 PM
8	Food Truck	8/16/2022 12:37 PM
9	Changing venue from a formal setting to a casual atmosphere.	8/16/2022 11:18 AM
10	Holiday give-away items which we get from one of our suppliers as a "credit".	8/16/2022 10:37 AM
11	Snappy awards Redoing Service Award Program	8/16/2022 10:31 AM
12	Elvis moving was surprisingly talked about and cheaper than other events we hosted. We also sponsor events and then the sponsor includes tickets for employees. You are helping a charity but also having an even for employees to attend.	8/16/2022 9:04 AM
13	Scottie's Deli (local sandwich shop)	8/16/2022 8:51 AM
14	having our on Christmas party, transforming an area in the warehouse into a dine in for the employees. It was creative, festive and we had great games and prizes.	8/16/2022 8:12 AM
15	Rented out local bowling alley & provided attendance prizes & food	8/16/2022 7:44 AM
16	Honestly, a food truck with some music in the breakroom and a cornhole station somewhere. Silence is awkward. Make it feel like a party that people want to mingle at.	8/16/2022 7:41 AM
17	sent group of 5 to Chicago for the day; \$100 each in spending money, a day off, and airfare - best ever!!	8/16/2022 7:38 AM
18	not sure	8/16/2022 7:12 AM
19	Christmas luncheon with giveaways	8/15/2022 5:20 PM
20	\$50.00 cash for each	8/15/2022 4:03 PM
21	Motivational speaker back in the early 2000 followed up by Company driven strategic planning events and all employee involvement	8/15/2022 4:03 PM
22	Company trivia	8/15/2022 3:59 PM
23	Happy Hour with Gift Cards for each	8/15/2022 3:58 PM
24	As a school, we give employees off the week between Christmas and New Year's Day.	8/15/2022 3:55 PM
25	Employees are paid for the entire day, even though the appreciation event is half a day.	8/15/2022 3:52 PM
26	Extra time off with pay, employee picnics, ice cream socials, holiday bonuses, weekly check in meetings with all staff to bring them current with all departments, provided new chairs for all staff.	8/15/2022 3:45 PM

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27	In house happy hours.	8/15/2022 3:38 PM
28	Upgraded the dinner to include shrimp cocktail and top sirloin.	8/15/2022 3:36 PM
29	Potluck style catering for events	8/15/2022 3:28 PM
30	Attendance prizes	8/15/2022 3:27 PM
31	What I mentioned in #1 is a tradition and when we asked about changing it up, employees were in an uproar and wanted to keep it the same.	8/15/2022 3:23 PM
32	The Mouse Races - the employees loved it more than we could have anticipated and it really did bring them all together rooting for their mouse/mice.	8/15/2022 3:22 PM
33	Holiday Meals and gifts	8/15/2022 3:20 PM
34	Not sure	8/15/2022 3:19 PM
35	We have "spa water" in our office every day and a fruit bowl that we keep stocked. It encourages everyone to stay hydrated and have a healthy snack. That's in office.	8/15/2022 3:19 PM
36	everything seems expensive and always have employees who complain about anything you do for them	8/15/2022 3:18 PM
37	Going away parties for departing employees don't cost much, but seem to be viewed very positively by the employees	8/15/2022 3:18 PM
38	Gifted Corkcicle drinkware - you see the office and the remote team using them all year.	8/15/2022 3:17 PM
39	Family day at Six Flags, parking, food, amusement park all included in the per employee price.	8/15/2022 3:17 PM
40	Brought back annual Christmas Party offsite after many years without one.	8/15/2022 3:16 PM
41	Bowling Party	8/15/2022 3:16 PM
42	Dinner theater. Had happy hour (BYOB by the company), dinner, company awards ceremony and the live musical for about \$100 a couple.	8/15/2022 3:16 PM
43	Chili Cook Off	8/15/2022 3:15 PM
44	Days off in the summer Mental health days in the winter	8/15/2022 3:15 PM
45	had lunch in house and distributed gift cards	8/15/2022 3:13 PM