BARDWELL VALLEY CLUB

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Party Planner Guide & Checklist

Getting Started:

☐ Decide on:		
Date:	Time:	to
Number of Guests:	(don't forget "	plus ones" in your count)
Determine Party Budget:	(se	ee Budget chart)
Determine Menu or Potluck	assignment list	
Reserve: Location:		
Phone	:N	ame:
Photographer:		
Phone	:N	ame:
Caterer:		
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Bartender:		
		ame:

Florist:		
	Phone:	
Cake:		
	Phone:	
Balloons:		
	Phone:	
DJ:		
	Phone:	
Entertainer:		
	Phone:	Name:
Parking Atter	ndant:	
	Phone:	Name:
Wait Staff: _		
	Phone:	
	Phone:	Name:
	Phone:	Name:
	Phone:	_ Name:

☐ Make up the guest list.				
Print out and complete Guest List sheet(s)				
Tip: Start with your holiday card list if you send them.				
□ Order party invitations				
Mail invitations 2-4 weeks before party date for casual party				
6-8 weeks before party date for a formal party such as a wedding More than 8 weeks to one year ahead of party date, send Save the Date Cards				
Tip: Order thank you notes at the same time to save time and shipping costs				
☐ Buy postage for invitations.				
☐ Plan the menu				
Print out Menu Planning sheet(s)				
☐ Decide On / Purchase / Rent (Make arrangements for any items you'll need to rent or borrow):				
☐ Tableware:				
☐ Tablecloths				
☐ Table Skirts				
☐ Chair Covers				
□ Plates				
☐ Appetizers ☐ Lunch/Dinner ☐ Dessert				
□ Napkins				
☐ Beverage ☐ Appetizer ☐ Dinner ☐ Dessert				
☐ Glassware				
□ Water □ Wine □ Beer □ Wine Bucket				
☐ Dinnerware				
Appetizer: □ Knifes □ Forks □ Spoons Other:				
Dinner: ☐ Knifes ☐ Forks ☐ Spoons Other:				
Dessert: Knifes Forks Spoons Other:				
□ Place Cards				
☐ Table Number Cards				
□ Manu cards				

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\square De	ecorations:		
	☐ Centerpieces		<u> </u>
	☐ Party Favors		
	☐ Balloons		
	☐ Streamers		
	☐ Confetti		
	☐ Party Banners		20
	☐ Lighting		
□ Ot	her Items:		
	□ Cooler	☐ Extra Chairs	☐ Shade Umbrellas
	☐ Appetizer Toothpicks	□ Ice	□ Straws
	☐ Serving Trays/Bowls	☐ Serving Spoons	☐ Serving Forks
	☐ Coasters	☐ Drink Mixers	☐ Film/Cameras
	☐ Noise Makers	☐ Gift Bags	☐ Matches
	☐ Bug Spray	☐ Outdoor Heaters	☐ Propane/Charcoal
	☐ Garbage Bags	☐ Paper Towels	□ Props
	☐ Name Tags	☐ Wine Glass Name Rings	☐ Sharpie to mark Glasses
	☐ Game supplies/props	☐ Wrapping Paper	☐ Birthday Candles
	☐ Wine Away stain remove	r	
□ Music			
☐ Signature	cocktail – supplies and glasses	S	
☐ Party Gan	nes		
☐ Make arra	angements for any items you'll	need to rent or borrow.	

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Preliminary Preparations: (1 to 2 weeks ahead)
☐ Phone or email any guests who have not responded to your invitations to get a definite guest count. (don't use Twitter for Facebook unless you've invited everyone on your lists)
☐ Buy or clean everyone's party outfit.
☐ Do time-consuming housecleaning tasks, inside and out.
☐ Clean crystal, glassware, china, silverware.
☐ Check that all appliances are working.
☐ Buy charcoal or propane if you plan to grill.
☐ Compile your grocery-shopping list.
☐ Compile music list – make sure it will last as long as your party.
☐ Compile liquor list for confirmed number of guests.
☐ Confirm venues / times / deliveries /pickups with vendors.
☐ Check that table linens are clean and ready to go.
☐ Decide on tableware and serving pieces. Wash infrequently used pieces.
☐ Order any special items or ingredients you'll need.
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☐ Get started on decorations and centerpieces if you're making them.
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☐ Make any food items ahead of time and freeze them.

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Gearing Up: (2 to 3 days ahead)
☐ Notify your neighbors you will be having a party and the time you expect it to be over.
☐ Remove anything from the bathrooms guests will be using you might not want them to discover.
☐ Clear clutter and put breakables away.
☐ Assemble party bags/favors.
☐ Shop for everything but the most perishable items.
☐ After you return from shopping, recheck your recipes to make sure you have everything you need
□ Plan your timetable for cooking the foods.
☐ If possible, make nonperishable items, such as snack mixes, ahead.
□ Confirm services with all vendors.
☐ Assign any tasks to volunteers.
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Down to the Nitty Gritty: (1 day ahead)
☐ Shop for perishable and last-minute items.
☐ Re-clean the house as necessary, especially bathrooms – check on toilet paper, clean linens <i>Tip: Paper hand towels are a nice touch</i>
☐ Decorate for the party.
☐ Prepare an area for coats, purses, umbrellas.
\square If possible, arrange and set your table(s) and serving areas.
\square Put slips of paper in each serving piece naming what will go in the dish.
☐ Prepare as many recipes and ingredients as possible. For example, chop vegetables you'll cook as part of a recipe.
\Box Thaw frozen items. If the items are perishable, thaw them in the refrigerator.
☐ Bake Cake if you're doing it yourself or pick up cake at bakery.
☐ Wrap presents.

Let's Party: (Party Day)
☐ Pick up balloons.
☐ Pick up ice.
☐ Ice down cold beverages.
\square Go over the house again for a final cleaning check. If necessary, move furniture.
 □ Prepare the foods according to your timetable so everything will finish when needed. □ Wash dishes as you go along to save cleanup time later. □ Run the dishwasher, so it'll be empty and ready for party dishes.
☐ Set tables or set out tableware.
☐ Finalize decorations.
☐ Set out food and snacks that won't spoil with wrap over them until the doorbell rings.
One hour ahead: □ Put all the finishing touches on the meal and tables.
\square Clear a spot for placing used dishes as guests finish with them.
☐ Provide an easily accessible place for garbage.
☐ Set out cheese and nonperishable appetizers or snacks, if using.
☐ Instruct volunteers.
☐ Get dressed.

As the Doorbell Rings: (5 to 15 minutes ahead)	
☐ Open wine, if serving. Set out remaining appetizers and snacks, if using.	6
☐ Light candles and turn on music, if using.	
\square Put cameras and video tape/film where you can get to them.	
☐ Take a moment to freshen up.	

Relax and enjoy!

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