Pretty Good *Company*

GUIDE 02

Start Your Own *Gathering*

Your people. Your plans. Your kind of good time.

What happens when a few people get together to explore ideas, share experiences, try something new and occasionally engage in a little nonsense?

Quite possibly, something wonderful.

Whether you're gathering friends, bringing generations together or organizing activities for girls, Pretty Good Company makes it easy to turn PIAPI resources into shared experiences.

NO APPLICATIONS. NO OFFICERS. NO DUES.
NO COMPLICATED MACHINERY REQUIRED.

1 Assemble Your Crew

Start with two or three people or invite a larger group.

Friends, family, neighbors, classmates or people with different ages, abilities, experiences and interests can all bring something valuable.

The goal isn't to assemble identical personalities. Where's the fun in that?

2 Give It Some Personality

Every good gathering deserves a little character.

Choose a playful name, create a tradition or let your group invent its own signature welcome.

Maybe everyone brings a favorite snack. Maybe there's a rotating DJ. Maybe your gatherings have spectacularly ridiculous themes.

Your group, your imagination.

3 Choose Your Rhythm

Meet weekly, monthly, occasionally or whenever schedules cooperate.

Gather at home, in a library meeting room, at a community space or somewhere else appropriate for your participants.

Keep the arrangements accessible, comfortable and manageable.

4 Let the Activities Lead

Start with Growing Is Gorgeous or explore another PIAPI resource.

Here's one possible gathering:

● **GET TOGETHER**	Settle in, catch up and choose an activity.	*5 minutes*
● **SPARK**	Explore an opening question. See where the conversation begins.	*10 minutes*
● **SHARE**	Exchange ideas and stories, or make room for individual reflection.	*10–15 minutes*
● **PLAY**	Create, experiment, collaborate, imagine or bring an idea into the real world.	*15–25 minutes*
● **WHAT'S NEXT**	Choose another adventure, make plans or call it a lovely afternoon.	*5 minutes*

These times are suggestions, not rules. Follow the group's energy.

5 Share the Spotlight

Let different participants choose activities, introduce ideas, teach skills or propose adventures.

Make space for quiet thinkers, enthusiastic talkers, careful planners, spontaneous creators and everyone in between.

Participation should be invited, never forced.

And remember, changing your mind is allowed. So is discovering that someone else has a better idea.

6 Keep It Thoughtful

Respect different opinions, personal boundaries and privacy.

Choose experiences suited to participants' ages, abilities, interests and circumstances.

For gatherings involving minors, responsible adults must arrange appropriate supervision, permissions, accessibility and safety precautions.

If an activity involves public spaces, photography, sharing personal information or contact with people outside the group, plan accordingly and obtain necessary consent.

7 Keep the Good Stuff Going

Maybe your group meets twice and has a wonderful time.

Maybe it becomes a monthly tradition.

Maybe participants invent activities, organize an outing, share talents or introduce the experience to someone new.

There is no required schedule, membership target or measure of success.

> ***A little community doesn't need a lot of bureaucracy.***

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One Last Thought

You don't have to build something enormous to create something meaningful.

Sometimes all it takes is a few people, an interesting idea, a little imagination and someone willing to say, "Let's give it a try."

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Good company.
Great possibilities.

