



# BACKYARD MOVIE

## *SUMMER VENTURE*

A great way to gather, connect and enjoy one another is by watching a good movie together with family, friends, neighbors and colleagues. Why not invite a few people over to watch a movie in your back yard? By borrowing a Crossroads video projector and large portable screen, your back yard can become a walk-in movie theater! Select a movie that is appropriate for your audience, pick a date and time, invite people over (they bring their own movie snacks and beverages) and voila! You have your very own movie night. Or movie day if you want to do a movie event for kids.

**Here are some things you'll want to plan.**

- 1) Keep it simple. The larger and more extravagant the plan, the less likely it will happen.
- 2) Pick a date and time (day or night but you will need some shade in your back yard for the movie screen if you pick a time during the day)
- 3) Select a movie and figure out which device you'll use to play the movie (DVD, downloaded, life stream with high capacity internet connection, computer)
- 4) You will need a sound source (bluetooth external speaker, external speakers, etc. that will work with your device) Most internal computer speakers are not adequate for an outdoor setting. Setting one of your existing indoor speakers facing outside in a window can work. You can also reserve a portable sound system from Crossroads when you reserve the projector and screen.
- 5) Reserve the movie equipment from Crossroads (email [movie@crossroadscolorado.com](mailto:movie@crossroadscolorado.com)) There are three sets of projectors/screens/portable sound systems.
- 6) Invite your friends to the movie (tell them which one) and inform them of your \*safe practices guidelines. If an event is outside, and people can maintain social distancing, you can have more than ten people in attendance.
- 7) Read the How To Set Up the CR Movie Projector and Screen instructions and watch the tutorial video. Tech assistance and instructions will be given upon reservation of equipment.
- 8) Set up and test the equipment 24 hours ahead of your event—to make sure it all works well (lighting, power source, sound) Remember that the sun moves, so be sure to set up the equipment 24 hours ahead of your approximate time. This will also give you time to solve any tech challenges.
- 9) Gather your friends and enjoy the movie.
- 10) If the movie is intended as a discussion starter and not just for entertainment (which is absolutely fine!) consider asking these questions following the movie.
  - What was your favorite part of the movie?
  - What was your least favorite part?
  - Which scene has stuck with you the most?
  - What is one nugget or take-away?
- 11) ENJOY!!

## Safe Practice Suggestions:

- 1) This is a BYOSBC event. Bring Your Own Snacks, Beverages and Chairs or blankets.
  - 2) If it's a kid's movie event, only serve pre-packaged snacks (eg. ice cream sandwiches, granola bars, individually packaged fruit snacks). Better yet, have the kids bring their own snacks.
  - 3) Plan an intermission about half-way through the movie. If people live close by, they can use their own bathroom facilities.
  - 4) Seating: Maintain six feet of distance when seating people. Also consider the location of the sun and shade. Utilize easy-ups or umbrellas for shade if you have access to them.
  - 5) Masks: always lean in the direction of common courtesy and safety.
- Clearly communicate these safe practices in your invitation to the movie. It will reassure people and increase attendance.