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Last-Minute Ideas for Your Canada Day Celebration

Add "fireworks" to your event with these quick and easy tips



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Are you in charge of organizing your group's Canada Day celebration but are running out of time to plan a memorable event?

Whether Canada Day has snuck up on you, or you were asked last minute to put together a celebration, this guide can be a great resource for you.

Packed with quick and easy tips to add some fun and excitement to your event, the guide offers last-minute ideas for:

- Decorations
- Food and beverages
- Entertainment and games
- Team building activities

This guide is an ideal resource for individuals or event planning groups looking to add "fireworks" to their Canada Day celebration.

If it also helps you look great in front of your colleagues and boss – well, then that's great too!





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1. Canada "Day-corations"

The simplest decorations for a celebration like Canada Day are red, white, and easy to set up!

The following five ideas are simple, yet effective. As long as you keep displays and colours patriotic, it'll be hard to go wrong!

Top Five Last-Minute Canada Day Decorations

1. **Canada Day Mason Jars** – Dye dry rice red with food colouring, and layer white and red rice in mason jars. Add tealights on top.
2. **Inukshuk Centrepieces** – Source rocks from a nearby beach or forest and build a few mini stone monuments to place on tables.
3. **Firework Bags** – Layer red and white paper bags and cut thin strips into the top five centimetres of the bags. Serve popcorn or anything of your choice inside!
4. **Maple Leaf Confetti** – Grab a bag or two at a local craft store, and sprinkle it liberally on table tops.
5. **Canadian-Themed Candy Table** – Layer red and white-coloured candies in glass or plastic containers.

Tips for Best Success:

- **Plan for any type of weather** – If you are planning your event outdoors and the weather doesn't cooperate, you may need to change venues. Easy-to-move décor can be set up quickly, regardless where your group ends up celebrating.
- **Ask for help and delegate** – Gather a group of volunteers to help you set up or organize your decorations. This can help your colleagues get excited for the celebration, while putting less pressure on just yourself to get everything done in time.
- **Don't overthink it** – Even the simplest decorations can help your event stand out. If you're really running short on time, red and white décor of any kind will do the trick.





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2. Food & Beverage

When you think Canada Day, do you think barbeque? Why not spice up your menu this year? In addition to hamburgers and hot dogs, you can mix it up at your upcoming Canada Day celebration with fun, patriotic-inspired food and beverage items.

Below is a sample menu to provide inspiration and help you get started. Most of these recipes can be done in as little as five to 10 minutes.

Sample Canada Day Menu

| Drinks | Appetizer | Main |
|---|---|---|
| Patriotic Punch Fill one-third of each glass with ice and cranberry juice. Add more ice to another third of the glass and slowly pour Sprite or 7Up over the ice. Top it off with slices of strawberries. Try garnishing the glass with a whole strawberry for an added bit of flare! | Watermelon Feta Bites An easy, Canadian-coloured appy! Cube watermelon and feta into bite-sized pieces. Skewer a feta cube on top of a watermelon cube with a toothpick, and sprinkle chopped mint leaves over your finished product. Added dressing or toppings is optional. | Canadian BLTs Grab a fresh loaf of bread from a local bakery, fry up some Canadian bacon, prep your lettuce, and slice a few tomatoes. Simply put it all together, and wrap your sandwiches up in red and white deli paper for a more patriotic look! |
| Sides | Dessert | Snack |
| Tomato & Bocconcini Salad Quick, easy, and red and white! Toss cherry tomatoes, mini bocconcini, and small basil leaves all together with olive oil. Serve in a festive bowl, and sprinkle with sea salt and cracked pepper to taste. | Inukshuk Treats Get a little creative with your dessert by creating your very own mini Inukshuks out of strawberry or cherry-flavoured candies and licorice. Assemble your masterpieces using nothing but toothpicks! | Canada Day Fruit Kabobs Cut sliced watermelon with a maple-leaf-shaped cookie cutter. Chop bananas and toss pieces in lemon juice. Arrange strawberries, bananas, and watermelons onto skewers. |



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3. Entertainment & Games

One of the biggest concerns when you plan an event is whether your guests will have enough to do.

Entertainment or games are a great way to get people mingling and having a good time. Below are a few suggestions for last-minute ideas.

- **Maple Leaf Twister** – Make your own version of the popular lawn game using multi-coloured maple leaves.
- **Build Your Own Inukshuk** – Gather nearby stones and hold a competition to see who can build the most creative Inukshuk.
- **“Tattoo” Station**– Offer guests temporary maple leaf or Canadian flag tattoos to show their pride.



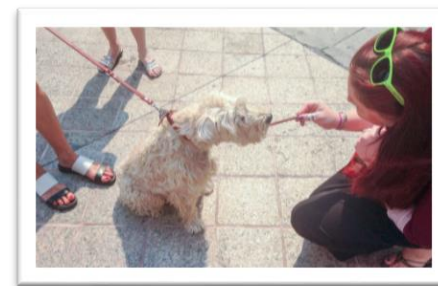
4. Team Building Activities

If you're looking for something for your group to do that has a little more structure and will get everyone involved, consider adding a no-hassle team building activity to your celebration.

For last-minute additions to your Canada Day event, our budget-friendly activities are a great option. There are over 10 activities that are available on even the tightest turnarounds, however, our top recommendations are listed below.

Top Three Last-Minute Team Building Activities

1. **Wild Goose Chase**–Get your team exploring the city around your venue as they head out on a smartphone scavenger hunt.
2. **Team Pursuit** – Inside or outside, teams will need to put their heads together and play to their strengths to earn points.
3. **Play It Forward** – Add a philanthropic element to your event and give back to the community on Canada's birthday with interactive challenges.



Have a bit more time to plan your event? Explore over 15 outdoor team building activities that are sure to help make your celebration stand out.

EXPLORE OUTDOOR TEAM BUILDING



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What's Next?

If you need help organizing activities for your Canada Day event, our team would love to talk to you about your individual requirements and provide expert advice and guidance.

Talk to one of our dedicated event solutions experts today, by calling us at 1-800-565-8735, emailing info@outbackteambuilding.com or visiting us online at www.outbackteambuilding.com.



"Our team had a blast! It was an event that everyone enjoyed, it brought our group closer together and people are asking when can we do something like this again."

- Ernst & Young

"Everyone had a fantastic time! The event included every employee no matter their ability, age, etc. It was all inclusive and everyone enjoyed it! Everyone I spoke with was wonderful, responsive, accommodating, and collaborative."

- Fortis Alberta

