

Friendsmas Game Night Checklist (Printable)

A one-page, fill-in-the-blanks planner. Print at 100% scale.

Event Snapshot

- **Date & Time:** _____
- **Location:** _____
- **Guest Count (ideal 6-12):** _____
- **Budget (snacks + prizes):** \$_____
- **Theme/Vibe (ugly sweaters, cozy, sparkly):** _____

Game Lineup

- **Game Against Christmas** (252 cards; 2-20 players; teach in <2 min)
 - Icebreaker (5-10 min): _____
 - High-energy party game: _____
 - Calm/co-op option: _____
 - Closer/tiebreaker (10 min): _____
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Prep Timeline

1-2 Weeks Out - Lock date & send invite/RSVP link - Ask content comfort & accessibility needs - Pick 3-4 games to match vibe & headcount - Plan prizes (<\$15) or winner badges - Draft snack & drink list (finger-friendly) - Assign a co-host (music, photos, score)

3-5 Days Out - Confirm RSVPs & final headcount - Buy snacks, drinks, cups/napkins - Print quick-start rules for each game - Create 2-3 hr playlist (keep volume low) - Gather pens, scrap paper, timer - Prep a quiet corner/break space

24-48 Hours Out - Unbox games; sort decks; recycle wrap - Test seating & lighting; add chairs - Set coat spot/shoe rack - Charge speaker/phone; clear photo storage - Label cups/markers ready to go

Day Of - Separate **Game Zone** (table) & **Snack Zone** - Place first game on table; rules visible - Set out coasters, napkins, trash/recycling - Chill drinks; water pitcher on table - Start playlist at low volume; set temp comfy

Tonight's Flow (2 Hours — adjust as needed)

- **00:00-00:10** Hellos, coats, label cups, drinks

- **00:10–00:25** Icebreaker
- **00:25–00:55** Main Game 1 (e.g., **Game Against Christmas**)
- **00:55–01:05** Snack break / stretch
- **01:05–01:35** Main Game 2 (higher energy or team play)
- **01:35–01:45** Photo moment + quick tidy
- **01:45–01:55** Final closer round
- **01:55–02:00** Prizes & goodbyes

House Rules (post where visible)

- Anyone can **pass** on any card/bit—no pressure
- First-timers get rule help (no eye-rolls)
- Keep volume comfortable; breaks are normal
- Photos: ask before posting; share album link later

After the Party

- Send thanks + photo album link
- Note hit games/songs/snacks for next year
- Return borrowed items; restock staples

Notes

Tip: Keep Game Against Christmas within reach—it scales from 2–20 and resets the room fast.

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