

# Weather Forecasting Party

Are you tired of the same old calendar events? Are you looking for new, cheap ideas? Have a 'Weather Forecasting Party.'

Our long term alert residents sit around and look at the weather predictions every day and decided we could probably do better by pulling these out of a hat. I scheduled a 'Weather Forecasting Party' and it resulted in a lot of questions as to what we were going to do at this event. I created an Excel spreadsheet with numbers (temperatures) and predictions and after printing I cut them up, folded them and put the numbers in a bucket and the predictions in another bucket. I created a calendar for the remainder of the month and we were all set to fill in the blanks and see if we were better than the weatherman.

We first talked about what our favorite climate would be. Most agreed over 80 was ideal. Then we reminisced about especially good weather memories and bad weather memories. We also tried to come up with some song titles related to weather. These can be googled, but we just used our memories.

Everyone got to select a temperature and a prediction. These were taped to a temporary calendar and then converted to the calendar I had created. We will post this and do a comparison every day to see how good we predicted the weather.

I asked what would be an appropriate food to serve at this type of a party where we are basically making fun of the weatherman and someone suggested fried baloney sandwiches. That is one of their favorites, but we had just returned from a buffet so I kept it light. Otherwise, I would have fixed them the baloney sandwiches.

The concept was simple, the computer work was simple and the results were the residents got to interact, reminisce and have fun.

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