

# Seven ways you can ring in holiday cheer at work



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Looking to bring some holiday fun to your team this year? Here are seven easy ways to do it.

**1. Enjoy a treat a day.** Each team member takes a turn bringing in a favorite holiday treat for everyone to enjoy. This can be a great way to start talking about different holiday traditions. And it gives your team something to look forward to each day.

**2. Try this ice-breaker at your next team meeting.** Ask each person to talk for a few minutes about any childhood memories of traditions they may have shared with family or friends. Then let your team decide together if they'd like to celebrate at work.

**3. Give back together.** Building your team can help build up the community, too. You can:

- Sponsor a drive for food, clothing and/or toys
- Head out to help build a house for charity
- Put together holiday or care packages for low income families
- Go to a soup kitchen together and help out

There's no end to the number of ways your team can make a difference.

**4. Secret gift exchange.** Everyone who wants to participate gets assigned someone to give one or more gifts. Set cost limits based on your organization's policies and what your team members would like. One option is to give a few smaller gifts over several days and then one larger gift at the end. That's when the identity of each person's mystery gifter gets revealed.

**5. Throw a party.** You don't need a big budget to have a good time with your team. If you can find a bit of time to socialize together, you can fill it with fun and games or just a little chat. Want to add food without extra cost? It's easy; try a potluck.

**6. Decorate.** You'll need to follow your company's safety guidelines. But most likely there's a lot you can do, even if electric lights or decorations aren't allowed. Decking out your work space can be a great way to share traditions and give your own spirits an extra lift at work, too.

**7. Hold a contest.** Even a small gift card or two can be great prize incentives for some holiday fun. Contests can be quizzes, charades, trivia and more. A simple web search can give you hundreds of ideas.

Whatever you suggest to your team, leave room for those who don't want to participate. And be sure to support an inclusive culture that honors all the holidays of the season.

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