

Hobo Party

- Hobo Hop:** Give your party a name; it adds to the fun.
- Dress:** Attendance will be good because you don't have to dress up. Guests dress down, so get out the old rags and dress like a hobo.
- Anyone not in hobo costume will be tried in a "kangaroo court" and will be fined. Instead of money, the fine can consist of being made to perform, sing, dance, play an instrument or whatever the court decides.
- Lady Hobo's:** Don't make it a stag affair. Ladies have equal rights.
- Admission:** Ask each guest, as the price of admission, to bring along a tin of canned goods but to take the label off beforehand. Have a basket or box at the door to receive these contributions.
- Use these cans in small baskets or boxes as door prizes later, or as food for the party.
- Decorations:** Follow along with the theme. Use oil cloth or newspapers on the tables at which the guests will eat. Print any necessary signs on jaggedly torn brown wrapping paper. You might also have a bulletin board at which hobos can leave a message or put up notices as to the change or freight train time schedule.
- Signs should be in keeping Mulligan Stew served in the low cost Jungle Room, Canned Heat Cocktail, and Rum Dum Music by the Third Rail Trio.
- Hobo Help:** Set up a table for member donated old clothing or white elephant type articles. This will be a good way to get rid of unwanted clothes and junk around the house. Put a jolly soul in charge who, with each article given away, adds a little helpful advice such as to stay away from the evils of drink, a stitch in time, etc.
- Hobo King & Queen:** Make up a list of qualifications for King and Queen of the Hoboes. Handiness with the can opener should count and, above all, the winners should look the part.
- Prizes:** Give a couple other prizes after naming your king and queen, the worst dressed hobo, for example the one that has traveled the longest distance, etc.
- Food:** You can have a prepared meal, for example, some casserole dish or baked beans and hot dogs, doughnuts and coffee. Whatever concoction you serve, give it a hobo-ish name.
- Set card table or long tables with oilcloth covers or newspapers, can openers, silverware, paper plates and napkins, coffeepot, bread & butter and dessert.
- A little more unpredictable, but great fun is to have a can supper, using the cans brought by the guests as admission. Guests select partners and couples form supper groups of however many places there are at a table. They file past the basket with the cans without labels, each person taking one can. They go to a

table, use the can opener. Exchanges may be made with other groups. Hot plates or the Aerie kitchen would have to be used if such food needs warming. The chairman would want to have some food in reserve to insure a well-rounded menu.

If you use baked beans, allow a 1lb can for 2 generous helpings. Add 1 tablespoon of unsulphured molasses, 2 tsp. chopped onion, $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup prepared mustard.

You can also prepare hobo bundles by getting squares of red checked gingham or bandana cloth. Line with wax paper, then wrap up wax-paper sandwiches, tying bundle into knots at the corners, hobo style. Pile on counter. Add other foods on a buffet table.

Entertainment:

Dancing, group singing.

Have a riot; save the cigar butts.