



VAGRANT PARTY



This summer event is for people with a subtle sense of humor. If you know that your staff likes a good joke, give it a go. Both the preparation and the party are tons of fun.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION:

INVITATION

A month or several weeks before the event employees receive an email invitation where they can see photos of their bosses dressed as vagrants and homeless standing next waste containers. They have already experienced what it feels like to walk the streets wearing vagrant's clothes and begging for money or food. Now they're dropping a hint to their employees that the topic and the dress code of the event is...well, kind of obvious.

WELCOMING OF THE GUESTS OR RATHER ... VAGRANTS

The guests get into trucks (the ones that can carry passengers) to be taken to the venue. At the entrance to the venue there are fires burning; as the guests move on, they see tables covered in newspapers and typical vagrant food and drink, such as tinned food, vodka, and beer, served. To add to the mood, there are many waste containers in the venue; the project "Blue noses" by Russian artists is being shown on a big screen, and a band called "Stomp" (rap/rock/reggae) is performing live on the stage.

Each vagrant fishes out a cap for himself out of the waste container (it is clean, and the caps come in four colors, so that later the guests could be divided into four teams).

OPENING OF THE EVENT

The event opens with a few words by the Host of the evening who is playing the role of the King of Vagrants. He invites the managers of the company to come to the stage and greet the guests as well as share their experience of walking in vagrants' shoes for a couple of hours.

The Host introduces the concept and the activities of the first part of the event. The aim is to collect a particular sum of money ('local' currency made in advance), so that the guests could pay for the vagrant party later in the evening. To help the guests immerse themselves into the experience, their wallets, mobile phones and other similar possessions are taken and put away somewhere in a safe place.

Part One

Based on the colors of the caps they are wearing, the guests are divided into four teams. Each team takes part in all four competitions; the tasks are completed in rotation.

Startup capital. Each team receives five shopping trolleys filled with vagrant stuff that they will need to complete the tasks: a vagrant's diary, a bucket, a besom, a sponge, a bottle of water, a penknife, some newspapers, a tent frame, super glue, aerosol paint, a slingshot, some fire-wood, and some sausages for barbecuing. Each shopping trolley has its exclusive number plate with the team name written on it (we suggest something like "Posh Tramp", "Get Second-Hand Stuff", "Bull 007", "Vagrants rule!", etc.). Once ready, the guests set off on their trip and follow the vagrant's diary (the detailed timetable of competitions and the plan of the venue) in order not to get lost.

Competitions for the Teams

A Football Match in Three-legged Shorts

The game is played according to the regular football rules, but vagrants aren't exactly rolling in money, thus two players wear one pair of three-legged shorts and overturned waste containers serve as football gates. The team that scores more goals is the winner and gets paid both for the victory and for each goal it has scored. If the losing team has scored some goals, it also gets paid for each of them.

Waste Container Art

Waste container art is a type of avant-garde art that requires team effort. The first team to get to the 'studio' finds huge sheets of white cardboard to be used in the creative process. The teams are also supposed to use the glue and the aerosol paint they have in their shopping trolleys as well as the rubbish they can find on the venue. The first team comes up with an idea for the piece of art, creates the base and leaves a hint to the next team on how to continue the process. The second team continues the work, the third team rounds it up, and the fourth one adds the final touches and thinks of the title for the piece they have all created. The avant-garde masterpiece is presented to the public in the evening. Each team gets paid for the work it has done.

Vagrant Camping

Each team has a tent frame and some newspapers to be used for building. When the team reaches the building site, they build themselves a shelter and hang a balloon with some picture or an inscription on it by way of address. Again, just like in the previous competition, the teams can also use the rubbish they find on the venue to complete their buildings.

Following Vagrant's Footsteps

This competition consists of four different kinds of relay-race where all the four teams compete at the same time, and the team that wins each relay-race gets paid for it.

Community Service. Each team is equipped with besoms, buckets, sponges, penknives and water. The task is to clean a stretch of pavement/street as fast as possible. The team members divide the tasks: some of them sweep while others wash the tiles or deal with the weed.

Escaping the Asylum. The team members wearing straitjackets run a certain distance in the forest as fast as possible.

The Best Shot. The team members use slingshots to hit empty bottles on the table. The team to hit all the bottles off the table/break them first is the winner.

Sharing. The teams use the fire-wood from their trolleys in a race. The task is to run/walk a certain distance without stepping on the ground, i.e. they have to use the fire-wood as the means to build a path. The problem is that there are less pieces of fire-wood than there are players. The teams can complete the task only if they share what they have, i.e. take the pieces from behind and put them in the front.

After the relay-races are over the guests drop by the Vagrant Second-hand Style Studio to get ready for the evening. There are make-up artists who will help to apply bruises on the face and get a 'healthy' bluish-reddish skin tone. There is also a huge waste container filled with 'fashionable' accessories (bow ties, caps, ties, etc.) for spicing up the evening outfits. It's also time for dinner, thus the guests can grill the sausages they have in their trolleys.

The Vagrant Night Party

At the entrance to the party there are security guards (event assistants) who check, if the teams have enough money to pay the entrance fee. If not, they have to negotiate to be allowed in.

Inside the guests find the King of Vagrants (the Host of the event) waiting for them. He congratulates the teams on completing the tasks, announces the results and awards prizes/diplomas. The best dressed vagrants, the team that has built the most original shelter and the most creative and active participants of relay-races are also awarded with prizes.

Next, it's time to present the masterpiece of waste container art, which is now brightly lit and ready to be photographed.

The peak of the evening is a joint project by the guests and the professional musicians – a drum party. The professional musicians give each guest a drum, explain them the basics and then everyone joins forces in an improvised concert that really gets everyone going.

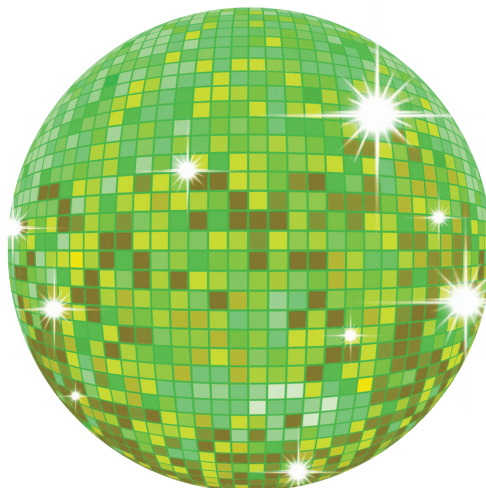
The Herring and Vodka Degustation

The King of Vagrants announces that the traditional vagrant refreshments – herring and vodka – are served. In addition, there is a degustation going on: the guests willing to participate are blindfolded and have to tell what kind of alcoholic beverages they are given to drink.

The Best Leg Hair

The nonconventional day continues with some nonconventional entertainment. It's a competition for men (if there are ladies willing to participate, they can join the competition as well 😊), and the aim is to select the owner of the most impressive leg hair. The winner receives an extremely valuable prize – a set of high quality shaving razors.

Afterwards it's time for a concert by a popular band/singer and a disco that goes on until morning.



We wish you a stunning party!