

# Pipeline House Parties: Bringing It Home

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## General Format

- Guests arrive
- Mingle/Food/Blanket and Warm Clothes Collection
- Host will give a short speech.
- MN350 speaker speaks
- Speaker from ally/indigenous group speaks (*optional*)
- Short Q&A with speaker(s).
- An Ask from the host. Get involved, sign up for email lists, donation, etc.
- Break off, continuing to chill & chat till closing time (If you've invited live musicians to the event, this would be a great time to have them play)

## Overall Goals

- Collecting blankets and warm clothing for protesters, as the weather begins to get colder at pipeline sites.
- Updating guests as to the situation in Standing Rock
- Making a connection for the guests between the DAPL and other lines in the area, such as Line 3.
- Bringing people's awareness to the overall issue of climate change, stressing the need for immediate action.
- Ultimately instilling a sense of hope in the guests, and a sense that this movement *is* for them, and about them.
- Allow opportunities for guests to give and get involved the same night.

## 8 Tips For Hosting a Great Pipeline Houseparty.

1. Picking a good night/date. Avoid picking a day when you know there may be another big event for a big portion of your social circle. Also, be aware of weather.
2. Encourage people to bike or bus to the event. Not only will this be easy on the environment, but it will help a lot with having to deal with parking.
3. Create an inviting space. Be creative with it. Do you have musical friends? Invite them.
4. You're hosting a house party because you plan to get people there. This is for your own social circle. MN350 can provide someone to speak about current pipeline fights, we can provide literature, we can provide swag, and of course, you can always be in touch with us if you have any questions along the way. MN 350 will also target email people in your area a week before the event, but DO NOT rely on this as your recruitment plan. Again, you are responsible for the attendance.
5. As a host, it is up to you to provide food and drink if you choose. Some may provide a full meal themselves, others may provide only hors d'oeuvres, others may choose to host a potluck-style party. It is totally up to you.
6. Remember that every pipeline party will be different. What's important is that you host an event that you and your friends will enjoy, and nobody knows this better than you!
7. Keep the speeches short but powerful. There are times for long, detailed lectures, but this is not one of those times.

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[example email to send out to friends]

Hello Friends,

I'm hosting an event at my home next week and would love if you all could make it. Here's a little more info on the event!

**Pipeline Houseparty: Bringing it Home**

*Location: 1823 Como Ave SE Minneapolis, MN 55414*

*Time: Wednesday, September 28 @8:00pm*

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There will be a speaker from MN350 and opportunities to discuss and get involved. The night will conclude with a performance by the bands *Pragmation* and *Northern Medicine*. Please bring warm clothes and blankets to donate to demonstrators at pipeline sites. Having these will be very important, as the winter is soon approaching. Drinks and vegetarian meals will be provided, courtesy of *Sisters Camelot*. See you there!

You can RSVP by following the FB Event link here: \*\*\*\*\*

Hope to see you all there!

Regards,

Hosty McHosty