

# HEARTHSTONE™

## HEROES OF WARCRAFT™

# Fireside Gatherings™

## How to Host Your Own Event

### **So, what is a Fireside Gathering?**

A Fireside Gathering is a place to meet up with friends old and new and enjoy the fun of Hearthstone: Heroes of Warcraft! If you are not content with merely attending one of these Gatherings and would rather host the event yourself, here are some important steps to take to ensure that your Fireside Gathering is a smashing success.



### **I still need to find a venue!**

If you are still trying to find the perfect place to host your Fireside Gathering, consider places that are open to the public, have plenty of room for tables and chairs, and have a dependable Internet connection. As long as these three basic criteria are met, you will be able to play. Rooms or buildings with multiple electrical outlets are preferred so that players can all plug in their various gaming devices.

### **Possible places to host your Fireside Gathering:**

- College meeting room
- Community recreation center
- Coffee shops
- Game stores
- Hotel ballroom
- Book stores

You are encouraged to take photos at your Fireside Gathering and share them online! Just make sure that you have a filming notice posted in plain view if your event is taking place in a public venue. Our official hashtag is #Fireside, so tweet away!

### **I have my venue! Now what?**

Perfect! Since you already have a place picked out to host your event, you just need to make sure that you have the important things covered.

One of the things that you will want to double check before hosting your event is the power capacity of your venue. If someone plugs in their laptop and causes a circuit to be overloaded, your circuit breaker will trip and your awesome event can come to a sudden halt. Power strips and extension cords will be nice to have on hand for players to charge their gaming devices.



### **Other Considerations**

The other vital bit of technology you will need to be sure of is your router and Internet connection. Having a wireless network to play on can save a lot of headache with network cables, routers, and switches. If you are stuck without a wireless option, be sure to have a router with multiple ports available. You can also purchase a switch to allow up to 48 more gamers to get connected!

Make sure that your guests know whether they need to have a device with wireless capability or if they need to bring an ethernet cord along with them to be able to participate. It may be a good idea to see how many people are able to connect to your wireless network before hosting your event. Many commercial routers have a default number of maximum connections, but can be configured to allow more. If you're uncertain about your wireless network capacity, or you're unable to configure it yourself, try to allow for a maximum of 10 players connecting at one time.



It will be important for you to be certain that your venue has enough seating available, as well as table space. It is possible that many players will be able to play on their tablet or laptop without need for a table, but it is likely that they will appreciate being able to set their gaming devices down from time to time. One six-foot table per two gamers is recommended for maximum comfort, but do the best with what you can!

Having food and drink available is a big plus for any kind of meetup. Be prepared with snacks on hand or tell your guests to bring their own so that everyone stays nice and energized for their exciting Hearthstone games!

Now that all of your vitals have been assessed, you will want to think about the games that you will be playing. We suggest having free play so that guests arriving at any time will still be able to take part in the action. To make things smoother for pairing people up to play, it may be a good idea to have a sign-up sheet where people can leave their names and Battle.net battle tags. You can also divvy people up based on their ladder rankings, or have players choose whether they go into a novice pool or a veteran pool. This will help ensure that the games are entertaining for everyone.

We hope that you take our advice on hosting your event and that you will have the best Fireside Gathering ever! **Enjoy playing Hearthstone: Heroes of Warcraft and make some new friends!**

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