Teddy Bear Picnic Activity for Adults

Host a whimsical and comforting Teddy Bear Picnic for adults, focusing on easing anxiety, grief, and loneliness while fostering a sense of nostalgia and connection. This activity is perfect for creating a playful yet meaningful gathering. Here's how to bring it to life:

Preparation

- 1. Weighted Teddy Bears: Provide weighted teddy bears to each participant, or invite guests to bring their cherished teddy bear. Suggest naming the bears after loved ones to create a sense of companionship.
- 2. **Picnic Setup**: Arrange blankets, picnic tables, or indoor areas with cozy seating to create a picnic-like atmosphere.
- 3. Picnic Baskets: Prepare a picnic basket for each guest with the following:
 - A mason jar with a name tag for drinks.
 - Themed napkins and utensils.
 - A small teddy bear-themed trinket or keepsake.

Menu

- Main Course: Serve classic picnic or BBQ items such as sandwiches, burgers, or grilled vegetables, beans, fruit kabobs, etc. We look forward to your creative ideas!
- **Bear-Themed Snacks**: Add a touch of creativity to the snacks by pairing them with quotes or themes from famous bear stories:
 - Paddington Bear's Marmalade Sandwiches
 - The Berenstain Bears' Honey Biscuits
 - Goldilocks' "Just Right" Porridge Cups
 - Winnie the Pooh's Honeycomb Treats

Activities

- 1. **Bear Story Trivia**: Include a trivia session with questions from popular fictional teddy bear stories like *Paddington Bear*, *The Berenstain Bears*, and *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*.
- 2. **Teddy Bear Parade**: Have guests showcase their teddy bears, share their bear's "name," and explain its significance.
- 3. **Bare (Bear) Necessities Sing-Along**: End the picnic with a group sing-along to Baloo's "Bare Necessities" from *The Jungle Book*. Provide lyrics and encourage participation.
- 4. Play <u>"The Teddy Bear Picnic"</u> song by Bing Crosby.

Optional Add-ons

- **Photo Booth**: Set up a bear-themed photo booth with props like bear ears, honey pots, and forest-themed backdrops.
- **Mindfulness Moment**: Use the weighted teddy bears for a brief guided relaxation or mindfulness session to help ease anxiety.

Teddy Bear Quotes

- **Paddington Bear**, known for his kindness and charm:
 - "Please look after this bear," 'Paddington' (2014)
 - "I'll never be like other people, but that's alright because I'm a bear, A bear called Paddington" 'Paddington' (2014)
 - "Aunt Lucy said: 'If we're kind and polite, the world will be right'". 'Paddington 2' (2017)
 - "A wise bear always keeps a marmalade sandwich in his hat in case of emergency."
 - o 'Paddington' (2014)
- <u>Winnie the Pooh</u>:
 - "You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."
 - o "Sometimes the smallest things take up the most room in your heart."
 - "Any day spent with you is my favorite day."
 - "I am short, fat, and proud of that."
 - "It wasn't much good having anything exciting, if you couldn't share it with somebody."
 - o "Oh, bother."
 - "A hug is always the right size."
 - \circ "Nobody can be uncheered with a balloon."
 - o "Weeds are flowers too, once you get to know them."
 - "People say nothing is impossible but I do nothing every day."
 - "A little Consideration, a little Thought for Others, makes all the difference."

This activity combines lighthearted fun with meaningful interaction, making it a memorable event for everyone involved.