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# Plan for a Rat's Picnic

To celebrate *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*, it might be fun to plan a spring picnic and invite your friends and family to share delicious food and fun. In groups of two or three, begin by brainstorming what you will need for the picnic, whom you will invite, and when and where you think it will be best to hold the picnic. Consider the following.

- What foods will we serve?
- Who can bring what?
- When and where will we have the picnic?
- Who will we invite?
- What games will we play? (In order to tie the picnic and book together, play a variety of games that require cooperation, such as three-legged and potato sack races. After all, it is cooperation that eventually saves Mrs. Frisby, her family, and the rats.)

After brainstorming, meet again as a class to share each group's suggestions. Vote to see which ideas the class likes best. Firm up the date and plans for the picnic. Design posters announcing the picnic. Create invitations for all the people you wish to invite. Also refer to the next two pages, "Spring Scavenger Hunt" and "A Smorgasbord of Presentations" for additional activities.

