

**In days of yore it seemed that until the wedding day, guys and girls celebrated separately: girls had showers and guys had bachelor parties.**



**Like many other traditions, this one, too, is having a major makeover:** co-ed showers are definitely cool and “ette” has joined “bachelor” as girls get together for a final fling with their best friends. Like your guy friends as much as your girl friends? Co-ed wedding showers, dubbed “Jack and Jill” showers are the same as traditional showers, but, you guessed it, the groom and his friends are invited, too. When planning a Jack and Jill shower, think party activities or themes that work for guys and girls: Kitchen, wine or stock the bar, travel, outdoor gear, or tools and gadgets work for a coed party. Note to planners: tempting as it might be, save the lingerie shower for “girls only.”

**Even the segregated bachelor and bachelorette parties are seeing the walls come down.** Nowadays, the event is either combined into one party or split into two parts: one part together and one part separate. It’s a great way to leave the wedding details aside and have some quality time with your closest friends.