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ULTIMATE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Think back to all of the birthday parties you attended from age 1-18. What were some of your favorite themes and activities? What magical staples made the birthday parties epic? From the McDonald's ball pits to pin the tail on the donkey, from skate or bowling parties all the way to awkward first dance parties, the Ultimate Birthday Party can be all of these things! There are ideas for decorations, activities, and food along with Pinterest boards to help inspire you as you throw your own Ultimate Birthday Party.

DECORATION IDEAS

Pinterest Board for decorations

- **Balloons** - multi-colored or theme colored
- **Lifesize Numbered Balloons** - can be of the varying ages of the participants
- **Balloon Arch**
- **Streamers** - can be placed in doorways to walk through & draped around the room
- **Streamer Chandelier** - made out of different size hula hoops
- **Party Hats** - ranging from princess/superhero themes and all of the above

ACTIVITY IDEAS

Pinterest board with Activity ideas

- **Piñata** - traditional or personal
- **Pin the Tail on the Donkey**
(Choose a different animal or make up your own like "pin the stole on the pastor.")
- **Simon Says**
- **Graffiti Wall / Life-size Coloring Sheet**
- **Ball Pit Treasure Hunt**
 - Setup a kiddie pool filled with balls or balloons of any kind.
 - Have a relay to find specific items in the kiddie pool.
 - Create a list for everyone to see the order in which they need to find things, with the rule that they must leave the items in the pool until they get to it on their list.
 - Item ideas: McDonald's toys, spoon, sock, marker, paper clip, clothespin, cotton ball, dice, hair tie, Jolly Rancher, Starburst, etc.
- **Birthday Trivia**
 - Questions could be about the birthdays of the participants or about birthday statistics around the world.
 - This activity could be done digitally using smart devices and an online quiz platform, such as Kahoot.

- **Team Balloon Race / Obstacle Course**
 - Team Over-Under Relay
 - Balloon must get to the other side, but only one touch per person. Repeat people until it gets to the other side. You could use pool noodles as an alternative option.
 - Balloon waddle between legs
 - At any point you could add baseball bat spinning before any relay.
- **Group dance / Barn Dance / Energizers / DJ**
- **Backyard games**
 - Cornhole
 - Ladder Golf
 - Twister - spray paint on grass or make a giant board on a tarp
 - 9 Square
 - Frisbee Pole
 - Sack Race
 - Three-legged Race
 - Water Balloon Toss (Remind participants to pick up after the game!)
- **What's On Your Phone Scavenger Hunt** - Get a point when you find:
 - A selfie as a screensaver
 - A pet as a screensaver
 - The most recent timestamp text from someone's mom
 - The oldest picture saved in someone's pictures folder
 - The person with the most fast food apps
 - Contact list with a name that starts with Y
 - Contact list with a name that starts with Q
 - An alarm set before 7:00 am
 - An embarrassing video of themselves
 - Has less than 10% battery life / more than 80% battery life
- **Hire entertainment**
 - Magician
 - Dress up characters (Examples: Princess, Superhero, Clown or balloon artist, Band)
- **Movie Showing (indoor or outdoor)**
- **Photo Ops (for small or large groups)**
 - Have a variety of items to put on to take a group picture.
 - Examples: Giant Sunglasses, Birthday Party Hats, Mardi Gras beads, etc.

FOOD IDEAS

Pinterest Board for Main Dish food ideas & Dessert ideas

- **Dessert Ideas**
 - Cupcakes (regular-sized or mini-sized in a variety of flavors)
 - Scoopable candy to make a candy version of "Chex Mix" in small clear punch cups
 - Ice cream sundae bar
- **Main Dish Idea**
 - Hot dogs / corn dogs
 - Hamburgers / sliders
 - Macaroni & cheese cups
 - Finger sandwiches
 - Chips & dips
 - Veggie trays or charcuterie boards
 - Slushies / Kool-Aid