



Ten Tips to make your party successful! (Provided by Best Fun Inc.)

Here are 10 Helpful Hints to help you pull off a successful party without going crazy, busting your budget, or taking the week off from work! Check out our planning checklist.

#1 Involve Your Child - Planning a party is a great opportunity to share a fun time with your child. Plus, involving your child in the party planning process will ensure that the party reflects his/her interests.

#2 Prioritize - There are so many fun things you can do, buy, and make for your child's party that the party can sometimes become bigger and fancier than it really needs to be. This means extra work, extra cost, and probably less fun for all those involved in making the party happen.

Focus on the things that are really key to the party fun and most important to your child. When in doubt, put your effort into games, activities and entertainers instead of food and decorations.

#3 Budget - Don't spend more than you want or need to. The key pieces of a party... Activities (bounce houses, entertainers, games) and Fun Food... is relatively inexpensive.

#4 Plan - Develop a good outline and time line for the party. Use the Planning Checklist to determine what needs to be done when. Have back-up plans in case of rain.

#5 Prepare - Do as much ahead of time as possible. Then you won't be in a panic if you get the flu the week before the party or have a huge work project dumped on your lap.

Prepare all the party favors and games/activities a couple weeks ahead. Then you can spend the days before the party focusing on the things that really must wait until the last minute (preparing the food and putting up the decorations).

#6 Take Short Cuts - Look at your Checklist and identify the things you can purchase readymade or pay someone else to do. Your "I'll do it myself" list should focus on the things you have to do because they're either not available or too expensive to purchase and the things you really want to do, because it'll be fun (maybe you'd really like to make the party invitations, even though you could easily buy them).

If you want a good laugh, read some party planning books from 30-50 years ago. They did EVERYTHING from scratch back then. Thank goodness for party stores and convenience foods.

#7 Get Help - Give everyone in the family, including the party child, some responsibilities. Dad can pick up the balloons, brother can make the peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, and the party child can setup the obstacle course. Best Fun Delivers inflatable, balloons, tables and more!

Ask friends to use their unique talents to help... your artistic friend can make a party banner; your gourmet cook friend can help with the food. If you don't have a lot of time to come up with games and activities, hire an entertainer.

#8 Be Realistic - Don't think everything has to be perfect... it won't be. If you want to look at Martha Stewart books for ideas... fine, but remember she does this for a career and has lots of staff!

There will always be something you'd do differently if you had it to do over again. Some game you thought would be a big hit will be too easy, too difficult, or too slow. Some food you thought kids would devour will go untouched. Kids eat less when they are active! Don't dwell on it, but do remember it for the next time.

Also help your child be realistic. Unrealistic expectations and days of anticipation can lead to disappointment. Remind your child that she can have a great time, even if she doesn't win every game and doesn't receive every toy she wanted.

#9 Be Flexible - Plan and prepare, but don't freak out when things don't go as planned. Be ready to shift gears if a game or activity isn't a big hit. Be ready to go to plan B. Do crafts in the garage when it starts to rain or plug in a video when the entertainer doesn't show.

#10 Have Fun - Parties are a great opportunity to share a good time with your child. Remember, it won't be that long until your child thinks he/she is too old for parties or just wants to be dropped off at the movies with friends. Enjoy the silly games and sprinkle-covered cupcakes while you can!

Have a great party! Best Fun hopes to be a part of it. Contact us at www.bestfun.biz (317)-356-BEST (2378) or email mike@bestfun.biz.
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