

# Pool Party Checklist

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- Preparing the Party
  - Choose a theme for your party.
  - Send invitations that highlight your theme.
  - Have an indoor location ready as backup.
  - Be sure that both the primary and rain locations can comfortably hold seating for all of the guests.
  - Make sure there is enough space to serve food and drinks.
  - Decorate the party area with cushions and pillows on chairs and benches.
  - Arrange vases full of flowers.
  - Have extra sunscreen, extra towels and plastic bags for people to take their wet swimming suits and towels.
  - Be sure to keep any cold foods refrigerated or frozen until it is time to serve them.
- At the Pool
  - Make sure you've got plenty of lounge and beach chairs around the swimming pool.
  - Have plenty of rafts available for adults.
  - Set up games, such as darts, beach volleyball or badminton.
  - Serve a selection of easy-to-snack-on dips and spreads.
  - Serve kabobs, fried chicken, fruit salads, vegetable trays and ice cream sundaes.
  - Serve the food on plastic recyclable plates with plastic eating utensils.
  - Provide plenty of napkins or wet towelettes.
  - Play your favorite summer tunes outside on waterproof speakers.
  - Provide guests with some shelter from the hot summer sun.
  - Set your own pool rules.
  - Make sure people know where the deep end is.
  - Always make sure that an adult is supervising children in the swimming pool at all times.