

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.