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Great Party Ideas - Bouncing Houses And Moon Jumps

By Lucy Bartlett

So you are planning to throw a party for your Childs birthday, now you need to work out how you plan to entertain them.

>From my own experience I have learnt that for most children between the ages of two and ten an inflatable bouncing house or moon jump is a fantastic party idea!

For those of you that don't know what they are or have never come across this concept I will explain. An inflatable bouncing house is a large inflatable structure generally with an area for bouncing on. In the UK they are called bouncy castles, they are so called because the first bouncing houses in the UK were actually shaped like castles with turrets and towers. Nowadays the shapes and designs are very varied, you can find bouncing houses with inflatable slides attached to them, or with other inflatable structures inside for climbing on.

The artwork themes of bouncing houses can really thrill a child who is fanatical about a television character, as you can find many units with specific themes.

The great thing about having a bouncing house at your party is that while you are busy preparing food and decorating your home, the rental company will come and erect the structure for you, so all you need to do is switch the electric plug on and you are ready to go.

No need to worry about party games as once the children get on the bouncer you will have a hard job getting them off!

At the end of the party the rental company will come back and take the structure away.

Rental rates for bouncing houses are not very expensive, but when you are selecting a rental company there are a couple of things to find out first.

Make sure that the units they use are clean and regularly maintained, and ask whether they have insurance. It is likely that you will be asked to sign a responsibility waiver, which basically states that

you will be responsible for the safe use of the children using the bouncing house.

Moon jumps and bounce houses are not just for the enjoyment of children either, you can rent them for adult parties too. Now there's an idea!

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Open House Party Planning

By George Meszaros

A non-traditional party is an open house. It is very similar to traditional party, but there are some differences. Most importantly, an open house offers your guests greater convenience. Because open houses longer than traditional parties, your guests have a larger window of opportunity to visit you. Normally, open houses are scheduled earlier in the day than many parties. Open houses are usually daytime affairs.

Open houses require the same amount of planning as traditional parties. Because they are longer affairs, they are usually less structured. The longer schedule allows your guests to come and go more freely.

Open houses are great neighborhood parties. The less formal style fits perfectly this kind of event. It gives people living on the same street interact freely without worrying about a schedule. Your neighbors can drop by for a few minutes or several hours. It is up to them how long they stay. Your guests can arrive at different times throughout the day.

An open house allows you to have a party without having to manage its progression much. It is normally an informal event that requires no structure. You simply dedicate a certain amount of time for the open house that allows your guests to come and go whenever they please. Because there are usually no activities to plan you don't have to worry about a schedule. Due to the more relaxed atmosphere, you may have more time to socialize.

Keep in mind that open house parties are longer than traditional parties. Therefore, the food you serve

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should hold up for the entire duration of the party. The foods you serve should not spoil easily. Make sure you have enough extra food to accommodate unexpected guests. Some of your guests may bring additional people, so be prepared to feed a couple of extra guests. Appetizers and various finger foods are great for open houses.

Because open houses are long affairs, you need to have a lot of energy to keep the party going all day. You should try to delegate as much as you can to help you with the workload. Welcoming guests throughout the day can be exhausting, so save your energy.

Final tip: Make sure your guests understand that they are invited to an open house and inform them of the duration of the party in advance.

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