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Delightful Birthday Party Ideas

(NAPSA)—Here's a surprise for many parents: You don't have to spend a lot of time and money to throw a memorable celebration for your youngster's birthday. There are a number of resources available online that provide ideas for imaginative party themes as well as fun activities that are easy to execute and won't break the bank.

For example, FamilyFun.com suggests birthday themes and accompanying activities for children with a variety of interests, from creating a space galaxy at home to making your very own green eggs and ham cake.

"Most kids aren't looking for a standard party and most parents don't want to take out a loan for a birthday celebration," explained Emily Smith, vice president of FamilyFun.com. "The day can still be one to remember for the entire family if you go for novel and creative cakes, decorations, games and more—while staying within your budget."

A few of the many party ideas found on the site include:

Create A Carnival Atmosphere

Bring a full-blown carnival to your backyard complete with a midway of games, food and prizes! Learn how to make balloon cupcakes, build your very own ticket booth and create a slew of fun activities from things you already have lying around the house. Also research where you can purchase inexpensive carnival loot online.



A cooking theme is just one example of an easy and inexpensive children's birthday party idea.

Exploring Excitement

Let your child be a famous explorer for the day by throwing him a jungle-themed birthday party. From do-it-yourself leaf-shaped invitations to decorating with paper bag vines, your party is sure to be a hit with all little adventurers. Try out a "crocodile alley" obstacle course and finish the party off with a slippery snake cake.

Cook Up Some Fun

For older children who are no longer into pin the tail on the donkey, a Kids' Cooking Party is sure to get rave reviews with aspiring chefs. Make your own chef hat and play the Blindfold the Cook game. And for food, try the unique "salad on a stick" and apron cake for dessert.

Learn More

The site and ideas provide fun for both you and your children—online at www.familyfun.com.