

HALLOWEEN HINTS!

Put The Haunt In Your Halloween Parties

(NAPSA)—If you want your next Halloween bash to be the black cat's meow, try these tips to keep your guests screaming for more.

• **Inviting Ghoulish Guests**

—Paint the party details on a huge pumpkin (or line up three smaller ones, each bearing a different piece of information, such as date, time, or place). Take a close-up photo of the “invitation” and send copies to guests in bright orange envelopes.

• **Spooky Decor**—Stores such as Spencer Gifts have a variety of decorations and Halloween accessories that can help make your party a howling success. For example, Mr. and Mrs. Skeleton are decorations dressed to party. Each stands five feet tall. Mr. Skeleton has a top hat and black trench coat with “faux” trim, while Mrs. Skeleton has a “faux” fur cap, pink coat and carries a black and red rose. You can also light your guests' way with the store's Hanging Flame Light. The “flame” is made of silk. A small fan blows it to simulate a moving flame and an orange lamp simulates the glow of a fire.

• **Frightening Food**—Guests may enjoy digging into Spencer Gift's Zombie Chip n' Dip (you fill the zombie's skull with dip and put chips in its skeleton hand). For dessert, make a graveyard cake by cutting sugar cookie dough into tombstone shapes and bake. Use icing to write R.I.P. on the cooled cookies and personalize them with guests' names. Stick



One trick to make your Halloween party a treat: Invite some scary guests.

the tombstones into a chocolate cake to resemble a graveyard.

• **Gruesome Games and Fun**—Ask everyone to bring a carved pumpkin to the party (B.Y.O.P.). Set up a special table to display them (this will also enhance your party decor) and provide paper and pens so guests can vote for their favorites. Use a jack-o-lantern as a ballot box. At the end of the night, count the votes and award a sack of Halloween treats to the winner.

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