



Thanks for choosing Great Kids Events
(Formerly Andy's Parties)!

We look forward to helping make your day special!

If you never read this, your party will be great &
we'll take care of everything we've discussed.

However, please read on to learn more about some
add-on options for your party & about other
services we provide!

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Frequently Asked Questions about Great Kids Events Parties

1. For what ages of children do you plan and lead parties?

Our 30+ full-service, all-inclusive theme party packages are great for kids ranging in age from 1-11, depending on which theme you choose! We also have great entertainment-only "Themed Play Parties." At Great Kids Village indoor playcenters, we offer "Let's Just Play" parties as well.

2. What are your prices?

- 1.0 hour themed play parties - \$295 for up to 15 kids, \$15 per child thereafter
- 2.0 hour full-service, all-inclusive theme party packages - \$450 for up to 15 kids, \$100 for 5 extra kids
- 2.0 hour full-service, all-inclusive extreme party packages – varies up to \$1599 for 35 kids (Carnival Party)
- Corporate events – priced per station – many options and lengths of time available!!

3. How far in advance do I need to reserve my party date?

It is best to reserve your date as far in advance as possible. We generally start getting busy as much as 6-8 weeks in advance, and parties held in our Centers tend to book up further in advance than at-home parties. However, if you call us up to one week in advance, and your preferred date and time is open, we are happy to reserve it for you! FYI, our busiest months are October, June, and May.

4. How many children can fit into our Party Centers?

We have virtually unlimited capacity in Columbia and can easily handle parties of 30-40 kids in Silver Spring. Bethesda and Ashburn centers can hold up to 25 kids. If you invite more than this amount or if you will have a lot of your guests' parents present, you may have a party where the children do not have enough space to play, or cannot hear the staff over the voices of socializing parents, or where we do not have enough seating for all of the kids! We are not responsible for this type of situation, and will do everything possible to politely remind the parents during the party that the children need to be able to hear us! Please ask us for suggestions regarding how many children can *comfortably* fit in the Center based on the age and type of theme party you are having.

5. What does a Great Kids Events full-service, all-inclusive theme party include?

All full-service packages include music, games, theme craft, facepainting, pizza, juice, dessert, themed goodie bags, paper products, staff, all supplies and more, for up to 15 children! Most theme packages also include a piñata, themed paper products, theme cupcake cake & themed party supplies such as dress-ups or props.

6. What does a GKE Themed Play Party include?

All themed play packages include music, games, theme craft activity, and facepainting. You provide party goods.

7. Is a tip included in the price of my party?

No. Our staff does appreciate tips if they do a great job for you.

8. How many staff members will come to my party?

An average party of up to 20 kids will typically require 2 staff members. Corporate events usually require one staff member per station. As we book larger parties, we often increase our staffing as appropriate.

9. How much time do you need to set up and clean up?

We will arrive to set up at least 15 minutes before the party start time. Clean up takes us 5-20 minutes.

10. Where do you hold the party?

We bring the party to you, or you can come to us! We lead our parties at your home or in your reserved venue, such as a community center or country club party room.

11. Are there any restrictions when I hold the party at a Great Kids Events center?

Please see our terms and conditions at www.greatkidsvillage.com/termsandconditions.pdf. All DC-area GKECenters prohibit homemade food products (including birthday cake and ice) from being served in the Center, and also restrict the use of outside entertainment and balloon decorations. Our food handling permits and insurance policies are very particular about these items.

12. What kinds of theme parties does Great Kids Events have available?

We have many theme parties available and are adding more all the time. Please check our website at www.greatkidsvillage.com/partylist.html for current offerings. Our most popular theme parties are the girlie spa party, the rockin' dance party, the princess party and the safari party.

13. Do you do custom parties, mitzvahs, or weddings?

Yes, we do provide custom event planning services. We'll ask you some questions and come up with some great ideas!

14. What do I need to do before you arrive to set up for the party?

Just prepare your party room – clear out breakables in any area that your party guests will be playing, clear out any furniture that you don't want the children to be around. We'll take care of the rest! You don't need to worry about anything during the event – we do it all for you! Please be advised that while Great Kids Events staff will help you move items, we cannot be responsible for damage to any furniture items or personal property items that need to be moved to prepare for a party.

15. Does Great Kids Events offer any other services?

Yes, please ask us about our indoor playcenters in Columbia and Silver Spring and camps and festivals at various locations throughout the DC metro area through Great Kids Camps & Events (www.greatkidscamps.com). We are currently building a childcare program that we are bringing to local community centers, country clubs, and schools.

16. Does Great Kids Events donate services to community non-profits or schools?

All the time! Great Kids Events prides ourselves in being very involved in our communities, and frequently donates time, energy, planning services, and gift certificates to schools and community organizations. During 2010 alone, we donated over \$5,000 in gift certificates to DC-area school auctions to raise funds for playgrounds, reading materials and other necessary educational items. We also donated more than \$10,000 in planning services, party events, decorations, and staff time to community events and school and non-profit fundraisers. If your school needs some help, please ask us if we can help!



Add-on Adult Catering Options

1. Extra Pizzas

This is the simplest option. We have a special arrangement with Papa Johns and can offer you XL 1-topping pizzas for \$15, including tipping the driver. We order pizzas two days before your party, so feel free to call/email us anytime before then to order extra pizzas. If you would like us to provide full pizza meals for adults, including pizza, red paper products and sodas/waters, the cost is \$25 per 5 adults.

If you fall outside of both Papa John's and Deli Italiano's delivery area, we may not be able to accommodate you for extra pizzas. Areas where this may occur are Potomac and Urbana, MD and parts of Washington, DC.

2. Great Kids Village Catering

We have a great café at our Columbia location where we can cater food for your party. Our in-house chef is wonderful at preparing adult or kid-oriented food. You can view our full menu at http://greatkidsvillage.com/our_cafe.html. You pay the menu price and no delivery charge.

3. Whole Foods Catering

We would be happy to arrange catering with Whole Foods for you. Their menu is diverse and tasty, and their presentation is very good as well. Their full menu can be found at <http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/catering/midatlantic1.html>. We will charge you menu price plus tax, and a \$35 order & delivery fee, and we will handle everything.

4. Einstein Bros Bagels:

Einstein Bros has some great options, especially for parties held early in the day. The Bagel & Shmears Nosh Box is especially popular – 24 bagels and 4 tubs of cream cheese shmears. Their catering menu can be found at <http://www.einsteinbros.com/pdf/cateringMenu.pdf>. We charge you the menu price plus tax, and a \$10 order & delivery fee, and we will handle everything.



Want to Add a Cake? -- Cake Pricing & Options

1. Kentlands Giant Bakery

We get our cupcakes and most cakes from Kentlands Giant Bakery and they are fabulous! All of the products we purchase from this bakery are tasty and freshly-prepared just for us! While Giant products that we use are all nut-free, nuts may be used in other parts of their kitchens. However, several of our allergy-concerned clients have spoken with Giant and we have toured their facilities, and we have never had a peanut emergency.

Please see the following prices if you would like to upgrade from the standard cupcake cake (½ choc, ½ vanilla, themed drawing on the top). Note: if you upgrade to a cake, we automatically remove your cupcake cake and the price below reflects this upgrade (in lieu of an ordering/delivery charge) and we also include all necessary utensils/paper products.

If you are interested in cake decoration options, please contact us for decorations available.

"Standard" Cake prices

¼ sheet (serves 15-20): \$40.00

½ sheet (serves 30-40): \$60.00

Note: Great Kids Events does not control bakery pricing and it is subject to change.

2. Cold Stone Creamery or Marble Slab Creamery

Cold Stone and Marble Slab make great ice-cream cakes. They have various sizes and can decorate cakes with many different themes. Marble Slab also offers some kosher ice cream cakes. Please email or call us for pricing.

3. Fancy Cakes By Leslie

The famous "Fancy Cakes" makes the highest-end cakes in the DC metro area. They created the "Today Show Hometown Wedding" Winning Cake in 2005 and Leslie is routinely featured on the Food Network. If you are looking for the most intricate design and best-tasting cake, call Leslie at 301-548-9390 or we can handle the order for you. All "Fancy Cakes" are custom-priced.



Other Optional Party “Add-Ons”

1. **Balloons**

We offer helium-filled balloons at the following rates, all including delivery with your party package:

- \$20 per “bouquet “ (3 foil balloons/7 latex balloons)
- \$1.50 per latex balloon (any colors or design)
- \$4.00 per foil balloon (any design)

2. **Personalized Favors**

We offer personalization of favors for \$1.00 per child. Note, if your guest list changes after we personalize your favors, you may need to purchase extra individual favors.

3. **Stationed Activities**

We offer a la carte entertainment in addition to our full-service packages. This is a popular option for corporate parties or family picnics. Below is a partial list of options:

Options - Children’s Entertainment Stations at Corporate Events \$75 per station/hour (minimum package: 2 stations and 2 hours) Each station attended by a great Andy’s Parties team member!	
Karaoke - Karaoke machine includes screen, CDs and microphones!	You provide table.
Craft Activities – endless options (many Corporate events have multiple Craft stations!) Includes 25 Crafts per hour. Add'l Crafts \$2 ea.	
Movement and dancing games, including party dances and parachute games	
Field Games – potato sack races, egg/spoon races, obstacle courses with tunnels and cones, hula hoop games, more	
Popcorn stand with 25 servings per hour (add'l 25 servings \$25)	You provide table.
Sho Cones with 25 servings per hour (add'l 25 servings \$25)	You provide table.
Cotton candy with 25 servings per hour (add'l 25 servings \$25)	You provide table.
Tabletop Carnival games – several options available.	You provide tables.
Facepainting – basic face paint designs.	You provide small table + 2 Chairs.
Nail Painting – basic fingernail painting *1 of 5 “Girls Day Out” Stations*	
Make-up – powder blush, eyeshadow, lip gloss, and body glitter *1 of 5 “Girls Day Out” Stations*	

4. **Moonbounces + Other Rentals**

We partner with great Party Rental companies, including Astro Jump DC (<http://www.astrojump.com/washingtondc.htm>) based in Manassas. They offer a huge assortment of moonbounces, slides, concessions, carnival games, and much more! Call us or them if you would like to add a rental to your package.

5. **DJ Services**

We provide music for your parties. If you have a bigger event, we can partner with Unique Dreams DJ (www.uniquedreams.net) to offer DJ services for your event. They have great entertainers, equipment and dancers to add to your events. Please call us for a custom price.

6. **Animal Shows**

We partner with a few animal-to-go companies who can bring live animals to your event. They include:

- Reptiles Alive (www.reptilesalive.com) – Reptiles, Lizards, and much more!
- Squeals on Wheels (www.squealsonwheels.us) – Ponies, Petting Zoos and more!

Call us (or them) for pricing!



Great Kids Village In-Home Party Plans

THEME PLAY PARTY

Behind the scenes - Setup room as needed in advance with any food or goodie bags ordered, anything added to package, anything the client brought in, and presents; fill in detailed party plan below with your itinerary of activities.

Timing	Activity	Materials	Fill in Detailed Plans
0-15	Basic Facepainting and birthday banner	Facepaint, brushes, water, paper towels, Banner, markers & crayons	
15-60	45-min theme program	Intro/opening to party	
		Book (or other intro activity like trivia, song, game)	
		Craft	
		Movement and dancing games	
60+	Turn over to client	Clean up party area and pack up.	The client self-serves for this package. We do not to "MC" the theme play party time or help with food

FULL SERVICE PARTY

Behind the scenes - Setup party area as needed in advance with goodie bags, piñata, paper products, anything added to package, anything the client brought in, and presents; fill in detailed party plan below with your itinerary of activities.

Timing	Activity	Materials	Fill in Detailed Plans
-15 – 0	Arrive at home, set up, begin facepainting and birthday banner	Banner paper, crayons/markers, Facepaint, brushes, water, paper towels	
0-15	Basic Facepainting and birthday banner		
15-60	45-min theme program	Intro/opening to party,	
		Book (or other intro activity like trivia, song, game)	
		Craft	
		Movement and dancing games	
60-90	Food time	Get pizza, cake, juice ready and pass out to children in room, set out anything ordered extra for grownups for them to self-serve	Make sure all the kids get served, and then do full cake service with candles, matches. Pass out cake.
90-105	Pinata activity – don't forget piñata promise!		
105-120	Hand out goodie bags, closing to party, then cleanup		

LET'S JUST PLAY PARTY

Not available for an in-home party



Great Kids Village Party Plans At a GKV Center

THEME PLAY PARTY

Behind the scenes - Setup room as needed in advance with any food or goodie bags ordered, anything added to package, anything the client brought in, and presents; fill in detailed party plan below with your itinerary of activities.

Timing	Activity	Materials	Fill in Detailed Plans
0-15	Basic Facepainting and Birthday banner	Facepaint, brushes, water, paper towels, Banner, markers & crayons	
15-60	45-min theme program	Intro/opening to party,	
		Book (or other intro activity like trivia, song, game)	
		Craft	
		Movement and dancing games	
60-120	Time in party room/space	Setup room as needed in advance with any food or goodie bags ordered, anything added to package, anything the client brought in, presents	The client self-serves for this package. We do not to "MC" the theme play party time in the party rooms.
	Playtime in Center		

FULL SERVICE PARTY

Behind the scenes - Setup room as needed in advance with goodie bags, piñata, paper products, anything added to package, anything the client brought in, and presents; fill in detailed party plan below with your itinerary of activities.

Timing	Activity	Materials	Fill in Detailed Plans
0-15	Basic Facepainting and playtime in center	Facepaint, brushes, water, paper towels, banner activity started	
15-60	45-min theme program	Intro/opening to party	
		Book (or other intro activity like trivia, song, game)	
		Craft	
		Movement and dancing games	
60-90	Time in party room/space	Get food from café counter and pass out to children in room, set out anything ordered extra for grownups for them to self-serve	Make sure all the kids get served, and then do full cake service with candles, matches. Pass out cake.
90-105	Pinata activity – don't forget piñata promise!		
105-120	Hand out goodie bags, closing to party, then playtime		

LET'S JUST PLAY PARTY

15 minutes after the start time, make an announcement to gather children and do energetic opening to party with the guests, then have them go back to playing.



Our Camp Programs

www.greatkidsCamps.net

Camps are now enrolling in Ashburn, Herndon, Columbia, and Silver Spring!
Also, please call about out-of-school-day camps at Montgomery County Rec Centers!

Great Kids Camps offers many exciting camp programs, all directed by our energetic camp counselors! Each of our Camp Weeks offer themed programming - our full day camps incorporate sports, food service, and swimming (where available) for a great full day of camp. We also have half-day options at various locations.

Please click on the links below for more detailed information about the themed activities your child will do at each camp:

- [Adventurers Camp](#) (Ages 9-13)
- Arts & Crafts Week (Ages 3-9)
- Beach Week (Ages 3-9)
- Detective Week (Ages 5-9)
- [Dinosaur Week](#) (Ages 3-9)
- [Glamour Week](#) (Ages 4-9)
- [Pirate Week](#) (Ages 3-9)
- [Princess Week](#) (Ages 3-9)
- [Rock & Roll Week](#) (Ages 3-9)
- [Safari Week](#) (Ages 3-6)
- Sports Week (Ages 3-9)
- [Superhero Week](#) (Ages 3-9)
- [Transportation Week](#) (Ages 3-9)

