

FAQ for Birthday Parties

What is the structure of your Birthday Parties?

One hour of activities start off the party. We do engaging warm ups with the party goers then move onto obstacle courses, trampoline fun, trapeze, air pit, games and lots of fun. After the hour in the gym, we head downstairs to the party room for an hour of "Happy Birthday" with your refreshments and opening of gifts.

How many total children are included in the party price?

Different Party types allow different number of participants as noted below.

- Classic party for 1-15 children (including the birthday child) \$285
- Deluxe party for 16-20 children (including the birthday child) \$315
- Mega party for 21-25 children (including the birthday child) \$350
- Add \$10 to above party type if Birthday child is not currently enrolled in a class

YOU MAY Upgrade your party up to 7 days prior to your party date. NO party downgrades are allowed.

We do not include parents, guardians, or your adult guests in the total; however, non-participants must view from the glass doors and lobby area, except for the parents of the birthday child. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES CAN ADULTS OR NON-PARTICIPANTS BE ALLOWED ON THE EQUIPMENT.**

- Any child, including babies, participating in any part of the gym activities is included in your head count. Participants Ages 1 & 2 will need a parent to come into the gym and lead their child through the activities. Adults will NOT be allowed on any of the equipment.
- Please add \$20 per child for each additional participants over your selected party type the day of the party in cash or check payment. We cannot go over 25 children unless given special permission by our Party Directors.

Why do I need to provide a guest count ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE?

This will ensure that we have the appropriate number of staff assigned to your Birthday Party as well as having enough online waivers available for your Party Guests to complete. Children can watch from the sidelines if they do NOT have an online waiver completed by their parent or guardian.

WAIVERS must be done in advance ONLINE through our Party Calendar on our website at

<https://www.harfordgymnastics.com/party-events/party-calendar>

What do I need to provide for the party?

The family provides the refreshments (food and drink) and the utensils for the food you choose to provide. Don't forget the candles (if you want them for your cake or cupcakes) and knife to cut the cake. We provide white small cake plates, cups, napkins and table cover. You are welcome to provide party favors for your participants at your discretion.

Will my party have a party host the entire time of my party?

Most definitely. Your party host or leader is there from greeting your guests to cleaning up. The party leader will organize and lead your party with a variety of fun games and activities in the gym area. Your host will set-up your party room, serve your guests, and assist you in any way possible to make your party the ULTIMATE birthday party experience! Your host will take care of all the clean-up too! The host is there to help make your party easy!

Am I allowed to TIP the party staff?

Tipping should be considered if the staff went above and beyond in making your child's party exceptional. You can TIP if you feel the party leader, host and assistants has given outstanding service and helped to make your party a big hit with the children. Any tips received are split by the staff.

What decorations am I allowed?

Harford Gymnastics allows any table decorations such as balloons, napkins, paper plates, cups and tablecloths but we like to know this in ADVANCE because we provide (free of charge) white plates, cups & napkins along with white table cloths. We ONLY provide paper products for the children participating, so if you plan to provide food for the adults you need to bring paper products for that. We do not allow items to be taped to the walls or ceilings.

We can NOT allow pinatas.

What type of food is allowed at the birthday party?

We do not provide any food for the party. You bring your own food. Cupcakes, juice boxes, and ice cream cups, if serving ice cream, work best as treats during your birthday party but you may bring what you choose. We do have a refrigerator upstairs in the lobby if you need it. Please note that we do not have freezer space available. Mr "Y"s Pizza in Fallston (3 miles away) delivers and offers special pricing for pizzas for Harford Gymnastics parties. You can order in advance and ask for it to be delivered 50 minutes after the start of your party. Mr "Y"s Fallston phone # is 443-981-3050.

Can we serve alcohol for the adults?

NO. Because our birthday parties are for children, there is no alcohol allowed on the premises. Also, there is no smoking permitted anywhere on the premises.

How early should we arrive for the birthday party?

We suggest arriving 10 minutes prior to your scheduled birthday party time, depending on how much you have to bring in from your car. If you should arrive too early, your party guests may need to sit and wait patiently while the other party is finishing up. Your guests will wait in the lobby. If you are the first party of the day, you will be advised to take your party items downstairs. If you are not the first party, you will put your items in the lobby for your party hostess to take downstairs once the other party finishes while you start your gymnastics activities with the party leader. Your birthday party will start on time, so please remind your guests to arrive on time.

What about invitations?

The party family will be sent an ONLINE Invitation to send to your guests with a LINK for them to RSVP. They must RSVP and sign the waiver prior to coming to the party. Without the signed waiver, they cannot participate in the gym activities.

Do participants need a waiver to participate?

YES! Each participant will be required to have a parent or legal guardian sign an ONLINE waiver prior to participation which is part of the electronic invitation.

What should guests wear to the party?

Your guests should wear comfortable clothes – t-shirt with shorts or a leotard if they have one. Please do not wear anything with buttons, buckles, zippers, belts or rivets. Also, please remove all jewelry. If your guests have long hair, it needs to be put in a ponytail.

Will I be charged for infants or adults attending the party?

NO. But please keep in mind that babies and adults will NOT be allowed on any of the equipment. ALL ADULTS must take off their shoes to come into the gym. Otherwise, they are welcome to wait in the lobby.

Please call 410-877-8686 for more party information.

