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Metuchen YMCA Birthday Parties

Thank you for asking about a party at the Y! Your child's special day is important to us and we will make your party the best ever!

Y!Party: Suggested ages 1-6 years

This is our most popular party. Kids will play traditional party games, mat play, parachute and anything else you know they love to play. Bounce house and facepainting too! Party has a max of 25 kids.

90 min: \$225 full member, \$265 Non-member. 2 Hour: \$275/\$315. Includes 2 pizzas.

Sports Party: Suggested ages 6 and up

Y Staff will lead your choice of Soccer, Basketball, Wiffleball, or Birthday Child's choice in the gym. Pizza and cake will be served right in the gym. The party has a max of 25 kids. 90 min: \$225 full member, \$265 non-member. 2 hour: \$275 member, \$315 non-member. Includes 2 pizzas.

Birthday Bash: Suggested ages 7 and up

Too old for the bounce house? Make up your own theme and bring your own activities—our party hosts will help you make your child's dreams come true! Ideas: Dance, Pajamas, Glamour, Hawaiian Luau, Movies, Craft projects —be creative! Talk to Roxy, owner of Twinkling Creations to have a fabulous Jewelry Party! No ideas? We will design a perfect basic party for your child. \$225 full member, \$265 Non-member. 2 hour: \$275/\$315. Includes 2 pizzas.

Swim and Play Party: Suggested ages: 5/6 (with adult) or 7 and up

This party is for kids that love to swim. Party includes an hour of private swim followed by an hour of play, games and refreshments on our 3rd floor. **Parents must be in the water with kids 6 and under.** Please provide your own suits, caps and towels. Swim caps are required for anyone with chin-length or longer hair. Life jackets and noodles are available only. Sorry, no floaties, kickboards or bubbles. Party has a max of 20 people. \$290 full member, \$330 Non-member. Includes 2 pizzas.

Swim and Sports Party: Suggested ages: 5/6 (with adult) or 7 and up

Big kids love an hour of private swim time in the Finne pool and then an hour in the gym for your choice of sport: basketball, wiffleball, or soccer! Pizza and cake are served on tables right in the gym. **Parents must swim with children 6 and under.** Please provide your own suits, caps and towels. Life jackets are available. Swim caps are required for anyone with chin-length or longer hair. \$290 full member, \$330 Non-member. Includes 2 pizzas.

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How many children can attend?

The third floor multi purpose room accommodates up to 25 children. Swimming parties may accommodate 20 children. Jewelry Parties can accommodate up to about 12 children.

Can parents attend?

Sure, but tables and chairs are not provided for every adult. There are about 10 adult-sized chairs in the multi-purpose room.

What activities are offered?

The bounce house is offered with our Y!Party only. It is designed for 6 years and younger. Included in the Y!party is face painting and age appropriate games/dances. Our Birthday Bash is designed for 7 years and older and includes games and face painting. You provide the theme or we will work with you to customize it for your child. Swim and Play parties offer 1 hour of swimming and 1 hour of fun and food in the Multipurpose Room. Swim and Sport parties offer 1 hour of swimming 1 hour of sports and food in the gym. Sports parties are 1 and ½ hours and offer fun sports and them your pizza and cake right in the gym.

What is provided? What is not provided?

The Y provides party hosts, two pizzas, activities, a cake knife, a candle lighter, and set-up/clean-up. You must bring your own drinks, cake, goody bags, paper plates, cups, forks, tablecloths, decorations, etc. You may bring a piñata if you would like. Don't forget candles and utensils! Tables are rectangular, 6 feet by 30 inches. You need 4 tablecloths (5 if you have 20 or more children). NO SILLY STRING OR CONFETTI PLEASE.

What is the price for extra pizza?

If extra pizza is ordered the parents are responsible for paying for the pizza in cash when it arrives. It is \$10 per plain pie. You may order toppings at additional cost. \$3 per topping.

Who brings the pizza?

Pizza is provided by what's the Scoop, located in downtown Metuchen.

What's the Scoop is an ice cream parlor.....hmmm.....I'm thinking of cake!

Now you can order an ice cream cake for your party! Please see the attached sheet for choices. Your ice cream cake will arrive with your pizza and will be just soft enough to cut when it is cake time. Please do not bring your own ice cream as it will melt well before it is served.

What about other food?

If you would like to offer food other than pizza, you may bring your own snacks. Please keep food choices simple – we **do not provide refrigeration/freezing or warming of food**. Finger foods like veggie platters, fruit, or crackers and cheese are suggested. Sorry, warming/chafing dishes are not permitted.

I'm having a swim party – what do my guests need to know?

Guests need to bring their own suits, towels and bathing caps. Adults may swim with the children. **Adults are required to be in the water with non-swimmers and children 6 and under.** Y staff does not get in the water and swim with the children. Life vests from the Y may be worn. No floaties, kick boards or bubbles are allowed. We can provide noodles. Bathing caps must be worn by anyone with chin-length or longer hair. Showers must be taken prior to entering the pool. Bathing suits (not cut-offs) are required. Please support the life guards in enforcing the rules. Children can arrive wearing suits – swimming is first. Children who are not fully potty-trained must wear a swim diaper and rubber pants.

When can I set up?

You may arrive upstairs for set up 15 minutes before the party starts. Please check in with front desk and they will call your hosts. **You may not enter the room on your own nor enter prior to the 15 minute mark.** Our staff is setting up the room and safety is of utmost importance. You should arrive at the Y a few minutes before that in order to pay your balance. Our hosts will come down and escort you and your goods to the third floor. Swim and Play parties on Saturdays can set up at 6pm in the MPR.

I have a lot of stuff.....

Please bring your supplies into the lobby, our party staff will help you bring your things upstairs after you park your car. Just let front desk know to call upstairs and ask them to come down. Please keep the decorations to a minimum. Our staff wants to ensure the best experience for you. We cannot set the room up in a timely fashion if we are blowing up balloons.

But I need more than 15 minutes to set up!

The party hosts will take your supplies and have the room ready before you know it. Just hand them your décor and relax!

How do I pay?

PLEASE pay for your party on the way in, before you go upstairs. You may not pay on the way out. You must hand your receipt to your party host 15 minutes before the party starts so they can begin set-up, so please arrive about 20 – 25 minutes before your party starts.

How do I sign up for a Party?

Please sign up for parties at the front desk. You must do this in person in order to sign the contract. **You will be asked for a non-refundable \$50 deposit.** Parties must be booked at least two weeks in advance.

My friend is a member – can they book my party at the member rate?

Fee is determined by the status of the child – a member may not book a party for a non-member friend in order to get the member rate. Grandparent members may give a party to non-member grandchildren at the member rate.

What is expected of my guests? Guests are expected to have fun! Please be sure they eat ONLY AT THE TABLES – food may not be carried throughout the room. No adults are allowed in the bounce house – the weight limit is 80 pounds. Only 4 children in the bounce house at a time. Please do not ask party hosts to extend your party – you must end on time. Please support the party hosts in upholding the rules.

Can my guests hang out a little longer while the staff is cleaning up?

Please begin to leave the room at your party's end time. Staying 5 minutes while everyone gathers their belongings is ok. **If your group is still in the room 15 minutes after the party has ended, you will be billed for an extra \$50 room rental fee.** Please be respectful of the staff – they have to clean and set up for the next party or put everything away at the end of the day. Please invite your guests to head down to the lobby to socialize.

Ok, I'm ready to book my party – what dates are available?

Please ask the front desk about available dates. You will get your most efficient response from the front desk staff. Please book as far in advance as possible in order to book the date you prefer. Remember, you must book your party in person. **There is a \$15 fee to change the date.**

I have questions! How do I get answers?

Please address questions to Joanne Hoover, joanne.hoover@ymcaofmewsa.org 732-548-2044 ext. 2215. **E-mail is the most efficient way to get in touch with Joanne.** You will receive a call during the week before the party to connect in person and wrap up any details.

**Ice Cream Cakes from *What's the Scoop*
Ask cake questions directly to the Scoop at 732-548-5900**

Cakes are one layer of vanilla ice cream, one layer of chocolate ice cream, chocolate crunchies and fudge in the middle all covered in white frosting.

Choose your color décor: RED, BLUE, GREEN, PINK, ORANGE, YELLOW, PURPLE

Cake Size	Serves Approx	Cost
6"	4-8 people	\$18
8"	8-12 people	\$24
10"	12-18 people	\$33
¼ sheet	18-22 people	\$39
½ sheet	up to 40 people	\$51

Custom cake – choose your own flavors! So many to choose from, you will need to ask the staff at What's the Scoop for ideas.

Cake Size	Serves Approx	Cost
6"	4-8 people	\$24

8"	8-12 people	\$32
10"	12-18 people	\$44
¼ sheet	18-22 people	\$52
½ sheet	up to 40 people	\$68

IMAGES ON CAKES: \$8

Please order your cake directly from Whats The Scoop to go over the design with them. You may pay in person at the Scoop or over the phone with a credit card.

Birthday Parties at the Metuchen YMCA

Check out our new times. These are starting in September:

Saturdays and Sundays:

Y! Party (ages 1-6)*

12:30-2:30pm: 2 hour party

3:30-5pm

5:30-7:30pm: 2 hour party

Birthday Bash (ages 7+)*

12:30-2:30pm: 2 hour party

3:30-5pm

5:30-7:30pm: 2 hour party

Sports (ages 6+)*

5:30-7:00 pm or

5:30-7:30 pm

Swim and Play (ages 7+)*

5:30-7:30pm

Swim and Sport (ages 7+*)

5:30-7:30pm

*Suggested Ages. Children 6 and under must be accompanied into the pool with an adult.

