



6 Fun Places to Party

If you're planning to celebrate away from home, get inspired by these party places.

● Jump Around

Inflatable playgrounds are the hottest trend in kids parties, and with more than 150 locations, **Pump It Up** is the place to go. Pumpitupparty.com

Price: Packages range from \$150 to \$275 for up to 26 kids.

● Glama-rama

Many local salons offer party packages. Or see if there's a **Snip-Its** location near you, where girls and their dolls get a fun hairstyle, makeup, and manicure. Snipits.com

Price: Expect to pay \$220 for eight kids or \$250 for eight with dolls.

● Science Is Fun

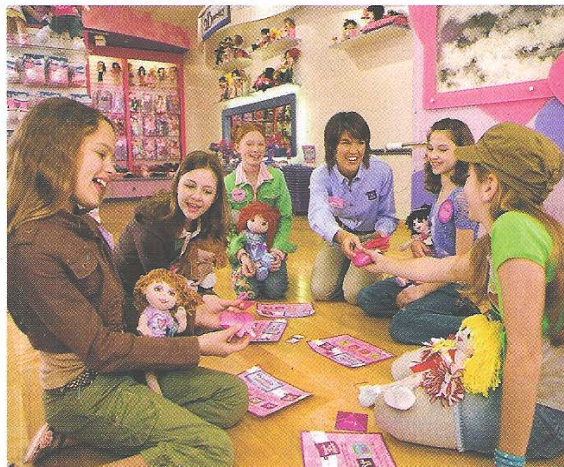
If you live near a science museum, ask whether it hosts birthday parties. At the **National Science Center**, in Augusta, Georgia, kids get to take in all of the interactive exhibits and participate in a live science demonstration.

Price: At museum parties members typically pay \$125 to \$150 for up to 25 people.

● Here's the Scoop

Ben and Jerry's will give kids a tour, set up a "Make-Your-Own Sundae" party with tons of flavors and toppings to choose from, and run additional activities like tie-dyeing T-shirts. Benjerry.com/ucity/catering/offers.cfm

Price: Expect to pay about \$275 for ten kids.



● Tumble Time

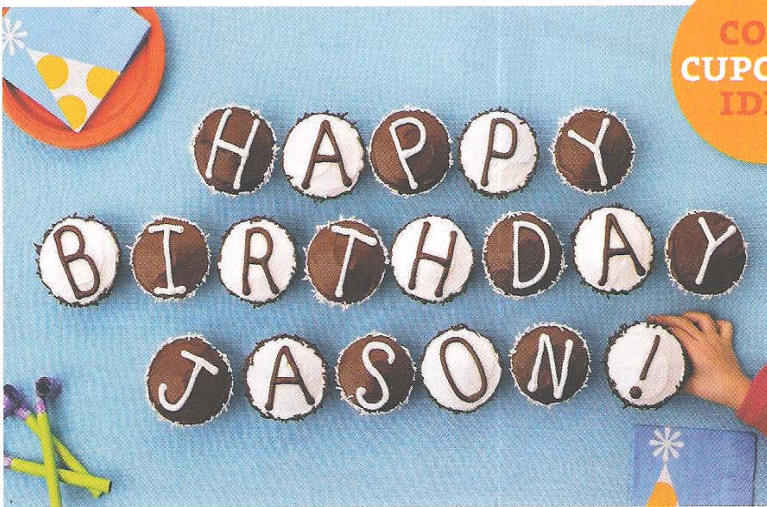
At fitness-focused centers like **Gymboree Play and Music**, kids can tumble, roll, and flip (supervised, of course) on custom-designed equipment. Gymboreeclases.com

Price: Members pay \$150 to \$200.

● Hello, Dolly!

If she loves her Build-A-Bear buddies, she'll flip over **Friends 2B Made** (pictured above). This new national chain is all about making and dressing up a doll. Friends2bmade.com

Price: Parties of six or more start at \$15 per person.



COOL CUPCAKE IDEA

Letter Perfect

Frost half of the cupcakes in chocolate and half in vanilla, then coat edges with white or brown sprinkles. Use #8 frosting tip to pipe out a wish to the birthday boy or girl.

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