



INTRODUCTION AND PARTY INVITATIONS

Bakugan® is an extremely popular cartoon series that school-aged kids are enthralled with — cards falling out of the sky that seem harmless, but actually are quite powerful, and the *Bakugan*® Brawlers must fight to restore the universe. This is a great game to build a party theme around, full of adventure for your own pack of *Bakugan*® Brawlers.

Purchase packs of *Bakugan* cards or make your own cards with your favorite characters, and on the backs of the cards, provide all of your party details. Invite them to attend a *Bakugan Battle Brawlers*™ party.

Invitation Tip:

Ask your party guests to dress as their favorite Bakugan character.

DECORATIONS

Light the room with paper lanterns and hang kites in the party room so that the tails of the kites act as streamers.

Suspend *Bakugan* cards from the ceiling with fishing line.

Hang large anime posters on the door or by the entry of the party room. Even better if these posters can be *Bakugan*-inspired. If your birthday Brawler likes to draw anime pictures, have him or her create some artwork and laminate for the party walls or tables.

Using the colors orange, red, and black, decorate your party room with balloons and streamers and place around your party table as well.

Create a *Bakugan* party table using orange, red, and black tableware for your paper products and utensils. Place a large clear bowl in the center full of *Bakugan* cards for added festivity. Make place cards of each character and have everyone take their seat based on the character they are playing at the party — duplicates are OK.



GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

When your *Bakugan* Brawlers arrive, have *Bakugan* cards fall all over the kids as they enter the party, just like Dan found to begin the adventure.

While everyone arrives at the party, provide the kids with craft materials and pre-made masks to create their own *Bakugan* characters that they will play during their party adventure.

Once they are masked and dressed in character, ask them to stay in character for the entire party answering only to their character's name and acting like the character.

Each *Bakugan* Brawler has a guardian that watches over them. Once the guests have determined their characters for the party, create the characters' guardians using butcher paper and craft materials. Place their guardians on the backs of the kids for the duration of the party.

Create a *Bakugan* Brawler adventure for the kids to play together. As an example, the *Bakugan* Brawlers must prepare for battle with Masquerade and fend off his spies and other hidden enemies. Send the Brawlers on a training course. Put together an obstacle course for the kids to complete and give them a series of martial arts exercises. Have an adult helper lead the exercises if you want the training to be more formal.

Upon the training being completed, tell the kids that there is a special envelope in the area providing pertinent information about the *Bakugan* adventure. Have the kids search it out. Give them clues as to where you hid the envelope.

***Bakugan* Tournament.** Each Brawler requires a minimum of 3 *Bakugan* balls, 3 Ability Cards, and 3 Gate/Metal Cards to participate (found in the *Bakugan* Starter Pack). Ask each guest to bring their favorite *Bakugan* to play with and/or provide one *Bakugan* Starter Pack for each child to play with and take home as their party favor. Provide an area for groups of 4 Brawlers to compete against each other at one time. Any flat surface will work or you can use the official *Bakubowl™* for the ultimate *Bakugan* tournament. See www.bakugan.com for official rules.

Masquerade has the power to send a Brawler to the Doom Dimension. As a group, have the *Bakugan* Brawlers brawl with Masquerade. The kids can jump around, do martial arts kicks, etc., but no one can touch the other as it is a mock brawl. Adult supervision is needed to watch all Brawlers during this activity closely.

PARTY MENU

Serve finger foods that look like (fake) sushi. As an example, make wrap type



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sandwiches using cold cuts and tortilla wraps. Cut the wraps in 2" thick pieces and lay flat to resemble sushi.

Other Japanese-inspired menu ideas include:

Edamame

Miso Soup

Bubble Tea

Tempura Vegetables

Jellyrolls

Sushi Cupcakes: split Twinkies® into bite sizes, roll a fruit leather around the outside, and place tiny candies on top for a sweet sushi treat.

Place Swedish Fish® atop a bed of sticky rice and tie off with a red licorice string.

Tip: Use chopsticks for eating utensils.

Alternatively, serve pizza to your party guests during their *Bakugan* tournament, along with an assortment of snacks and dips.

***Bakugan* Cupcakes.** Bake up your favorite batch of cupcakes and frost with bright red and blue frosting (add food coloring to white frosting). Laminate *Bakugan* Brawler cards and place atop each cupcake for a thematic decoration.

PARTY FAVORS

Send the kids home with *Bakugan* Brawler packs of cards, bandanas, *Bakugan* Booster or Starter Packs, and other anime items paired off with their masks and character guardians that they made during the party.

Remember to take pictures of the *Bakugan* Brawlers battling at your party and send them in your thank you notes.



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