



INTRODUCTION AND PARTY INVITATIONS

The “G.I. JOE: The Rise of Cobra” movie hit theaters with another great toy-turned-movie story. Do your kids love to play with *G.I. Joe*® action figures? *G.I. Joe* makes a great character to build a party theme around, especially if you set up a Ninja Training Camp.

For your party invitation, purchase small ninja stars or create your own using heavy card stock and tin foil wrapped around the star shapes. Using additional white or black cardstock, write your party details directly on the card. Hole-punch the card in the top right-hand corner and attach to the ninja star. Hand-deliver your party invitations and request that your guests bring their ninja stars to the party.

DECORATIONS

Choose white and black colors that represent the two main movie characters, Snake Eyes and Storm Shadow, for your party decorations: balloons, streamers, and tableware.

Cover your party table with a black tablecloth and then cover again with a large sheet of white butcher paper. Scatter black crayons around the party table and have the kids create their own special ninja operations while they wait for the party meal to be served.

Create a table centerpiece using *G.I. Joe* action figures or a bowl full of ninja stars.

Around the party table create the look of water by blowing up balloons in blue, green, and pearly white and laying them on the floor so the kids are surrounded.

GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

When the guests arrive, have them check in to the Ninja Training Camp and provide them with gear to prepare for their training. Give them dog tags, temporary tattoos, white and black face paint, a head bandanna, and any other items to get them into the party theme.



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Give your guests the option to be Snake Eyes or Storm Shadow during the party. They can create a special name badge to wear during the party so everyone remembers who is who.

Set up an obstacle course for ninja training: have the children climb through tires, balance themselves on a beam, crawl on the ground from one area to another, swing on a rope, do exercises, etc. Whatever you have around your home will work well. Perhaps have the kids come up with new obstacles together and try them out too.

As a further exercise in ninja training, fill black and white balloons with water, and call these "balloon ninjas." Have the kids toss their water balloons back and forth without breaking them as an additional challenge. Later on, create a ninja field in your yard, where the kids must cross without being hit by a water balloon that the other kids are throwing at one another. Whoever isn't hit wins the game.

Play "Wrap Snake Eyes or Storm Shadow": Divide the kids into two teams and designate one person on each team to be one of the characters who is wrapped up by the other team members with toilet paper. See which team wraps their soldier fastest!

Hold a scavenger hunt for the kids to find small ninja stars that you have hidden around the party area.

As a party craft and activity, have the kids create ninja swords from foam and then have a battle using their foam swords just as Snake Eyes and Storm Shadow battle in the movie. It should be fun and safe at the same time.

Play a game of ultimate Laser Tag.

PARTY MENU

For the party menu, set up a torpedo (sub sandwich) bar. Place sandwich bread, favorite toppings, cold cuts, and favorite spreads out as a buffet for the kids to make their own torpedo sandwiches. (This is the perfect area to lay your sea of balloons around.)

Serve the sandwiches with chips, dried fruit, and any other favorite snack items.

Make a batch of cupcakes and decorate with black and white frosting to represent Snake Eyes and Storm Shadow. Place chocolate candies in bowls next to the cupcakes for the kids to decorate the cupcakes.

Serve chocolate and regular milk and/or flavored ice slushies.



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PARTY FAVORS

Send the ninjas home with their foam swords, as well as black and white bandannas full of little items: compass, notepad, whistle, gum, etc. Alternatively, provide white and black water bottles filled with black and white candies. Use a paint pen to write the guests' names on each one.

Make sure to take pictures of your guests completing their Ninja Training Camp course and send them in your thank you notes for a perfect *G.I. Joe* thank you.



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