



INTRODUCTION AND PARTY INVITATION

Does your child have a favorite rock star or band that he or she would like to incorporate into his or her next birthday party theme? Invite your child's friends to be mini-celebrities at your kid's Rock & Roll party, where everyone can be a star.

For your party invitation, make a rock concert ticket. Using heavy cardstock in your favorite rock band's colors, create a ticket with all of the party details in it. Make sure the kids have it with them to gain entrance into the party.

Alternatively, create a CD invitation. Using blank CD holders, create a CD label using paint pens that looks like a favorite rock group or musician's CD cover.

Inside the holder, place a CD-shaped piece of paper where you have written all of your party details.

Request that your guests dress up as their favorite rock stars.

Make sure to include festive language on your party invitation, like *Rock the night away* at _____'s house!

DECORATIONS

Decide your party colors based on your child's favorite rock star. This is a great party for flashy, bright colors to bring the theme alive. Once you have chosen your color scheme, use streamers, balloons, and tableware to decorate.

Roll out a red carpet (red wrapping paper) for your guests to arrive on at the party. Gold, silver, and black balloons lining the red carpet would be a sparkly addition to the party entrance.

Hang a sign on your front door that says *Rock Concert Tonight!*

Hang rock star posters around the party room.



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Hang old CDs from the ceiling of your party room using fishing wire.

Create a rock star atmosphere for your party by creating a mock stage area where the kids can go once they walk over the red carpet. Hang a large sheet or piece of fabric on the wall and run twinkle lights around it to make it sparkle. Gold and silver stars hanging from the ceiling would also add sparkle.

A karaoke machine, microphone, and array of CDs would be a great way to set the stage for your rock stars to perform.

Hand out glow sticks to your guests for a special concert atmosphere, too.

Place disposable cameras around the party room so your guests can take pictures of each other during the party.

GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

At the beginning of the party, while you are waiting for everyone to arrive, have the kids make a "rock star" frame using glitter, stars, markers, etc. During performances, take pictures of the guests and put them into the frames as a great goody from the party.

Set up an area where guests can get ready for their performance. Have helpers on hand to provide makeovers or help the kids choreograph dance routines.

Karaoke would be loads of fun. Divide the kids into bands and let them practice a song they choose to perform in front of the entire group. Give a good amount of time for the kids to choose their song and practice their singing and dance moves too.

Additionally, the kids can create their own music videos that you can record. Play the videos back for the kids to enjoy together.

Party Tip: If there are some kids who do not want to perform, perhaps they would like to help do makeovers, work the lights during the performance, or be an audience member. Have several non-performing roles available for guests who may not be interested.

Host a dance. This will be especially fun if there is a teenager on hand to show the kids some moves to try together. Enjoy dancing as a group to their favorite rock star tunes.

Who's a fan of *Guitar Hero*®?

Dim the lights (a disco ball would make a great effect) and pull out this favorite video



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game to make a hero out of all of your party guests. Challenge your guests to rock out with *Guitar Hero*. You can either set it up as a free for all or as a tournament where everyone gets a turn to play.

Rock Band[™] is another fun game to play with all of your guests, either as a formalized game or with as many people as are interested. Make sure there is plenty of room to play and alternate people from drums to guitar to karaoke, too.

After glamming up, dancing, creating music videos, and playing favorite rock video games, the group will have had loads of rock star fun.

PARTY MENU

Your party menu is best served through the entire length of the party, so that as kids get hungry playing video games, dancing, and creating videos, there is easy access to food that they love when attending rock concerts.

Serve popcorn in individual bags, nachos, large pretzels, hot dogs, mini-pizzas with an array of toppings, candy bars, and soda.

A cake should be easy for this party since cakes are round and so are CDs. Make a CD cake and decorate it with the favorite artist/band album.

Alternatively, make up a batch of microphone cakes using sugar cones as the microphone handles, and the cake baked into the cones and decorated with your child's favorite rock star colors.

PARTY FAVORS

Send the kids home with mini scrapbooks that they can fill in with each other or on their own, recording facts about their favorite rock bands and rock stars. Have all of the guests sign the scrapbooks and write short notes to one another for a memory keepsake.

Make sure to send pictures from the star-studded event to your guests in your thank you notes as a rockin' way to say thanks.



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