



## INTRODUCTION AND PARTY INVITATIONS

*Transformers* are too cool! These popular toys have inspired a TV show and two movies. *Transformers* is all about the Autobots (the good guys!) vs. the Decepticons (the bad guys!), with humans somewhere in the middle. Your kids may be inspired and enthralled by these robots and want a *Transformers*-themed party! If you are looking for ways to bring this robotic party alive, here are some creative ideas.

Send out note cards inviting the kids to carry out a secret mission:

*Are you an Autobot or Decepticon? Whichever you are, meet at the secret base for the mission of a lifetime! The Decepticons are invading and planning to take all of the Earth's resources and people. Only the Autobots can save the day by locating a secret cyber light stick, which holds the key to defeating the Decepticons!*

Be sure to include your party details (location, time, RSVP, etc.).

Attach the note cards to rock candy lollipops, and hand deliver them to your guests. If you would prefer to mail them, send the note card without the candy.

Alternatively, a *Transformers Basic* or *Deluxe Kit N Kaboodle Kit* provides thematic party invitations and supplies for this out-of-this world theme.

## DECORATIONS

Hang a sign on the front door welcoming the kids to Cybertron.

Create another banner that says *More Than Meets the Eye!* and hang in a prominent area of the party space.

Decorate the party area with yellow and black balloons. Place a *Transformers* character sticker or picture inside each one. These can be used later for a party game.

Twist blue and red streamers together and hang from your ceiling over the party table for added décor.



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If you are looking for less expensive alternatives to thematic party goods, use solid partyware in navy blue and red for tableware, balloons, and streamers, and spruce up your table with *Transformers* toys. The kids can play with these during the meal. Purchase a *Transformers* Mylar® balloon to attach to the birthday child's chair.

Cover your party table with a solid plastic yellow tablecloth. Laminate pictures of Autobots and Decepticons, and use them for placemats at each setting.

### GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

When the kids arrive at the party, divide them into teams of Autobots and Decepticons. Have each kid pull the name of a *Transformer* out of a steel (or silver-colored) bowl. The character name the kid pulls will determine which team he or she is on. The names of the characters are:

**For the Autobots:** *Optimus Prime, Bumblebee, Jazz, Ironhide, and Ratchet.*

**For the Decepticons:** *Megatron, Barricade, Starscream, Blackout, and Frenzy.*

If you have more than ten kids attending your party, you can double the characters up.

Once you have divided the kids into teams, have them go on a hunt looking for the cyber light stick (this can be a glow stick from last year's Halloween). Make it a game to see which team can find the light stick first. Let's hope it's the Autobots! You may want to hide more than one light stick, but have the "cyber" one wrapped in tin foil. Whichever group finds it first, wins!

If the Decepticons find the light stick, have them hide it in a secret place that the Autobots must find before it's too late! Have the Decepticons play Hotter/Colder with the Autobots until they find the light stick.

Before the party, draw a large *Transformer* on a piece of butcher paper (Optimus Prime would be a great one), and cut out wheels to pin on it. Have the kids play Pin the Tire on the *Transformer*.

Purchase some *Transformers* gummy candies, and hide them in your party area. Provide the kids with a clue that leads them to the gummies. For example, you could give the kids one that reads, "Barricade was seen collecting energy cubes on Rock Mountain," and then have the gummies spread out over some rocks or the fireplace.

Have a water balloon fight with red and blue balloons, or sprinkle the kids with red and blue cosmic dust!

**Make Cybertron planets.** Provide the kids with Styrofoam™ balls, and have them paint



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the balls to look like the planet their *Transformer* originated from.

**Bumblebee Balloon Pop.** Using the balloons with the stickers or pictures inside, tell your party guests that they are on a mission to find Bumblebee. Give each child one or more balloons and have everyone pop their balloons. Whoever finds Bumblebee wins.

### PARTY MENU

Cut sandwiches into truck and wheel shapes using a cookie cutter. Fill the sandwiches with grape jelly and cream cheese or peanut butter (watch out for food allergies).

Serve up chips with a variety of dips, too.

Make your child's favorite food and call it a thematic name. As examples:

Slugslinger Burgers  
Frenzy Fries  
Hot Rod Hot Dogs

**Make Energon cubes** – blue Jell-O® Jigglers—and put sour gummy worms inside them!

Serve food that transforms, such as freeze-dried ice cream, malted milk balls, Pop Rocks® (add them to soda for a cool effect!), rock candy, or Gobstoppers®.

Have the kids create Starscream Banana Splits. Lay out all of the banana split ingredients from different flavors of ice cream to toppings and have the kids create their own.

### PARTY FAVORS

Send the kids home with red and blue pencils, notepads, stickers, silly string, Matchbox® cars, a mini-*Transformer*, a CD of the music from the movie, rock candy, and glow sticks. Place the items into a small metal bucket with the guest's name printed on each one for convenience.

Make sure to take pictures of the Autobots and Decepticons during your party and send them in your thank you notes to remind your guests that there was "more than meets the eye" to your party.



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