



INTRODUCTION AND PARTY INVITATION

Winnie the Pooh and his lovable friends, Piglet, Eeyore, Tigger, Rabbit, Roo, Owl, and Christopher Robin, who live in the 100 Acre Wood, are classic characters that small children absolutely adore. It is a perfect party theme that is gentle, kind, and offers a fun time for the guests to share with these favorite characters.

Hand-deliver Honey Jar Invitations to your guests. Using small baby food jars, paint them yellow and fill with honey or yellow jelly beans. Attach a small card with your Pooh party details to the rim of the jar with a small ribbon.

Alternatively, cut out the shape of a big tree to resemble the Funny Hunny Tree. Write the party details on the tree trunk and surround the base with stickers of the Pooh characters.

Use thematic language in your Pooh invitations: *Won't you come and visit Pooh and his friends for a hunny-licious celebration of ____'s (birthday child's name) birthday? Party is located in the 100 Acre Wood at ____ (your address.)*

DECORATIONS

Place a sign on your front door that says, "Welcome to the 100 Acre Wood."

Create the 100 Acre Wood Forest. Start by making "trees" out of brown and green construction paper and paste them to the walls of the party area. Write the names of the guests on the trees. Tie groups of blue balloons tightly together and let them float on the ceiling to resemble clouds. Lastly, cut out the shape of bees and butterflies from construction paper and draw on the details with felt-tip markers. Hang these from the ceiling using fishing line.

Use balloons to mark the party spot by hanging them around the front of your home. Cover the table with a customized Pooh table cover and ensure each place setting has a *Winnie the Pooh* plate, napkin, cup, and utensils.



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Buy a large clay pot and paint it brown. Add yellow paint to the top to resemble honey and use this as a centerpiece. Place a stuffed Pooh plush on top of the honey pot and attach a few balloons to it for added décor.

Cut several pieces of curling ribbon one to two feet long. Curl the ribbon by pulling it between your thumb and the blade of scissors. Spread the curls on your table.

Hang balloons in bunches for best effect by tying a colorful ribbon around the strings of several balloons, so they hang together.

Create multicolor streamers by placing two different colored streamers back-to-back and twisting. (Try using a combination of Pooh colors such as yellow and black, or yellow and red.)

GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

When the guests enter, greet them with the sounds of the forest from the soundtrack to one of the Pooh movies, or play any one of the many Pooh albums.

Have a jar of yellow and black jellybeans next to a piece of paper and pencil. Have each child sign his or her name and guess how many “bees” are in the jar. (If the children have yet to learn how to sign their name, have them make a mark with a crayon.) The child with the closest guess gets to take the jar of jellybeans home at the end of the party.

While the kids wait for everyone to arrive, have them make a few thematic crafts to take home with them:

Decorate a Bear. Cut out bear shapes from construction paper, felt, or foam. Set up the crayons, stickers and other decorating items on a table with the bear shapes. As guests arrive, have them sit around the table and decorate their very own bears. For an add-on: attach magnets to the back of each decorated bear to make refrigerator magnets.

Pooh Bear Clay. Use 1 cup peanut butter, 1 cup powdered milk, and 1 tablespoon honey (optional). Mix ingredients together in a bowl and add more powdered milk to make dough stiffer. Give each guest some dough to play with by sculpting, squishing, and squashing. If you have a bear cookie cutter available, that will add to the fun. Since this clay is edible, there are no worries if the children stick some of it in their mouths. Make sure none of the party guests have nut allergies.

Pin the Tail on Tigger. A classic pin-the-tail game, just with a Tigger twist. You will need: a Tigger poster or picture, orange felt, scissors, tape or spray glue, and a



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blindfold. Cut the orange felt with scissors into tail shapes. Place tape, or spray glue on the tails so they stick. (If using spray glue, let them dry sticky side up.)

Piglet, Piglet, Eeyore! This is a variation on the classic duck, duck, goose game. Have everyone sit in a circle. The birthday child begins by walking around the circle tapping each guest's head lightly while saying, "Piglet." When the birthday child says, "Eeyore" the child whose head has just been tapped must jump up and chase the birthday child around the circle. If the birthday child gets all the way around and sits in the empty space without being tagged, then the "Eeyore" becomes "it."

Story Time with Pooh. Have all the children sit together and listen as you read to them a popular Pooh story. For added entertainment, have another party host pantomime some of the story as you are reading. Consider turning one of the easy stories into a puppet show. Go behind a couch and use different Pooh characters to tell the story. Finger puppets are easy to create by gluing or stapling colored pieces of felt.

Tigger's Bouncing Parade. Have everyone line up and hand out musical instruments like tambourines, tom-toms, bells, and anything else in the house that makes music. Turn on some music for "inspiration," so the children can play along with the music. Have the leader start bouncing around the room, with everyone else following. The leader could be the birthday child, or the host of the party. When the music is turned off, the parade is complete.

Pooh Bubble Contest. Have everyone sit in a circle and have one party host armed with a ruler. Everyone must start making bubbles with a bubble mix. The host then runs around measuring the bubbles to find the largest.

PARTY MENU

All Things Honey

Honey Nut Cheerios®
Honey on toast
Bit-O-Honey® candies
Honey sticks

Piglets in a Blanket

Christopher Robin Sandwiches and Chips. Cut sandwiches into fun shapes, such as triangles, squares, circles, and stars or use Pooh cookie cutters.

Teddy Grahams® and Gummy Bears.

Rabbit's Garden Grub. An assortment of vegetables and dip.



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Pooh's Pasta Salad. Any favorite pasta salad.

Piglet's Cookies. Bake the birthday child's favorite cookies, only try making the cookies small to make them "piglet-sized." Pile high on a plate.

Pooh Cake. Frost an oval cake yellow, and make Pooh's eyes, nose, and neck using red and white frosting. Frost two cupcakes yellow. Place the cupcakes at the top of the cake to make ears. Use black licorice for a smile and pupils.

Tigger Cake. Prepare a cake mix according to package directions and decorate a really cool Tigger cake.

PARTY FAVORS

Send the kids home with their own *Hunny Pots*. Using small baby food jars, paint them brown and when dry add a Hunny sticker to each one. Place Honey Nut Cheerios® in each *Hunny Pot* for a nutritious take-home goody.

Make sure to send your guests *Winnie the Pooh* thank you notes for attending all of the fun in your 100 Acre Wood.



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