

Three affordable and yes— cool ideas for your next party

the 
Birthday
issue

Birthday parties can be hard to get right. You want to do something fun that your friends will love without spending a fortune. Your best bet? Embrace the limits of your budget. **CHECK IT OUT:**



GAME ON > Idea: Scavenger hunt

DETAILS: In this version of a scavenger hunt, you create a series of fun, interactive challenges for your guests to complete around town. Examples might include having a dance-off in public, or asking a stranger to join you in a sing-along.

Make sure you break your guests into teams, and record each challenge on your smartphone. The first team to complete the challenges within a time limit wins a prize.

MAKE A SPLASH > Idea: Pool party

DETAILS: If you have a pool, your friends will probably love the chance to hang out in it (even when it's not your birthday). Plus, when you have a party at home, you avoid all the costs of hosting at a restaurant or other venue.



OLD SCHOOL IS BEST > Idea: Sleepover

DETAILS: No matter how old you get, sleepovers are always fun. Whether you play games, stay up watching movies, or just hang out late, overnight birthdays are a great excuse to get some quality time with your BFFs.



GIVE YOURSELF THE GIFT OF **FREE**

BIRTHDAYS ARE THE PERFECT EXCUSE TO TREAT YOURSELF. BUT DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN BINGE ON YOUR FAVORITE THINGS WITHOUT SPENDING ANY MONEY?

FREE TIP! YOU MAY HAVE TO SIGN UP FOR A COMPANY'S NEWSLETTER IN EXCHANGE FOR THEIR BIRTHDAY DEAL.



FREE FOOD

Many major restaurants and snack spots give away freebies on your special day. > *Research Applebee's, Baskin-Robbins, California Pizza Kitchen, and Starbucks.*



FREE RETAIL DEALS

While you won't score entire wardrobes, some chains give you exclusive discounts. > *Research Old Navy, Sephora, CVS.*



OTHER FREE STUFF

Full on free food? Hit your limit on reduced retail? Other companies offer birthday deals as well. > *Research Dave and Buster's, World Market, Cinemark Theatres.*



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- >> Follow us on **Snapchat** (username: elementsmoney)
- >> We'll post money-related Stories every week.
- >> When you see a special Reward Snap, take a screen shot. The first person to send it back to us (via chat) wins a gift card!

*Follow elementsmoney on Snapchat now!
You'll learn...You'll laugh...
You'll get paid.*

How much should I spend on a birthday gift?

There is no one-size-fits-all answer when it comes to setting a gift budget. But here's a helpful chart to help you figure it out.



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