

## Birthday Activities

### Birthday Karaoke

Gather together the party goes along with snacks and get ready to sing. The theme could be chosen by the birthday celebrator. This can be part of a bigger birthday celebration or an activity by itself.

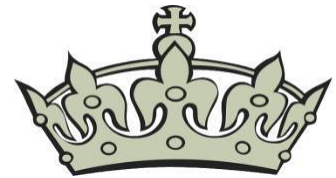


### Piñata

Make a simple piñata out of brown paper wrapping cut into shapes and stapled or glued at the edges. The paper piñata will be much easier to break than the papier mâché version. Guests can break the piñata to release its candy or it may be filled with other small prizes or confetti.

### Fashion Show

Collect a large box of all kinds of fabulous accessories, such as boas, tiaras, wigs, capes, high heels, sunglasses, big necklaces, etc. Tape off a long “runway” and allow each guest to walk the runway. Take pictures or video tape the fashion show and later display the pictures in a communal area.



### Birthday Memories



This is a great activity for birthdays. Ask guests to talk about their birthday memories. Is there a particularly special birthday memory? A special party or birthday that is meaningful? What about birthday traditions? Did their family of origin have special birthday activities? How about when they had children of their own?

## Bean Bag Toss

Lay a hula-hoop on the ground. Line the players up a few feet away. Allow each player to throw three beanbags into the hula-hoop. After each round, move the players further away from the hula-hoop to make it more challenging.



## Make Birthday Party Decorations



Gather together supplies to decorate for birthday parties and have guests make the decorations. Decoration ideas include a piñata, birthday bunting, garlands, tissue paper flowers, confetti filled balloons and no-bake desserts and treats.

## Trivia Games

Play trivia or board games in a group. Birthday themes or a theme that is special to the birthday person would be a nice touch. Have a contest and award a prize to the winner.



## Get Baking



Gather party-goers in the kitchen and make baking a team effort. Bake a cake, or cupcakes that each individual can decorate. Other ideas include making no-bake treats such as Cookie Pops (see Birthday Crafts section of iN2L).

## Birthday Movies

Host a Birthday themed movie night. Here are some suggestions: *Sixteen Candles*, *Liar Liar*, *13 Going on 30*, *Turning 30*, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Toy Story*, *Uncle Buck*, *Chocolat*.



## Pin the Tail on the Donkey



Hang a picture of a donkey without a tail on a wall. Line up the players a few feet away and give each one a tail with their name written on it. Blindfold the first player and send them in the direction of the donkey. Allow each player to tape a tail on the donkey then compare who got the closest.

## Simon Says

Choose one player to be the leader and have them stand in front of the rest of the group. The leader gives commands like “Simon says, ‘wave your right hand’ or ‘bend your left knee.’ The group must mimic the leader’s movements but *only* if they say “Simon says” first; otherwise, they’re out. The last one standing wins the game.



## Throw a Themed Birthday Party

The party decorations, food and activities can all be based on the theme. Some suggestions for themes include the 1950s or 1960s era, sock hop, rock ‘n roll, dog or cat, tea party, baseball, car, tiki or luau, dress-up or hobby themed.