


The Hottest Birthday Party Ever

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How incredible are firefighters? They can steal anyone's heart! Especially, 1 of a little 5 year old boy.

My son's 5th Birthday party was a firefighter themed party. It was in January in WNC, and it was held at the local FD (fire department).

I ordered a firefighter themed banner, tablecloths, plates, napkins and cups. I had the matching gift bags filled with little plastic firefighters (similar to soldiers), tire yo-yos, Atomic Fireball candy, firefighter mints, flame pencils, red and yellow firetruck whistles, and fire themed stickers and tattoos. Instead of party hats, we had plastic red firehats. We decorated with yellow and red streamers and balloons also with firefighter mylar balloons. We ordered a red and yellow airbrushed cake and strategically placed a firetruck and firemen figures on the cake.

The children played pin-the-badge on the fire dog's hat game (similar to pin-the-tail on the donkey). They played "hot" potato to birthday and island, "hot, hot, hot" type songs. The actual cake and game part of the party was held in the meeting room of the FD. There was a dry erase board, so we played "fire" themed hangman for the older children. The hangman had to include (of course) a hat and hose to lose. We even had a firetruck pinata.

Here are few places where I ordered the firefighter party supplies.

<http://www.orientaltrading.com/> search for firehouse birthday

http://www.birthdaydirect.com/firefighter-party-birthday-supplies-c-1076_1045.html

<http://www.birthdayinbox.com/search/dir.asp?keyword=firefighter&search.x=0&search.y=0>

<http://www.partywedding.com/> search for firefighter

When we lit the candles on the cake and began to sing Happy Birthday, 2 fully dressed firefighters came rushing in to PUT OUT THE FIRE (the lit candles on the cake). The kidz absolutely LOVED IT!

I then explained to the firefighters that it was a birthday cake with candles on it and not a fire that they had to put out. We asked them if they wanted to join us for singing and cake. They took off their head gear and joined us. The boys were amazed by the firefighters. The firefighters talked for a

few minutes while the children ate and then took a few pictures with the guests. They invited everyone into the truck bays for a tour, time to play on the trucks, a show-and-tell and the pinata.

During the tour, a fire call came in and all the children were escorted to the outside and the bay doors went up and the children got to watch several firefighters get ready and get going. It was so awesome to see the action! The children just stood in quietly in amazement! It was a small call so only one truck had to go and the children had time to play on the trucks and see the show-and-tell about fire and safety.

I truly think it was the best birthday that I have ever planned! The weather and turn out was great. Most importantly the children had an educationally fun experience. All the boys said that they wanted to grow up and be firefighters and who doesn't love a firefighter!

Here's where you can get some other party good ideas.

<http://www.kids-birthday-party-guide.com/fireman-birthday-party.html>

http://www.pinatas.com/Firefighter_Party_Ideas_Games_Recipes_and_Crafts_p/firefighterparty.htm

My fiance was a volunteer firefighter at the time, so he was the one that got me to the right person to book the party. However, most fire stations will allow parties, please check with your local FD on the specifics. They would not allow me to pay for the room, but I did make a donation. Please support your local firefighters!

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