

## FAQ for Birthday Parties

### **Q. Is your child and friends ready to have some fun?**

**A. WE ARE!** One hour of activities start off the party. We do engaging warm ups with the party goers then move onto obstacle courses, trampoline fun, trapeze, pit, games and lots of fun. After the hour in the gym, we head downstairs to the party room for an hour of “Happy Birthday” with your refreshments and opening of gifts.

### **Q. How many total children are included in the party?**

A. Different Party types allow different number of participants as noted below.

- Classic party for 1-10 children (including the birthday child) \$250- includes 18 party invitations
- Deluxe party for 11-15 children (including the birthday child) \$280- includes 18 party invitations
- Mega party for 16-20 children (including the birthday child) \$310- includes 23 party invitations
- Add \$10 for Non members (not enrolled in current session)

***YOU MAY Upgrade your party up to 7 days prior to your party date. NO party downgrades are allowed.***

We do not include parents, guardians, or your adult guests in the total; However, They MUST stay seated during the party and are NOT allowed on the equipment. Sometimes, we may ask for additional adult assistance for parachute games and other activities to keep the children on task. PLEASE MAKE SURE ADULTS KNOW THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE EQUIPMENT.

- Any child, including babies, participating in any part of the gym activities is included in your head count.
- Please add \$15 per child for each additional participants over your selected party type the day of the party in cash or check payment. We cannot go over 20 children unless given special permission by our Party Directors.

### **Q. Why do I need to provide a guest count ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE**

A. Please provide us with a guest list so that we can ensure their parents have signed the waiver which is necessary to participate. Children can watch from the sidelines if they do NOT have an online waiver completed by their parent or guardian.

**WAIVERS are done ONLINE through our Party Calendar on our website at [www.Harfordgymnastics.com](http://www.Harfordgymnastics.com)**

**Q. What do I need to provide for the party?**

A. The family provides the refreshments (food and drink) and the utensils for the food you choose to provide. Don't forget the candles (if you want them for your cake or cupcakes) and knife to cut the cake. We provide white plates, cups, napkins and table cover. You are welcome to provide party favors for your participants at your discretion.

**Q. Will my party have a party host the entire time of my party?**

A. Most definitely. Your party host or leader is there from greeting your guests to cleaning up. The party leader will organize and lead your party with a variety of fun games and activities in the gym area. Your host will set-up your party room, serve your guests, and assist you in any way possible to make your party the ULTIMATE birthday party experience! Your host will take care of all the clean-up too! The host is there to help make your party easy!

**Q. Am I allowed to tip the party staff?**

A. Tipping should only be considered if the staff went above and beyond in making your child's party exceptional. You can tip if you feel the party leader, host and assistants has given outstanding service and helped to make your party a big hit with the children. Any tips received are split by the staff.

**Q. What decorations am I allowed?**

A. Harford Gymnastics allows any table decorations such as balloons, napkins, paper plates, cups and tablecloths but we like to know this in ADVANCE because we provide (free of charge) white plates, cups & napkins along with white table cloths. We ONLY provide paper products for the children participating, so if you plan to provide food for the adults you need to bring paper products for that. We do not allow items to be taped to the walls or ceilings. We can NOT allow pinatas.

**Q. What type of food is allowed at the birthday party?**

A. We do not provide any food for the party. You bring your own food. Cupcakes, juice boxes, and ice cream cups work best as treats during your birthday party but you may bring what you choose. We do have a refrigerator and freezer upstairs in the lobby if you need it. Mr "Y"s in Fallston (3 miles away) and Season's Pizza in Bel Air delivers and offers special pricing for pizzas for Harford Gymnastics parties. You can order in advance and ask for it to be delivered 50 minutes after the start of your party.

Mr "Y"s Fallston phone # is 443-981-3050.

Season's Pizza Bel Air phone # is 410-569-1980

**Q. Can we serve alcohol for the adults?**

A. Because our birthday parties are for children, there is no alcohol allowed. Also, there is no smoking permitted anywhere on the premises.

**Q. How early should we arrive for the birthday party?**

- A. We suggest arriving 10 minutes prior to your scheduled birthday party time, depending on how much you have to bring in from your car. If you should arrive too early, your party guests may need to sit and wait patiently while the other party is finishing up. Your guests will wait in the lobby. If you are the first party of the day, you will be advised to take your party items downstairs. If you are not the first party, you will put your items in the lobby for your party hostess to take downstairs once the other party finishes while you start your gymnastics activities with the party leader. Your birthday party will start on time, so please remind your guests to arrive on time.

**Q. What about invitations?**

A. Harford Gymnastics supplies you with party invitations that you can pick up at our counter. If you can't get by for the postcard invitations, you can download from our website. Additional paper invitations are available at our counter for a cost of 5 for \$2.00.

**Q. Do participants need a waiver to participate?**

- A. YES! Each participant will be required to have a parent or legal guardian sign an ONLINE waiver prior to participation.

**Q. What should guests wear to the party?**

A. Your guests should wear comfortable clothes – t-shirt with shorts or a leotard if they have one. They will be required to wear Gripper Socks. These are available for purchase at the counter or ahead of time on our website at our Online Pro Shop. They are \$4 per pair. It's best not to wear anything with buttons, buckles, zippers, belts or rivets. Also, please remove all jewelry. If your guests have long hair, it needs to be put in a ponytail.

**Q. Will I be charged for infants or adults attending the party?**

A. NO. But please keep in mind that babies and adults will NOT be allowed on any of the equipment. We really need all adults to abide by this policy. Adults are welcome to sit and watch. ALL ADULTS must take off their shoes to come into the gym. Otherwise, they are welcome to wait in the lobby.

**Please call 410-877-8686 for more party info**