Dinosaur Train Party Ideas

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The Dinosaur Train theme is perfect for your next Prehistoric party! We even have greattasting recipes for both carnivores and herbivores. No matter if your guest list includes a brontosaurus or a tyrannosaurus rex, we have what you need to make your Mesozoicmasterpiece dino-mite!

Party Checklist \checkmark

4-6 Weeks Before the Party

□ Select Date:

Time:

Place:

Plan a safe, inviting place for kids to have fun. Set time to 2-3 hours for young children, and 3-4 hours for older kids.

- Create Guest List
- Just fill out the handy list in this guide!

 Order Dinosaur Train Party Supplies,
 Dinosaur Train Favors & Party Activities
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 themes, with party pack options for all of them. Expecting
 more guests? Choose our Pack Add-On option
- Order Birthday Costume/Outfit & Gifts
 BirthdayExpress.com has lots of fun choices. Look for our costumes, T-shirts, hats and special birthday gifts designed to match our party themes.
- Book Entertainment (optional)

2 Weeks Before the Party

Order Cake

- Schedule to pick it up one day before the party.

 Mail Dinosaur Train Invitations
- Let the birthday child help by adhering the stamps and putting the invitations in the mailbox.
- □ **Create List of Parent Phone Numbers** Keep on hand in case of emergency.
- Plan Party Menu Check out the recipes in this guide. Ask parents if kids have any food allergies.
- □ Choose Party Games & Collect Party Supplies This guide has ideas that match your party theme!

2-3 Days Before the Party

□ Prepare Cameras

Check batteries. Charge video camera. Buy film or video cards. Get Birthday Message Cameras for the kids to use.

1 Day Before the Party

- □ Make Food & Drinks, Bake/Get Cake, Buy Ice Set out chilled/heated foods just before kids eat.
- □ **Childproof & Decorate Party Area** Remove breakable items and objects that could prevent guests from moving freely. Decorate with balloons, crepe paper, and other items included in your party pack.
- □ Set Up Party Games, Fill Favor Boxes & Piñatas Invite your party child to help!

Party Day!

Fill Birthday Balloons with Helium

Waiting till party day ensures they float well. Gather in bunches, and attach to your front door and the birthday child's chair with curling ribbon.

After the Party

Send Birthday Thank-You Notes
 Include party photos!

Activities

Pin the tail on T-Rex Supplies:

•22" x 28" Poster Board

2 - 8 ¹/₂" x 11" sheets of card stock
ScissorsDouble-sided tape3" tail-shaped stencilBlindfold

Draw or paint a simple T-Rex on your poster board. Use your tail-shaped stencil to trace 4 tails on each sheet of card stock. Cut out the tail shapes and place a piece of double-sided tape on the back each one. To play, have your guests form a line. When it is their turn, place the blindfold over their eyes and give them each a chance to "Pin the Tail on the T-Rex". The child who is the closest, wins!

Dinosaur Tail

Dinosaur Tail is an exciting outdoor game that everyone will love! The birthday guestof-honor will be "it" first. Once he catches and tags another child, they will hold hands and attempt to tag someone else together. Each time a child is tagged, they join the dinosaur tail. This continues until the tail is complete and everyone has been tagged.

Dinosaur Egg Relay

Supplies:

• Spoons (2) • Hardboiled dinosaur eggs (2, or more just in case) (see recipes)

Make your dinosaurs roar with excitement! Before the party, section off a part of your yard for a relay race. Create "start" and "finish" lines (about 15 feet apart) with cones, flags or other household items. Once your guests arrive, let the games begin! Split the dino-kids up into two teams, giving the first player on each team a spoon and a hardboiled egg. Call out "All aboard!" and blow a whistle to signal the start of the race. The object of the game is that each player will go from "start", race down to "finish" and then back up to "start" – all the while, they must balance their "dinosaur egg" on the spoon. Once the first player crosses over the team's start line, they are to hand off the spoon and egg to the next player. This continues until everyone has raced. The first team to get all their members through the relay wins a prize!

Dinosaur Hunt

Supplies:

Inflatable Jumbo Dinosaurs
Dinosaurs sound CD (optional)

All aboard the Dinosaur Express! Before the party begins, hide the inflatable dinosaur toys around your yard. To completely transform your party into a Jurassic park, try playing a dinosaur sounds CD. Once your guests arrive, have them form a party train! The object is to have the children call out when they spot one of the hidden dinosaurs on your route. The dinosaur hunter that guesses the correct name of the dinosaur wins the toy as a take-home prize.



Recipes

Fossil Cake

Total Time: 1 hour.

Ingredients:

•1 box of cake mix (your choice)

•1 package of sugar cookie dough1 container of chocolate frosting

Supplies

•Bone-shaped cookie cutter (or knife)

Chill and cut the sugar cookie dough, using a bone-shaped cookie cutter or knife. Place the cookies on an ungreased baking sheet and prepare according to the package directions. Next, bake your cake as directed on the package and let it cool completely before removing from the pan. Frost the cake with chocolate frosting and place your "fossil cookies" on the top.

Dinosaur Sugar Cookies

Total Time: 30 minutes.

Ingredients:

- •1 Package of sugar cookie dough
- •Your choice frosting and sprinkles

Supplies:

•Dinosaur cookie cutter

Chill and cut the sugar cookie dough, using a dinosaur-shaped cookie cutter. Place on an ungreased baking sheet and prepare the cookies according to the package directions. Let them cool completely before decorating each one to match your party theme!

Dinosaur Eggs

Total Time: 45 minutes.

Ingredients:

- •12 Eggs (one for each guest, plus a couple extra for the Dinosaur Egg Relay activity)
- •Supplies:Egg dye (green and yellow)Nest or basket (optional)

These egg-cellent goodies will drive your guests wild! Start by hardboiling the eggs in small batches (crowding the eggs will risk cracking them, allowing dye to seep inside the shell). Once the eggs have been cooled, begin to dye them according to the package directions. Once the green dye has dried on the eggs, speckle each one with yellow dye. To add to the fun, serve them in a basket or prepared nest.

Dino Sandwiches

Total Time: 10 minutes

Ingredients:

- •Bread
- •Peanut butter
- Jelly
- •Dinosaur cookie cutter

Prepare the peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to your liking. Use the dinosaur cookie cutter to cut out dinosaur shapes. Place them on your favorite platter and serve!

Got Everything?

Glance through the list below to see if you're missing any important items. Many can be found on the party theme page.

- Dino Choo Choo Personalized Banner
- Dinosaur Train Cake Supplies
- Helium Tank
- Dinosaur Train Games
- Dinosaur Train Buddy-Shaped Balloon
- Dinosaur Cookie Cutters
- Jumbo Dinosaur Inflatables