
birthday party locations

Alexandria County Parks

Alexandria VA

<http://alexandriaparks.com/>

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All Fired Up

Washington DC & Bethesda, MD

Metro DC

www.allfiredupdc.com/

Perfect for birthday parties, bridal gathering and don't forget baby handprints keepsakes.

Arlington County Parks

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Build A Bear

Metro DC

www.buildabear.com/

Adorable concept that brings little ones to the official "Build A Bear" workshop. Children will love selecting the perfect bear and will all the suitable accessories. Noteworthy, birthday parties are a fabulous idea for little kidlets. Costs start at \$10.00 per guest and can be booked online!

Chuck E. Cheese

Metro DC

www.chuckecheese.com/

A perennial favorite, Chuck E. Cheese is still a favorite for birthdays and special occasions. Noteworthy, sign up on Chuck E. Cheese's website for special offers and coupons.

City of Alexandria Parks & Rec

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Check the attached website for park locations and features.

Clay Café Studios

Falls Church and Chantilly

Northern VA

www.claywire.com/

This pottery palace offers parties and entertainment for young and old. Noteworthy, I loved the "Catered Clay" concept that brings the party to your house. Clay Wire also promotes "Girl Scout Programs" that satisfy the requirements for Try Its, Badges & Interest Projects.

Claytime Café

9882-4 Liberia Avenue

Manassas VA 20110

703-393-1700

www.claytimecafe.com/

This pottery palace offers parties and entertainment for young and old. Noteworthy, I loved the "Catered Clay" concept that brings the party to your house. Clay Wire also promotes "Girl Scout Programs" that satisfy the requirements for Try Its, Badges & Interest Projects.

Color Me Mine

Check website for locations www.colormemine.com/

A delightful outing with an age appropriate child. Color Me Mine allows your little one to bring out their inner artist. With tons of ideas for kids and adults, Color Me Mine is a creative break from the norm for your family. Color Me Mine is also popular for birthday parties, team parties and "Thank You Coach" parties. Handprints and footprints are a perfect keepsake for relatives or yourself.

District of Columbia Parks

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Washington DC

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Fairfax County Parks

Fairfax County VA

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/parks/

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Gymboree Play & Music

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Metro DC

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Music and movement classes for children ages 0 mth to 5 yrs. Unlike other local offerings, Gymboree allows you to start their Level 1 class as soon as your are ready even if Junior is just a few days old. The amazing benefit to starting early is precious "Mommytime"! You get to chat with women that are going through similar experiences and challenges. And by challenges I mean sobbing nights of hormonal surges, sleep deprivation and a never-ending feeling that "I am screwing everything up"! Noteworthy, try the trial class before you commit look for a program with a flexible make-up schedule. You are bound to miss a few classes.

Imagine That

14 Loudoun Street SE

Leesburg VA 20175

571-258-1258

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Unfortunately building issues have caused Imagine That to close its doors. They are available to take it "On the Road" while they look for a new location.

Jonas Treehouse

2121 Wisconsin Avenue, C-1 Level

Washington DC 20007

202-298-6805

www.jonahstreehouse.com/

DC Mom Vicki Gersten founded Jonah's Treehouse after a fruitless search for a local movement class for her little one. During development, Gersten differentiated her offering by taking her fledgling program in a modern and creative direction. An English Literature major with a musical background, Gersten has developed challenging classes that merge poetry, improvisation and songs with various movement activities. The establishment has become a local favorite. Classes are offered to children 6mths to 4 years of age. Noteworthy, Jonah's Treehouse has an impressive staff that is committed to executing this innovative and unique curriculum.

Kids "n" Clay

6252 Old Dominion Drive

McLean VA 22101

703-532-3738

www.kidsnclay.com/

Fun destination for kid's parties. They even have a template that can be used to create your birthday invitations. Noteworthy, the shop also makes custom cakes and offers a large variety of classes for kids and adults.

Kids N Motion

12019 Falling Creek Drive #201

Manassas VA 20112

703-794-0100

www.kidsnmotion.biz/

Mini-me fitness program for kids ages infants - 6 years old. Kid's Nite, theme parties, music, tumbling and you time. What more could you ask for? Noteworthy, fun birthday parties include the Princess Tea Party, Pirate Party and Cowboy or Cowgirl party.

Leesburg Animal Park

19270 James Monroe Highway

Leesburg VA 20175

703-433-0002

www.leesburganimalpark.com/

Leesburg Animal Park is a user friendly destination that allows Junior to get up close and personal with some of God's creatures. Petting and feeding is encouraged with some of the animals. Noteworthy, the facility offers cool "Safari" themed birthday parties for your little one.

Little Gym

Check website for locations

Metro DC

www.thelittlegym.com/

Fresh out of labor (well not quite); I joined The Little Gym looking for a venue that could give me the lowdown on Baby Motor Skills 101. Did I mention that I also desperately wanted to meet new mommies that understood what I was going through! You know the drill, finding friends in an established mommy group can be worse than your first day of high school. This is where I found my first group of mommy friends. The Little Gym gives you the benefit of class breakouts among different age groups from 4mths to 12 years. The Little Gym is the local leaders in "Motor Skill Development" for kiddies from 4mths to 12 years. I will warn you, get your wallet out for this high-end munchkin gym. No bargains here!

Loudoun County Parks

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Loudoun County VA

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Montgomery County Parks

Montgomery County MD

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musiKids

4900 Ashburn Avenue

Bethesda MD 20814

301-215-7946

www.musikids.com

Inviting atmosphere for your child's first introduction to music. While this class is categorized as a "Movement & Music" class, there is a heavier concentration of music and instruments than you will find with other local competition. Musikids has a creative curriculum that allows Junior to graduate onto more advanced levels of music comprehension as he gets older. Classes are offered to Newborn - 4 years old. Their new class "Out the Door" allows you to drop off your 3 or 4 year old for a 45 minute "Mommy-free" experience.

My Gym

Check website for locations

Metro DC

www.my-gym.com/

A national chain, My-Gym is really coming into its own. Class curriculum, equipment and instructors are on par with The Little Gym. I have had many friends leave The Little Gym for this lower cost alternative. While cost might seem on par with competition, My-Gym separates itself by offering members a weekly one hour "Free Play" session in addition to class time. Noteworthy, Mommies can also bring non-member siblings for "Free Play" for an additional fee of \$5.00. Now that is BUDGET FRIENDLY!

Now This

Silver Spring & Riot Act Comedy Club

Washington DC

202-364-8292

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DC's only totally improvised musical children's theatre. Our professional cast takes the audience's ideas and instantly turns them into songs, comic sketches and musical fairy tales. Great for birthday parties! The cast interviews birthday children, and makes up a personal birthday song about each one. NOW THIS! KIDS! is recommended by the Washington Post, Going Places With Children, The Children's Post, Fodor's and Frommer's Guides and WRC TV calls us a 'Best Bet.' Information courtesy of Now This.

Paint Your Own Pottery

10417 Main Street

Fairfax VA 22030

703-218-2881

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Beyond adorable. This darling shop has offers a unique respite from the busy suburbs that surround it. Located in

Old Town Fairfax, you and your little one can create your masterpieces under the watchful eye of owner Susanna Ekvall. Noteworthy, private parties, Party on Wheels, kid's birthday celebrations, summer camps and adult/Senior functions are all available at Paint Your Own Pottery.

Prince George County @ Watkins Regional Park

301 Watkins Park Drive

Upper Marlboro MD 20774

301-218-6700

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Kids will love the Watkin's Park carousel, train and mini-golf on their special day. You can count on local parks and recreation locations and facilities to offer discount rates on birthday parties for your little or not so little one. Check out the attached website for more information about party rentals and registrations. Don't delay, these venue's go quickly in the summertime.

Prince George County Parks

Prince George County MD

www.pgparcs.com/

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Prince William County Parks

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Prince George County VA

www.pwcparks.org/

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Pump It Up

10110 Battlefield Parkway

Manassas VA 21009

703-749-8006

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Pump It Up, is the inflatable party that kids adore! They have a number of birthday packages for kids two and older. It is a really cool idea for an active birthday celebration that little one and their friends will love! Don't forget to head over to Pump It Up for weekday Pop-In Playtime. Pop-In Playtime offers kids 2 and up the fun of bouncing, sliding, jumping, and climbing for 90 minutes. It is a great way to change up the week or just escape a bad weather day. Other fun events include, Family Jumptime and open sessions on the weekend. They even have pizza for family night! If you are in a playgroup, take advantage of Private Bounce Time. It is an ideal package for Mom's Groups. Check the website for locations and desired times. Note, Pump It Up tends to fill up during open sessions. Get there a little early to ensure a spot.

Reston Zoo

1228 Hunter Mill Road

Vienna, VA 22182

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Reston Zoo provides reserved picnic tables on the grounds of the zoo for your child's special day. Each birthday guest will receive zoo admission, zoofari wagon ride, cup of animal feed, and a lamb bottle. The birthday child gets a straw safari guide hat. Add-on options include private animal shows, zoo themed paper goods, goody bags, and safari hats for each child. You bring your own drinks, food, and cake.

Smithsonian's National Zoo

3001 Connecticut Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20008.

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Equipped with safari hats and expert tour guides, your guests will explore the Zoo for an unforgettable day. Parties include a choice between three indoor decorated party rooms: the Rainforest Room, the Otter's Den, or the Bear's Lair. The Zoo provides a Zoo-themed goody bag, safari hat, snack, ice cream, juice, and all the table setting items. Also includes a special birthday gift related to the tour you choose, including a plush animal, a photo, and a personalized certificate.

Splash Down Water Park

7500 Ben Lomond Park Drive

Manassas VA 20109

703-361-4451

www.splashdownwaterpark.com/

Northern Virginia's largest Water Park. This location offers up 13 acres of fun and lots of H2O. The park serves as a great venue swimming lessons, aqua camps, birthday parties and much more. With tons of waterslides and a 770 foot lazy river, you will want to make it to this destination for summer fun. Note, Splash Down is part of Prince William County Park Authority.

Stafford County Parks

Stafford County VA

www.co.stafford.va.us/parks/

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The Comedy Spot

4238 Wilson Blvd

Arlington VA 22203

703-294-LAFF

<http://comedyindc.com/kidz.htm>

ComedySportz is a fast-paced improvisational comedy show that's fun for EVERYONE! Two teams battle for laughs and points as they make up scenes and songs on the spot. The audience shouts out all the suggestions and votes for the winners, while the referee calls the fouls. It's not a comedy show ABOUT sports, it's the comedy show that IS a sport. Information courtesy of ComedySportz.

The Mud Hut

3231 Spartan Road

Olney MD 20832

301-260-8786

www.mudhutstudios.com/index.html

An eclectic offering of classes, summer camps, private parties, birthday parties and even watercolor workshops with a local artist. Noteworthy, the shops offers an interesting ladies night called "Ya, Ya" night. There are lots of ladies who gather for food, prizes, pottery and cocktails. Well...sort of. It is BYOB, but it could still make for a fun night without Junior:

The Pottery Shop

9400 Snowden River Pkwy

Columbia MD 21045

410-309-6500

www.thepotterystop.com/

Parties, pottery, summer camps and advanced workshops await you at this sweet shop located in Columbia, MD.

Tiny Dancers

Fairfax & Gainesville

Northern VA

www.tinydancers.com/

Voted "Best Dance Studio" from 2003 - 2007 by Washington Family Magazine. Tiny Dancers specializes in ballet, tap, jazz and hip-hop. Classes are offered for children 2- 12 years of age. Noteworthy, Tiny Dancers does a great job of getting their message to the masses. They often appear at malls and storytime gatherings to introduce little ones to the joy of dance. They come complete with costumes and lots of patience. Unfortunately, Tiny Dancers doesn't post these outings on their site. I can tell you that they have a steady monthly gig at Noodles & Noggins. www.Noodles & Noggins.com

Wee Play

441 A Carlisle Avenue

Herndon VA 20170

703-870-7400

www.weeplayinfo.com/index.html

Wee Play is truly unique among the local music and movement classes. The venue offers tons of creative classes that include Paint, Play & Pizza, Table Manners and Beach Party. During Open Play kids 12mths - 5 years can explore the 3,000 sq ft of toys, crafts, balls and more. Noteworthy, Wee Play has a nice birthday package for Junior and friends.

