

## Sweetmama Birthday Party Guide

Because kids love nothing better than a little challenge followed by a big reward.

### **Theme/Venue:** Your neighbourhood

You can incorporate all the best features of your neighbourhood, stashing clues everywhere from the friendly corner store to the monkey bars at the local park.

### **Invitations:** Photo Birthday Invitation

Set the tone before the party begins with a picture of your treasure hunter and event details on a swarthy scroll.

Photo Birthday Invitations, \$1.65/each for 25-50 cards. Available at [www.buttercupprints.com](http://www.buttercupprints.com)

### **Invitations:** Customized Invitation

There's a lot you can do with this clean and simple design. Punch it up with intriguing text or keep your guests guessing.

Customized Invitation, \$5 for 10. Available at [www.vistaprint.ca](http://www.vistaprint.ca)

### **Décor:** Treasure Maps

Forget balloons and banners and put your energy into creating clever and authentic looking treasure maps.

[http://www.creativekidsathome.com/activities/activity\\_105.shtml](http://www.creativekidsathome.com/activities/activity_105.shtml)

### **Activity/Décor:** Magnifying Glasses

Depending on the number of kids at the party, you might want to spring for these high-quality super cool magnifying glasses to help the treasure seekers read maps and look for clues.

Magnifying Glass, \$14. Available at [www.ape2zebra.ca](http://www.ape2zebra.ca)

### **Activity:** The Hunt for the Missing Loot Bags

Armed with age-appropriate clues (and a chaperone), teams embark on a hunt that has them collecting loot bag items only to end up back at home for the main event – cake!

### **Resource:** Scavenger Hunt Guru

If you're having trouble coming up with clues or a course, check out the Scavenger Hunt Guru's many, many ideas.

[www.scavenger-hunt-guru.com](http://www.scavenger-hunt-guru.com)

### **Music:** Pirates of the Caribbean Soundtrack

Whether your hunt is pirate-themed or not, this suspenseful soundtrack will set the tone for true treasure seekers.

Pirates of the Caribbean Soundtrack, \$15. Available at [www.amazon.ca](http://www.amazon.ca)

**Favours:** Judy Moody & Stink: The Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Treasure Hunt

They may have picked up pencils, lollipops and bubbles on their search, but send them home with a memorable favour that is perfectly on theme.

Judy Moody & Stink: The Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Treasure Hunt, \$13. Available at

[www.chapters.indigo.ca](http://www.chapters.indigo.ca)

**Cake recipe:** Treasure Chest Cake

They may think they found all the loot until you bring out one last treasure chest for their dining pleasure.

<http://www.parents.com/fun/birthdays/themes/treasure-hunt-birthday-party/?page=2>