

it's Party Time!

by Philippa Barr

Please tell me, do kids these days still only have one birthday each year? Because it seems to me that, with three of them, my life is an endless frenzy of arranging parties. And each extravaganza seems to have to be more elaborate and more memorable than the last.

Perhaps I'll get my own back eventually, when I demand that they arrange balloon flights or formal dinners for my 83rd and 84th birthday ... hmmm, perhaps I should start planning now!

In the meantime, to help you face the hurdle of your next child's birthday party, with the guest of honour smiling and you with an unwrinkled brow, we've put together a list of Singapore's favourite party venues and activities – including some that come with the personal recommendation of a family that has 'been there and done that'.



Bouncy Castles ... and a whole lot more

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Prices for castle rental start at \$220 for four hours. Other services such as entertainers and decorating are priced according to the party's requirements.

"For Coco's third birthday, we organised a party with a princess theme, and invited 32 kids. The party was in our own home. Louise from Bouncy Castles provided the castle, and helped us to put together themed goody-bags, decorations and balloons.

"Considering that the children ranged in age from one to six and needed to be entertained for two hours, it all went very smoothly. As one of the parents said to me: 'As usual, a wonderful party. You're amazing at holding parties.' I have to thank Bouncy Castles!"

Katie Heyring

Forest Adventure

If you've had enough of air-conditioned rooms and draconian party organisers, let your next set of junior party guests loose on Forest Adventure at Bedok Reservoir Park. Safely secured in a harness, and carefully supervised by trained instructors, they'll be swinging through the trees, metres above the ground, like the little monkeys they probably are!

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