



## **FUN PARTY DIRECTORY 2017-2018**

**\*\* Sign ups begin at 9:30am on Fun Day, October 28th \*\***

### **WHY ATTEND A FUN PARTY?**

When you attend a Fun Party, your hosts will ensure that you have a wonderful experience and introduce you to other attendees from the PreSchool Family community. Importantly, you are also helping to support the mission of Friends of PreSchool Family to make your child's experience as enriching as possible.

### **WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?**

Your entire Fun Party donation goes directly to support PreSchool Family's programs and activities. One benefit to you as a PSF parent is the parent teacher conferences offered twice a year to all families. Also, Fun Party donations provide funding for:

- Teacher home visits for all of the incoming 3's children
- Parent education lectures
- Classroom supplies and much more...

### **HOW DO I SIGN UP?**

Parties open for sign-ups at 9:30 am at the Friends of PreSchool Family Fun Party table located in front of the office. All sign-ups are first come, first served. Payments may be made in cash, check made out to Friends of PreSchool Family or credit card.

After you've signed up and before the party date, your party host will contact you by phone or e-mail to confirm the party details.

### **QUESTIONS?**

Email Rebecca Marasco at [bexw19@yahoo.com](mailto:bexw19@yahoo.com)

# PARTIES FOR FAMILIES

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# **PARTIES FOR FAMILIES**

## **Holiday Lights Party**

**\$30 per family**

Sunday, November 26, 5pm to 8pm

Downtown Los Altos

Up to 10 families

Kick off the holidays this year with one of the most treasured local holiday traditions, the Los Altos Festival of Lights Parade! Our hosts will arrive early to save you a seat at this year's parade. Join us before the parade for some cookies and hot cocoa, and take your seat as the magical festivities begin! We will bring glow sticks for the kids, and you can bring the "ooohs and aaahhhs" as we watch the toy soldiers, gingerbread men and even Santa Claus stroll down Main Street. Such a wonderful event to experience with friends and family. Parent(s) stay with children.

**Hosted by Stacey Clifton & Jackie Reiter**

## **Happy Birds**

**\$25 per child**

Sunday, December 3, 2:30pm to 4:30pm

Private home

Up to 40 children

Calling all bird lovers! The Happy Birds Performing Parrots Show is back. Enjoy Julie and Ed Cardoza's incredible parrots in a performance that is fast paced and upbeat with over twenty-five amazing tricks. All those who attend will have an opportunity to have their photo taken with a fancy-feathered friend. Snacks provided prior to the show.

**Hosted by Diana Lee, Jen Chu, Rachael Ostrowski, Melissa Goldman & Aude Ismael**

## **Pajama Dance Party**

**\$20 per family**

Friday, January 12, 6pm to 8pm

PreSchool Family, MP Room

Unlimited spots

Beat those mid winter blues while you dance to the beat! Come ready to party in your pajamas, dance to your favorite tunes, do the hokey pokey while you turn yourself around and show off your best club moves. Prizes awarded for best pajama patterns, family matching pajamas, etc. Refreshments provided.

**Hosted by Kathy Chen, Snezhana Ballagas & Jen Aminzade**

## **Cardboard Builders Party**

**\$20 per family**

Sunday, January 28, 10am to 12pm

PreSchool Family

Unlimited spots

Build something awesome out of cardboard and your imagination! Kids and adults of all ages are invited to join us for a morning of creativity and collaboration at PreSchool Family. We'll provide the cardboard, supplies, and snacks. Your children can provide the inspiration. Bring home your own castle, helicopter, sailboat, puppet theater, or whatever will fit in the back of your car!

**Hosted by Jen Aminzade, Sara Kopit-Olson, Roberta Von Pankow, Rebecca Marasco & Ian Edwards**

## **Valentine's Day Craft and Cupcakes**

**\$30 per child**

Saturday, February 3, 2pm to 4pm

Location TBD

Up to 20 children

A sweet treat of a party for your favorite crafter. We'll be making Valentine-themed crafts, decorating cupcakes, and finishing off with story time with cookies and milk. Adorable!

**Hosted by Diana Lee, Jen Chu, Rachael Ostrowski, Melissa Goldman, Snezhana Ballagas & Aude Ismael**

## **Musical Brunch**

**\$25 per family**

Saturday, February 24, 10am to 12pm

PreSchool Family

Up to 25 children

Show your children how much fun music can be (and enjoy a little singing and dancing yourself) with a music party. Kathy Sherman is our own music specialist and is also a member of the Plaka Band. After the class, join us for brunch and a chance to socialize. Note: You can get class credit for this party.

**Hosted by Kathy Chen, Margaret Rickling, and Cindy Howard**

## **Blast Off Rocket Party**

**\$25 per family**

Saturday, March 3, 10am to 12pm

PreSchool Family

Up to 20 children

In this STEAM-based fun party for all ages, we explore the laws of motion by studying propulsion, streamlining, trajectory, and basics of aerodynamics. Each child will be creating his or her own water bottle rocket, then launching it later to see the effects of adding fins and other materials to the bottle. Snacks will be provided during the transition between rocket creation and rocket launching. Come join the fun!!!

**Hosted by Tico Ballagas and Jay Gluckman**

### **Kids Drive-in Movie**

**\$25 per child**

Friday, March 9, 5pm to 7:30pm

PreSchool Family

Up to 16 children

Do you want your kids to experience the the 1950s style of a Drive-In Movie? Join us as we drive up in our "cardboard box" at your local PreSchool Family MUR Drive-In Movie Theater. We will have popcorn, pretzels, pizza, and other tasty snacks provided just like the movies! Bring a blanket, pillow, or "lovey" to curl up with to watch the movie. We will start previews at 5:30pm and the ending credits will end around 7:30pm. This is a drop-off Fun Party for kids. Kids must be fully potty trained to attend.

**Hosted by Marilyn Wong and Sara Kopit-Olson**

### **Donkeys and Donuts**

**\$20 per family**

Sunday, March 18, 9:30am to 11:30am

Bol Park, Palo Alto

Unlimited spots

Come meet the Shrek-famous Barron Park Donkeys up close and personal. The donkeys will be out of their paddock and roaming the green field of Bol Park along with their donkey handler. Parents, come and catch up with PSF friends old and new, and let the kids play and explore the rural setting of Bol Park, complete with steps to Matadero creek. There will be donkey-themed arts and crafts and other games for the kids, too.

**Hosted by Karen Kessler Ceresnak and Jackie Reiter**

### **Family Mindfulness Class**

**\$25 per family**

Saturday, March 24, 1pm to 2:30pm

Greenmeadow Community Room, Palo Alto

Up to 10 children

Learn some tools to help your preschooler (ages 3-5) better manage the big feelings that come in that little body! In this class, we will learn what "meditation," and, "mindfulness" mean, play

some games with our breathing, and make a fun craft together. If all goes well, everyone will breathe a little easier by the end of class! Light refreshments served after. This class will be taught by a PSF alumni, Kristene Geering, mother of Niki and Arthur (twins). Kris has a Master's Degree and California Teaching Credential in Early Childhood Special Education, graduate-level training in psychotherapy (Dramatherapy), and Mindful Educator training through Mindful Schools. Her company, "Let Us Learn Together," helps families tame tantrums together, one breath at a time.

**Hosted by Rebecca Marasco & Kris Geering**

### **Let's Go Fly a Kite!**

**\$20 per family**

Saturday, April 28, 2pm to 4pm  
Shoreline Kite Park, Mountain View  
Unlimited spots

Let's go fly a kite! Join us at Mountain View's Shoreline Kite Park for an afternoon of family fun. Run in the field, feel the wind in your face and check out a rainbow of kites. You bring your kite and we'll have a snack to eat.

**Hosted by Jaime Laskowski & Rebecca Marasco**

### **The Big Splash**

**\$25 per child**

Saturday, May 19, 10:30am to 1pm  
Private home  
Up to 40 children

Come and play with us, but beware: You will get wet! Pack your swimsuit, towel, sunscreen and water squirter and come for some summer fun on the Giant Inflatable Water Slide, Slip 'n Slide and Bounce House (just to clarify: we do NOT have a pool). We will serve pizza, fruit and water. This is will be tons of fun for the kids! Don't miss out. For security reasons, this is not a drop off party. The party is located out on the street. We get a block permit, but bikes are still passing; so young kids need to be supervised one-on-one. Signing up younger or older siblings is ok, but age limit is 8 years old, to ensure that the play is not getting too rough for the young kids.

**Hosted by Denker, Galayda, Chang, Marasco, Yeldandi, Ballagas, Siu/Chan, Sheng, Indria, Ashok & Obelnicky/Silverstein families**

### **Family Camping Trip 2018**

**\$50 or \$80 per family**

Weekend, June 8 - 10  
Huddart Park, Woodside  
Up to 20 families per night

Grab your sleeping bags and tents and join us for a night (or two) in the great outdoors! There will be plenty of time to play in the woods, hike, socialize, sing songs by the campfire and have fun! This is a great opportunity to camp with your child(ren), whether it's your first time or your 10th! We will organize potluck meals for dinners on Friday and Saturday night (including s'mores by the campfire or BBQ) and breakfasts on Saturday/Sunday mornings. For those more experienced campers or those who desire additional time to explore & hike in Huddart Park, you can choose to stay both Friday and Saturday night. One night is \$50 per family (plus \$6 parking fee payable upon entrance to park). Two nights is \$80 (plus \$12 parking fee payable upon entrance to park).

**Hosted by the Rickling Family - David, Margaret, Rachael, Ryan and Rhapsody**

## **PARTIES FOR ADULTS ONLY**

### **Mama's Night Out**

**\$10 per mom + 2 bottles of wine**

Wednesday, November 15, 7:30pm until whenever!

Private home, Palo Alto

Up to 15 moms

Because we all deserve a break, a great chat with other mamas and why not a glass of wine?! Join us for a mamas only night out! Bring a bottle of your favorite wine to share and one to give away to a new friend you meet! Get ready to have lots of fun! Consider taking an uber and remember there's no school the next day! Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

**Hosted by Nicole Macuil**

### **Mom's Hiking Party**

**\$20 per mom**

Saturday, November 18, 9am

Palo Alto Open Space Preserve

Up to 10 moms

Come spend the morning with us on a women's hike! Catch up with old friends and meet some new ones while we take in the natural beauty of the oak grasslands and woodlands outside of town. This 3.5 mile hike in the South Skyline Region hills above town will take us past a stand of ancient oaks with beautiful views to the Santa Cruz mountains. The hike is moderate. Bring your water bottle and a lunch. After our hike we'll enjoy a picnic together, tasty autumnal desserts provided!

**Hosted by Carla Kassoff and Dorothy Sacerdote**



## **Read Between the Wines**

**\$25 per person**

Sunday, January 14, 3pm to 6pm

Private home, Mountain View

Up to 12 people

Love to read and chat about books? Looking for a great read to kick off the new year? Come and join us for a leisurely afternoon chatting with new friends and sharing some beloved books. Each guest should bring one wrapped, new or used book that he/she has read and would like to recommend and pass on to another reader. We will open the books one by one and you can share why the book spoke to you. Each guest will leave with a new read and a new "recommended reading" list. With wine and light refreshments served, it will be a relaxing and fun afternoon.

**Hosted by Stacey Clifton Marie-Anne Hogarth & SangHee Soon**

## **Megaformer Full Body Workout**

**\$20 per person**

Sunday, January 21, 11:30am to 12:45pm

Transform Fitness Studio, Mountain View

Up to 8 people

Join us at Transform Fitness Studio for an introductory class on the Megaformer, a multi-functional strength-training machine, born from the well-known Pilates reformer. The Megaformer workout focuses on strength training at a very slow, intense and controlled pace with no rest, yet no impact. You will work out your whole body in one 45-minute session, resulting in improved muscle endurance and efficiency, core strength, cardio, balance, flexibility and over time, a lean sculpted look. After class, enjoy refreshments and light snacks as you connect with new and old friends.

**Hosted by Parissa Modarres, Saeih Song & Kei Worry**

## **Mousse au Chocolate Party**

**\$30 per person**

Saturday, March 10, 3pm to 5pm

Private home

Up to 15 people

To all chocolate lovers! Do you want to WOW! your guests at your next dinner party or just treat yourself with some creamy, elegant and light as air Mousse au Chocolate?

Join us for mousse tasting following hors d'Oeuvres and drinks, learn the secret recipe and bring some delightfulness home with you!

**Hosted by Snezhana Ballagas, Jesna Ashok & Karen Ceresnak**

## **Dads' Night Out - Pinball & Brews**

**\$25 per dad**

Saturday, April 7, 8pm to 12am

Private home, Palo Alto

Up to 16 dads

Do you like to play pinball, but never have any quarters? Have you always wanted to know more about the different kinds of beers around the world, but never have the time? Well have we got the Fun Party for you! Listen up dads, we are combining these two great things: pinball & foreign brews. Get out for a night of unlimited pinball and a beer tasting. We will start off the night with a beer tasting from 3 different areas of the world, with a 4th super secret tasting. After that you can grab your favorite beer and play unlimited pinball on several great machines. The night starts at 8pm with the tasting starting promptly at 8:15pm and pinball afterwards.

**Hosted by Marc Marasco & Greg Clifton**

## **Blind Wine Tasting**

**\$20 per person + 1 bottle of wine**

Saturday, April 21, 7:30pm to 10:30pm

Private home, Los Altos Hills

Up to 30 people

Calling all wine lovers! The grocery aisles are full of wine choice; how do you decide what to buy? Probably you just make a wild guess based on the label. Talk about judging a book by its cover! Instead, let's approach this with a scientific mindset and answer this Very Important Question: what's the best California red wine that \$20 can buy? Here's how this will go down: Everyone brings a bottle of red wine from California, costing no more than \$20. When you arrive, your bottle will be disguised in a nondescript wrapper and assigned a random number. No longer will your perception of taste be skewed by price, appearance, or environment. Wines will be judged and scored on taste alone! Sample each wine in a fun atmosphere with accompanying tasty hors d'oeuvres and lively conversation. Write a score and tasting notes for each numbered bottle. You can try to sound like a seasoned oenophile and write about the "earthy tones" or "notes of tobacco and lingonberry" or you can just write "tastes like garbage" or "yum yum." At the end of what is sure to be an entertaining evening, the event organizers will tally up the scores and present the results. Find out once and for all which local wine is the best value, as judged by you! Hope you can join us and unleash your inner sommelier.

**Hosted by the Davidson, Aminzade & Alexander families**