

60's & 70's Event Ideas

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http://www.boardmanweb.com/party/party_themes.htm

From: Kevin Pate <kevinpate@YAHOO.COM>

Some other ideas to consider working in on a 60's theme:
black lights and flourescent paints wooden beads on rope or yarn, several strands to use in your doorways big tissue paper flowers a clear pain drop cloth covered in mud(in remembrance of Woodstock) Do your own imitation Warhol art work for the walls

Hope these help.

From: Kathy Dykstra <JARTSKYD@AOL.COM>

How about making tissue paper flowers, so that they can be worn in their hair? Or Peace Sign necklaces made with pipe cleaners and pony beads? Make the Peace Sign with 3 pipe cleaners: 1 in circle shape, use 2 others to make a Y shape and put pony beads on the Y, then insert into the circle and twist the ends. Use some kind of ribbon to tie around the neck.

Have Fun!

Kathy Dykstra Freedom Valley GSC, PA

From: Jeff or Debby Stowers <stowers@ALTINET.NET>

I am now sufficiently recovered to report on my troop's(5th and 6th grade juniors) first attempt at planning a SU event. We had a 60's-themed lock-in and it was a huge success!

Our troop had planning this event since last May. It was such an education for them to go through the process of planning a large event. They all chose camp names for the night such as Go Go, Tina Turner, Diana Ross, Areatha Franklin, Rainbow, Sandra Dee, etc. Most of the girls wore bell bottoms and tye-dye shirts. We had two Go Go girls complete with go go boots. We decorated with posters, used blacklights and a disco ball to set the mood. We served TANG for the drink with the snacks (and I still don't like it very much).

We held it in the gym of a local church school. Approximately 240 girls attended along with their leaders. During check-in which was from 6 to 7 p.m. One of the musically inclined adults in our troop led a sing a long

of 60's songs. She had remembered many of the camp songs she sang as a girl and added many 60's folk songs to the mix.

We held as a wide game with 6 stations. The activities included a swaps table where they made miniature protest signs, peace symbols out of pipe cleaners, and miniature bell bottoms out of denim. They did tie-dyed white handkerchiefs using permanent markers. There was a 60's danceathon. The girls demonstrated several 60's dances (the pony, the jerk, the swim, the hitch-hiker, the monkey, etc) and then there was a dance contest. There was a face painting round. We had 4 girls doing the painting and had a graffiti wall for the girls to write on who were waiting. We had a 60's games activity which included jump roping, the limbo, twister, checkers and jacks and we had an activity where the girls decorated denim headbands with stickers, beads, and feathers.

In the midst of all the wide games we had a surprise appearance by Elvis. It was actually a very brave and hammy little brother of one of my girls dressed in my son's old (60's Elvis white jumpsuit) Halloween costume. Elvis came in took the stage and sang Hound Dog and Teddy Bear while two of our Go Go girls danced behind him. He looked great and all of the girls were cued on when he would arrive and chased him screaming to the stage. He even brought a couple of scarves to throw to the girls (but forgot to throw them).

After a snack we had our next round of activities which included a dance contest with all of the winners of the previous rounds. We had a contest for the best 60's dressed troop and an individual award for the best costume. Then we had a protest rally. Each troop made protest signs and had a mini rally. It was hilarious. The protests included school, school food, cauliflower, war, homework. There were also troops promoting peace and love.

At lights out my troop had a sit-in protesting bedtime. After lights out we had two TV-VCR's showing movies from the 60's - I.e. the original Parent Trap and 60's vintage Disney.

The younger girls and their leaders bedded down in gym and the older girls who planned to stay up put their sleeping bags down in the foyer and halls outside the gym. Some of the older girls actually stayed up all night long, so of course, this meant I did too.

The next morning we served continental breakfast and sent them on their way. Then my tired, cranky, troop helped clean up before we could leave. They a tired, but wiser group of girls. They learned sooo much from this experience. I think they will really appreciate the efforts of other troops hosting events in the future.

Most of comments about the event were very positive. Most of the girls really had a great time. The only negatives we had were from Daisy leaders who thought that their troops should have been allowed to stay longer. We had told them that Daisys would go home after snack at about 9 p.m. In hindsight, I think we would make that the call of the Daisy leaders. And we had a complaint about the TV's being too small!!!?!!

From: ANNTOYS4ME@aol.com

Hi

I am doing a 60's theme camp.....for our girls here in June. I would love to hear any more ideas you get, or what kind of swaps you are making. In the oriental trading company catalog, there are all kinds of sixties things....was thinking maybe a happy face thing to go in the middle and have someone at each table win it. They even have the coolest little metal sixties lunchboxes, not too pricey either at like 3 bucks each. I ordered some stickers, tattoos, and the lunchboxes, along with some sixties book labels, (to use as name tags> all very inexpensive from oriental trading..they are online....and mail out quickly.... where did you get your austin powers? I was thinking of making like wallpaper....with the girls coloring on sayings....of the sixties, or symbols....the smile face, the flowers, the peace signs, etc.....our camp name is camp flower power. Would love to chat thru this with you....for swaps the only ideas I had, were the yellow smiley faces, a flower with girl power painted on it, peace sign, etc.....

Robin

From: Juliet Arrighi <juliet.a@juno.com>

Do the the Whimsey-dip flowers in the S&S catalog. they are so cool, and one of my favorite memories of that era.

From: Barbara Lucente <Nicolesmom@excite.com>

At my daughters 8th grade graduation their theme was classic. One of the parents took large sheets of cardboard (you know big like appliance box size) and cut out the shape of an old classic car. Your case VW Bug. She painted the car two tone classic colors. Of course the car had windows (front seat/back seat). The car was mounted in a slot in a long piece of lumber. The photographer was taking pictures from the colored side. The students sat on benches on the opposite side as if car seats where there. They could have one to four individuals in each shot.

The table center pieces were the same car but made out of construction paper. Mounted standing up on heavy card board. The tires on the car were a 3D appearance. She put foam board or cardboard behind the color tire. The tables were 16 feet long we put about three on each table.

They were just to cool.

From: berycrafti@aol.com

I remember that my mother used some old records to make centerpieces ... she heated them in the oven very low temp...and carefully draped them over

a glass vase to form a record vase... the glass form may have even been in the oven with the record also to mold in the heat... perhaps this might give you some ideas...

maybe use old records as placemats ... drink coasters etc. or style some cloth placemats etc after record design...
.. maybe old 45's could become napking rings even holding wrapped utensils in the napkin... or if serving from buffet style... let the "vases" designed above become the holders for the different utensils ... even straws could be put in those to be a dispenser...

use the record theme to make hot plates for the table with cloth or painted wooden records!

From: "Debbie " <dat93@yahoo.com>

My troop has done a bit of macrome, and really enjoyed it. You might consider a 3-dimentional macrome sculture, using drift wood and beads. Speaking of beads...how about some bead necklaces...they were a big hit in the 60's. Good luck!

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Thanks to the ideas and suggestions of so many people on this list (and the magic of girl/adult planning, woohoo!) the format for our Retro Camporee (official title: Girls Are Groovy) is just about set! I put together a web page with all the info for my leaders and I thought listmembers who are planning camporees might find it useful.

<http://www.people.virginia.edu/~rmm7e/camporee.html>

Last weekend we had a training session for my all-cadette camp staff (you really need more than one session, though - next year I'm going to do a whole training \*weekend\*) -- and it went really well. The girls tried the tie-dye and they must have loved the results because I heard they all wore their shirts to school the next day!