

5 Great Ideas for a Pool Party

There's no better way to celebrate your new pool or just enjoy a warm summer evening than to throw a party in your own backyard swimming pool! Next time you invite your friends, neighbors and family over for a swim, try one of these fun pool party ideas.

Hawaiian Luau

Tell your guests to put on their Hawaiian shirts and grass skirts and welcome them to your backyard tropical paradise pool party! Don't forget the Hawaiian music. Welcome them with homemade leis or seashell necklaces, and decorate with bright tropical colors. You can create the ambiance of a tropical island by putting up tiki torches and scattering tropical flowers on the tables. For dinner, grill up some skewers with chicken, pineapple and veggies, or treat your guests to an authentic pig roast. To make your evening even more magical you can serve tropical drinks and beverages in cups made of hollowed-out half coconuts. And don't forget the games like the limbo or a hula dance contest.

Movie Night

Remember those great old-fashioned drive-in movie theatres? Try hosting movie night in your own backyard with a "float-in"! Fill your pool with inflatable lounge chairs. Move your big-screen TV outside or rent a projector and screen for the night. Pick a new release to watch, or try "Finding Nemo" for the kids. Don't forget to serve movie snacks!

Romantic Night

Invite your "special someone" for a romantic evening by the pool. Fill your pool with floating candles and rose petals, and line the edges of the pool with tea lights. You can also hang strands of white lights from the trees. Don't forget to set the mood with some romantic music. You could have dinner, set up a chocolate fondue fountain with fresh fruit.

Mexican Fiesta

Line your pool with Mexican blankets and sombreros, and set up small tables with paper flowers as the centerpieces. Hang a candy-filled piñata from a tree and invite guests to take a swing. Don't forget the dance music. For dinner, grill up fajitas on the barbeque and serve with sour cream and guacamole...and of course chips and salsa!

Beach Party

Why make a long drive to the beach when your very own pool serves as the perfect backyard beach party? Use sea shells, beach umbrellas, bright colored towels and giant beach balls. Throw some balls into the pool too, or float some toy boats in the water. Heat up the barbeque and grill hotdogs, hamburgers and veggie burgers. Serve with corn on the cob, potato salad and fresh-squeezed lemonade...and popsicles for dessert!