



Tips for Planning a Career Day Party

A Career Day party is a really fun way to dream, learn, and celebrate all the different kinds of things people do! Here are some ideas for throwing a Career Day party:

1. Pick a day, time, and place with your grown-up and then make invitations that have all of that info on them.
2. On your invitations, tell people to come wearing clothes that represent what kinds of work they would like to do someday.
3. Plan some activities for your party, like...

- **Making Posters:** Give guests some posterboard or big sheets of paper, along with colored pencils, markers, and other things to decorate with. Ask them to make a poster about what kinds of things they would be excited to do in their dream career.

- **Pin the Tool on the _____:** Print pictures of people and put them up on the wall. (Make sure they don't have hats on!)

Print pictures of tools and accessories that people use in their jobs—like stethoscopes, hammers, soccer balls, construction helmets, and more.

Blindfold one person at a time and hand them one of the tool pictures with a little bit of tape on the back. Spin them around twice and then watch them try to stick the tool in the right place on one of the pictures of people.

- **Listen-and-Learn Time:** Invite some grown-ups who have different types of careers to come and tell you about what they do every day and the kinds of things that they had to learn in order to do their job. Maybe they can teach you how to do some cool things too!

- **Skills Stations:** Set up a few different spots with activities that will help people practice doing parts of different careers. Every few minutes, blow a whistle and tell guests to switch spots so they get to try everything out. Some stations might be: building something, like a birdhouse; baking cookies; creating a work of art; playing a sport; putting papers in order by date or number or alphabetically; solving a riddle or a puzzle.

