



VIRTUAL TOP SECRET BIRTHDAY PARTY FAQs

CAN YOU GIVE MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE PARTY EXPERIENCE?

Our Virtual Top Secret Birthday party is a one-hour, live, interactive mission run by a SPY Educator that takes place in our secure Zoom room. A top secret device has gone missing and SPY Headquarters needs help! Recruits, led by the Birthday child, complete mini spy missions and build their spy skills. They might need to race around the house to find a disguise that would work in the field, build a gadget on the fly, and decode secret messages. At the end of the party, we sing “Happy Birthday” to the birthday child.

HOW DO YOU MAKE THE BIRTHDAY CHILD FEEL SPECIAL?

The birthday child is our lead recruit during our Top Secret Mission. They will make key decisions for the group such as which suspect should we investigate or what disguise should we wear while we break into an office. They will be asked to share their ideas first and choose who talks next. At the end of the party, we will ask all participants to sing “Happy Birthday.”

CAN WE HAVE A VIRTUAL BIRTHDAY PARTY IF ALL THE CHILDREN ARE IN ONE LOCATION ON A SHARED DEVICE?

Yes! Our Virtual Top Secret Birthday parties are designed for children in one location on one shared device or logging in on individual devices in separate locations. We have slightly modified parent instructions depending on how the kids will be joining the party.

WHAT IS THE CANCELLATION POLICY?

Unfortunately, our Virtual Top Secret Birthdays are non-refundable. If you need to reschedule a party for some reason, please email educators@spymuseum.org as soon as possible and we will do our best to work with you to find a new date.

CAN I BOOK A VIRTUAL BIRTHDAY FOR MY TWELVE-YEAR-OLD?

The recommend party ages are 7-11 years old. The birthday party format might interest twelve-year-olds if they are willing to go along with the story. The storyline is that we have a top secret device that has gone missing and we need to break-into our suspect's office to look for evidence. It's a very fun, interactive birthday but sometimes this might not be the best party for pre-teens.

DO THE BIRTHDAY PARTY PARENTS AND/OR GUESTS NEED TO PREPARE ANYTHING?

We ask that the birthday party parent prints out and hides a Top Secret letter for the birthday recruit to find during the party.

You will receive an email with a link to download Top Secret Birthday program materials and **optional items** for guests with to prepare:

- Space to move around

- Arrive to the party in disguise and with additional disguise items close by
- Pencil and paper
- Top Secret Birthday Program Materials PDF – cipher wheel and pig pen code

If all the guests are logging in from one shared device we suggest you prepare:

- Disguise bins with hats, sunglasses, scarves
- Pencil and paper
- Top Secret Birthday Program Materials PDF – cipher wheel and pig pen code

WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS DAY OF THE PARTY?

The birthday party family can log into Zoom 5-10 minutes prior to the party start time to meet the SPY Educator leading their party. The Educator will answer any last minute questions you may have.

CAN PARTICIPANTS WEAR DISGUISES?

Yes, participants are welcome to show up in a disguise at the beginning of the party! We will challenge guests to change their appearance during the party and you can choose whether or not you want to give your guests advance warning.

HOW MANY KIDS CAN PARTICIPATE DURING THE BIRTHDAY PARTY?

A virtual Top Secret Birthday Party can have up to 20 participants, including the birthday child. You can invite up to 5 additional participants to watch the party (ex- grandparents, family friends)!

For the additional cost of \$15 per child, you can invite up to 10 more guests to participate during the birthday party. However, due to the interactive nature of Virtual Top Secret Birthday parties we strongly discourage having more than 20 participants. More than 20 players means not everyone will have the chance to talk or share their disguise and gadgets.

CAN I BUY SPY-THEMED GOODIE BAGS FOR MY VIRTUAL BIRTHDAY PARTY?

The SPY retail store is open and can assist you with party favors or spy-themed gifts for your birthday child. Top Secret Birthday [goodie bags](#), reusable [DENY EVERYTHING](#) water bottle and other [party favors](#) can be purchased online. For specific questions, please email info@spymuseumstore.org.

ARE YOU OFFERING ONSITE BIRTHDAY PARTIES?

Please check our [Top Secret Birthday webpage](#) for current on-site birthday party offerings.