

85th Anniversary of Winnie the Pooh

Winnie the Pooh Day & A.A. Milne's Birthday 1/18/1882

Description of Program: A.A. Milne's Winnie the Pooh first appeared in the English magazine *Punch* in 1924. We'll celebrate this cuddly bear with stories, crafts, and activities. Other highlights of the party include having your photo taken with Winnie the Pooh and snacks that Winnie and his friends love.

Stories:

Winnie the Pooh by A.A. Milne Select a chapter or passage to read.

The Complete Poems of Winnie-the-Pooh by A.A. Milne

"The End; A Winnie the Pooh Reading by Christopher Plummer" from *The Best of Pooh and Tigger Too*. Play this reading by the

wonder actor Christopher Plummer.

Disney Winnie the Pooh Storybook Collection Stories by Kathleen W. Zoehfeld.

Songs & Group Game

Songs from the Book of Pooh

The Best of Pooh and Tigger Too

Play songs from one of these Pooh CDs, such as "Winnie the Pooh." Have the children sit in a circle and pass around a Winnie the Pooh bear. When you stop the music, the child holding the Pooh bear receives a Pooh sticker or some other prize. Play until everyone wins a sticker (or you are out of time). With large groups, several smaller circles can be formed.

Group Game

Winnie the Pooh Treasure Hunt Create a treasure hunt map of your library. Choose places to hide pooh related items and clues. Children pick up an item at each spot, such as a sticker, honey candy. Another idea is to hide a fake Winnie the Pooh Book that you create. The first one to find the book receives a real Winnie the Pooh Book.

Photo with Winnie the Pooh

Purchase a life-sized stand up of Winnie the Pooh (see photo above; \$34.99 from <http://www.celebrateexpress.com/>) or have someone dress in a Winnie the Pooh costume. Take digital photos of all the participants and print copies for them .

Craft, Game & Activity Stations:

The following activities and games can be set up as stations so that children can choose which one to do and how long to stay at each station. A total of 6-8 craft, activity, and game stations works best:

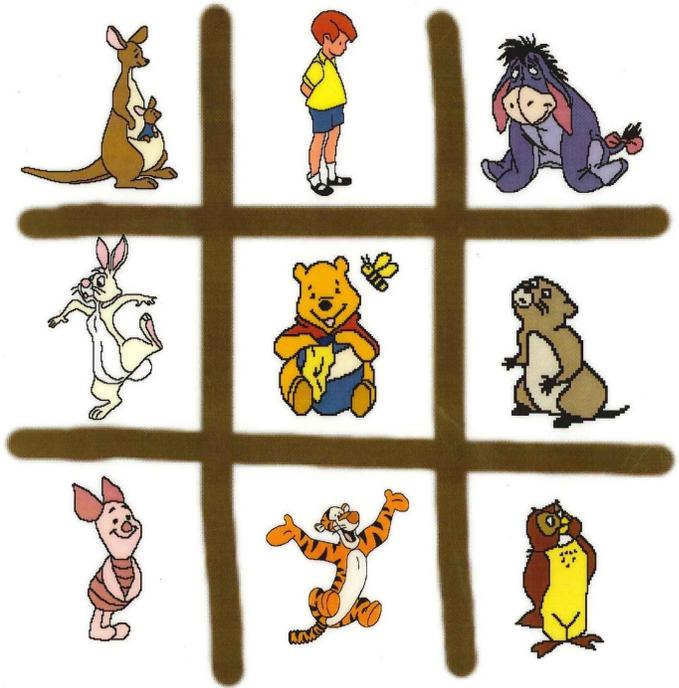
Games & Activity Stations:

Winnie the Pooh Puppets: Put out character puppets from the Winnie the Pooh stories for imaginative play.

Winnie the Pooh Puzzle: Purchase a *Winnie the Pooh* puzzle for children to play with.



WINNIE THE POOH TIC-TAC-TOE



Winnie the Pooh Tic Tac Toe Play Tic Tac Toe with Winnie the Pooh characters (see right)

Pin the Tale on Eeyore Make a large drawing of Eeyore. Have the children close their eyes (or blind-fold) and try to pin his tail on.

Winnie the Pooh Printable Games Make mazes, dot to dot, color by number, and word searches.

<http://www.yoarra.250x.com/print.html>

Pooh Sticks: Create a "hunney pot". Children drop craft sticks into the hunney pot . Give stickers or yellow "honey" candy sticks as prizes.

Craft Stations:

Winnie the Pooh & Friends Puppets:

Print out pictures of Winnie the Pooh characters. Have children color, cut, and glue to craft sticks to use as stick puppets. Also, check *The Pooh Party Book* by Virginia Ellison which includes characters that can be traced.

Winnie the Pooh Rubberstamp Bookmarks:

Purchase Winnie the Pooh character rubberstamps and give the children cut cardstock to create book-marks.

Coloring Pages & games: Print out different Winnie the Pooh characters for children to color.

<http://www.just-pooh.com/pictures-category.html?id=4>

<http://www.fun-with-pictures.com/winnie-the-pooh-and-friends-coloring-pages.html>

Snacks: Birthday cupcakes decorated with gummi bears and bear or honey cookies

Treat Bags: Fill with Winnie the Pooh items like stickers, bookmarks, honey candy.

Online Sources of Ideas

Party Ideas www.birthdaypartyideas.com

<http://www.hundred-acre-woods.ws/poohbear-fan/coloring.htm>

Mom's party theme ideas, games, etc. www.amazingmoms.com

Sources of Party Goods: A variety of materials based on the *Winnie the Pooh* Characters, including coloring and activity books, party dishes, treat bags, stickers, tattoos, and party hats, can be purchased from the following:

Oriental Trading www.orientaltrading.com

Party Products www.partyproducts.com

Celebration Express www.celebrateexpress.com

Others: For other ideas, check *The Pooh Party Book* by Virginia Ellison. [includes characters that can be traced].

More information or questions?

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