

## PARTY MENU

### Scary Spider Veggies & Dip

#### Ingredients

- One round loaf Pumpernickel bread
- Veggies for dipping: celery sticks, carrot sticks, cucumber slices, green/red pepper slices, broccoli, etc.

#### Directions

1. Hollow out a pumpernickel loaf and fill with veggie dip of your choice or "Grasshopper" dip.
2. Create "legs" using 8 large celery sticks stuck into each side of the bread.
3. Using 2 toothpicks attach half a green pepper as a head. Place 2 cherry tomatoes on the top of the toothpicks for eyes.
4. Surround with carrot sticks, cucumber sticks, green pepper slices and the bread for dipping.



### Grasshopper Dip

#### Ingredients

- 2 ripe avocados
- 2 tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 ripe tomato
- Garlic salt
- Onion salt
- Ground black pepper

#### Directions

1. Slice each of the avocados in half lengthwise and remove the pits. Scoop the inside of the avocado into a small bowl.
2. Add lemon juice and blend.
3. Sprinkle garlic salt, onion salt and black pepper to taste.
4. Carefully mix in one chopped tomato.
5. Serve immediately.





## Snail Shells

### Ingredients

- 4 ten-inch whole wheat tortillas
- 1/2 cup softened cream cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon dried chives
- 1/2 cup hummus
- 1/2 lb. thinly-sliced deli turkey
- 1 cup shredded carrots
- 1/2 cup sprouts
- 1/2 cup cherry tomatoes, sliced
- 4 leaves of romaine lettuce, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup crumbled feta or shredded mozzarella cheese

### Directions

1. In a small mixing cup, combine cream cheese and dried chives. Using a spatula, spread the mixture over the tortillas evenly within 1 inch of the outer edge.
2. Follow with a thin layer of hummus over the cream cheese. You can also add a layer of thinly sliced turkey or ham in place of the hummus.
3. Next, layer the carrots, sprouts, tomatoes and lettuce. Sprinkle with feta or mozzarella cheese. Carefully roll up each tortilla. Wrap each tortilla in plastic wrap and chill for at least 30 minutes before serving.
4. To serve, cut each tortilla crosswise into 2 inch snail shells - enjoy!



## Beetle Juice

### Ingredients

- 2 12-oz cans frozen lemonade
- 2 liters Gingerale
- Green food coloring
- Ice
- Plastic bugs (for decoration)

### Directions

1. In a large punch bowl, prepare both cans of your favorite lemonade according to directions.
2. Once lemonade has completely dissolved, slowly add gingerale to the punch bowl.
3. Add several drops of green food coloring using more or less as you like.
4. When ready to serve add ice to chill. Place plastic bugs on top of the ice for the full beetle juice effect!

## Caterpillar Kabobs

### Ingredients

- Melon: cantaloupe, watermelon, honeydew
- Blueberries
- Wooden skewers
- Toothpicks

### Directions

1. Using a melon baller create the body of your caterpillar with various melons.
2. Thread melons balls onto the skewers.
3. Create antennae using the toothpicks topped with blueberries
4. Refrigerate and serve your hungry caterpillars on a bed of lettuce "leaves".



## Ants on a Log

### Ingredients

- 2 large stalks of celery, washed and cut crosswise into halves or thirds
- 1/3 cup peanut butter or cream cheese
- 1 cup raisins and dried cranberries

### Directions

1. Fill each celery stick with peanut butter or cream cheese and sprinkle top with raisins and dried cranberries for the creepy crawly effect!





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## Worms & Dirt Dessert

### Ingredients

- One pkg. chocolate sandwich cookies
- 1- 8oz. pkg cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup butter, softened
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 3 cups milk
- 1 - 12 oz. tub whipped topping
- 2 - 3 ½ oz pkg instant vanilla or chocolate pudding
- ½ tsp vanilla
- Gummy worms and/or other "critters"
- New sand pail and shovel or new plastic flower pot and garden trowel

### Directions

1. Place cookies in a large plastic bag and crush.
2. Put ¼ of the cookie crumbs in the bottom of the pail or pot.
3. In a large bowl, cream butter, cream cheese, sugar and vanilla together. Set aside.
4. In another bowl combine milk and pudding mix.
5. Fold whipped topping into pudding mixture.
6. In the large bowl, gently combine the pudding and cream cheese mixtures and layer 1/3 of this mixture on top of the cookie crumbs you placed in the pail or pot.
7. Place another layer using 1/3 of the cookie crumbs and then alternate between the cream cheese/pudding mixture and cookie crumbs to create layers to the top of the pail/pot. Add in gummy worms/critters into the layers as you go.
8. Finish the top layer with the remaining cookie crumbs and have some worms peeking through the top layer and sitting on top of the crumbs.
9. Chill 4-5 hours before serving
10. Use the shovel or trowel and serve up some "Dirt and Worms" in small plastic cups - enjoy!





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## Activities & Games

### Bug-A-Baloo

HEXBUG Nanos are set in motion and swarming underneath the anthill and trying to get out for food! See whose HEXBUG can find its way out and if it is smart enough to earn the highest point value for its owner!

#### Supplies

- One empty cardboard shoebox or other medium sized box
- Scissors or utility knife
- Marker
- Small star or dot stickers (for identifying the bugs)
- HEXBUGS
- Scorecard



#### How to Play

1. Remove any lid or top panels to your box so that the box can be placed flat on the ground. When turned over, this box will serve as the "anthill".
2. From the bottom edge of the box, carefully cut 4 1-inch "holes" in each side of the box so that each hole is in the center of each side.
3. Using a marker, assign a point value for each hole.
4. When you're ready to play, have each guest choose their "most intelligent" HEXBUG Nano for the competition. Label each bug using a different sticker so that each player can identify his bug.
5. Have each player switch his bug "on" and place them all under the anthill.
6. As the HEXBUG Nanos swarm underneath, keep a close eye on whose bug comes out first and write the point value associated with that hole. Keep track of the scores and play 5 rounds (or more!)
7. May the best bug win!!!



## Mutation Station

Not all HEXBUGS are alike...some are very rare and have unique characteristics. As teams visit "Mutation Station" they must try to figure out which bug is different from the others so that their real HEXBUG can earn points. If they can't identify the mutation before time runs out...teams must move back and risk getting tangled in the "Spider's Web".

### Supplies

- Craft supplies: construction paper, card stock, google eyes, pipe cleaners, etc.
- Glue
- Scissors
- White posterboard
- Double sided tape
- Black or colored posterboard
- Masking tape
- Marker
- HEXBUG Nanos
- Timer

### Before the Party

1. In advance, create 5 "HEXBUGS" using arts and craft supplies, and make sure they have exactly the same features. (This is a great craft to get the kids involved in- use card stock, pipe cleaners, cotton balls whatever supplies you have on hand, just be sure to make them alike!)
2. Next, create 5 additional "HEXBUGS" that look similar to the other 5, but with one slight "mutation" that makes them different from the others. For example, one model might be missing a leg, one may have an extra ring around the eye, etc.
3. On a sheet of black (or colored) posterboard or other hard surface, use masking tape to create 5 horizontal lines and label each line with a point value by 5's starting at the bottom with 5, then 10, and so on.

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### At the Party

1. Place a piece of double-sided tape to all of the HEXBUG models you created, including the mutations.
2. When you're ready to begin, attach the 5 HEXBUGS that look alike to the white posterboard discretely adding one of the mutations as well. Place the poster face down until the game has started—no peeking!
3. Divide the group into teams of two and have each team place one HEXBUG on the bottom (Spider's Web) of the posterboard so that all bugs are below the "5" line.
4. To start the game, have the first team come to the board. Start a 30-second timer and flip over the posterboard of the 5 HEXBUGS and have the team attempt to find the one bug that is not like the others. If they complete the task successfully before time runs out, they can move their real HEXBUG up one step on the "scoreboard". If a team cannot identify the mutation, they must either move back one step (or remain in the Spider's web if you're just beginning!)
5. The next round begins with a new team. Be sure to shuffle in one "mutation" each round to keep them guessing!

## Bugs in Your Pants

Just like the party favorite "Hot Potato", this game requires players to secretly pass the squirmy HEXBUG Nano! Just make sure you don't get caught with bugs in your pants!!!!

### Supplies

- Three HEXBUG Nanos
- Music
- Friends

### How to Play

1. Ask all your guests to sit in a circle and elect someone to be "it". The elected player stands in the center of the circle and covers his eyes.
2. All players in the circle place their hands behind their back and begin to pass one HEXBUG around the circle keeping hands behind their backs.
3. When the music stops, the player in the center opens his eyes, points to someone he believes has the HEXBUG and shouts "Bug in your pants!" If he chooses the correct player, that person moves to the center and the game starts over. If he does not find the right person, the game continues with that person being "it" and another HEXBUG is added to the circle.



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## Nano Palooza

### HEXBUG Nano Races

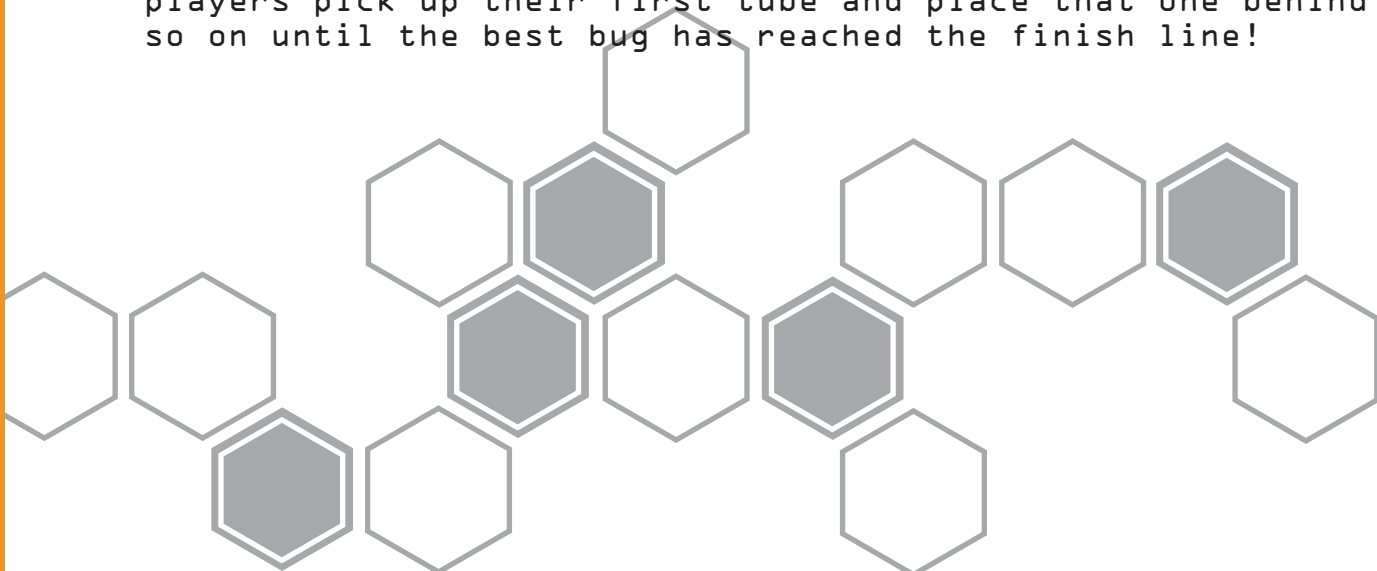
Get ready for belly busting laughter with this fast-paced bug race! Kids must get their HEXBUG Nano to speed through 2 cardboard tubes placing one in front of the other in order to get to the finish line first

#### Supplies

- Empty paper towel or wrapping paper tubes
- 1 HEXBUG Nano per child
- Duct tape or masking tape

#### How to Play

1. Before the party, collect enough tubes so that each child has 2 of equal size.
2. On a hard, flat surface create a start and finish line using the tape.
3. Have each child choose their "fastest" HEXBUG and form a line at least an arms-length apart from one another. Each player should have 2 tubes placing one of the tubes on the ground and holding onto the other one.
4. On the word "Go!", the race begins and the kids must send their Nano through the first tube placing the second tube behind it. Once the HEXBUG Nano has started into the second tube the players pick up their first tube and place that one behind and so on until the best bug has reached the finish line!





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## Back to Buggin'!

When the talented HEXBUG Nanos get stuck on their backs, they can hop back on their feet in no time! Can you do the same? This hilarious game has partners working together to get back on their feet...but only after their HEXBUG Nanos do the same!

### Supplies

- Balloons
- 1 HEXBUG Nano per child

### How to Play

1. Have everyone grab one HEXBUG Nano and divide the kids into teams of two.
2. Ask each team to sit on the floor back to back with their partner so that their legs are out straight in front of them.
3. Blow up enough balloons for each team to have one (this can be done in advance) and place a balloon between each team so that each set of partners has a balloon between their backs.
4. When you're ready to start, have each player switch on their HEXBUG Nano and place it on their back.
5. Each team must cheer on their two HEXBUGS until both bugs finally flip over.
6. Once both bugs on each team have flipped it's time for the kids to try and get up on their feet! The partners must try to stand up without holding onto anything...AND without breaking the balloon.
7. The first team to stand up without breaking the balloon are the "Back to Buggin'" Champs!!





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## Bug on a Wire

### Relay Race

HEXBUG Nanos need friends too! In this crazy relay race, kids try to get as many "buggy" friends into a bowl to join their HEXBUG...but be careful not to fall off the wire!!!

#### Supplies

- 4 plastic bowls
- HEXBUG Nanos
- 2 fly swatters
- Yarn or string

#### How to Play

1. Divide guests into two equal teams and line them up single file.
2. Fill two bowls with HEXBUG Nanos and place a bowl for each team at the starting line and two empty bowls a good distance away. Place one HEXBUG into each of the empty bowls - as they await the arrival of their new friends!
3. Create two lines (the "wires") using yarn or string leading from the bowls at the start to the bowls on the opposite end.
4. When you're ready to play, give the first member of each team a fly swatter. When you say "Go!" the first player reaches into the bowl of bugs and places one on their flyswatter.
5. Each player must make their way to the other bowl keeping the bug balanced on the fly swatter, and keeping themselves on the wire! Once at the other end, each player tosses their bug in the bowl, races back to the start and passes the fly swatter to the next player in line.
6. The first team to get their bugs into the other bowl wins!!!!





## HEXBUG Habitat Adventure

### Cross Country

HEXBUG Nanos sure are quick - but who's the fastest? Find out in this fun race that had kids building and HEXBUGS scurrying!

#### Supplies

- HEXBUG Nano Habitat Set
- HEXBUG Nanos

#### How to Play

1. Have the kids work together to connect the Habitat Set pieces together to make the longest path possible for the HEXBUGS to travel. If the room is too small, go out the door, down the hall and into another room if possible.
2. Have each child turn on their HEXBUG and on the count of three, place the HEXBUGS at the beginning of the Habitat path, and watch them race for the finish - first HEXBUG Nano to reach the end, wins!

### Bridge Battle

Unlike Cross Country the goal of Bridge Battle is to build the tallest Habitat megaset possible! In this sky-high game, watch the HEXBUGS go up and up as they make their way through the tower, finally battling it out in a Bridge Battle at the very top!

#### Supplies

- HEXBUG Nano Habitat Set
- HEXBUG Nanos

#### How to Play

1. Have the kids work together to connect the Habitat Set pieces together to make the tallest Habitat possible for the HEXBUGS to travel. Use the spirals to help the HEXBUGS go up, making the Battle Bridge the highest point.
2. Have each child turn on their HEXBUG and, on the count of three, place the HEXBUGS at the bottom of the Habitat path, and watch them race for the finish - the first two HEXBUGS to reach the top will battle it out for the winning title!



## Maze Craze

HEXBUG Nanos love mazes, so in Maze Craze - kids get a chance to build a crazy maze Habitat for their HEXBUGS! Who will reach the end first? The more intricate the maze, the longer the game!

### Supplies

- HEXBUG Nano Habitat Set
- HEXBUG Nanos

### How to Play

1. Have the kids work together to connect the Habitat Set pieces together to make the craziest maze possible for the HEXBUGS to explore.
2. Have each child turn on their HEXBUG and on the count of three, place the HEXBUGS at the beginning of the Habitat maze, and watch them hurry through. The first HEXBUG Nano to reach the designated finish cell wins!

