

# Father's Day Celebration



Father's Day is celebrated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in June. The holiday was the sentimental creation of Sonora Smart Dodd while listening to a Mother's Day sermon and realizing there was nothing for fathers. Her father had raised the children after her mother died in childbirth and she wanted her father to know how special he was to her. Sonora's father was born in June so she chose June 19, 1910 to hold the very first Father's day in Spokane, Washington.

So Father's Day was born out of a daughters love and gratitude for her beloved father. Make your father feel like he is the Best Dad in Town using all or parts of the party box, or even mix and match with other party boxes. Father's Day is special but this will really surprise and WOW your Dad! And isn't he worth it?





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### Invitations

#### Who's at the Party?

Most of the time, Father's Day celebrations are very informal and do not require invitations. However, you can choose to make this day special by sending a handmade invitation to the guest of honor, your dad. Email the rest of the invitations so everyone knows you are planning an extra special celebration. Send out invitations to all your friends, family and anyone else your father might enjoy seeing. Your Dad may be the guest of honor but you can celebrate all the other fathers too.

However you let people know about your party be sure your invitations include the following information:

1. Date
2. Time
3. Location
4. Dress Code – Casual and Comfortable
5. RSVP by date (usually 1 week before the party)

Send your invites a month to three weeks before your event so people have plenty of time to respond. The ideal time for a Father's Day BBQ is afternoon into early evening. This gives you enough time to relax with food, drinks and games and celebrate Dad!



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## Menu

Today is about Dad and what makes him happy! The saying goes, "The way to a man heart is through his stomach." We have created a menu that is easy to make yet interesting and flavorful, the decorations are simple but fun and you have a step by step plan on how to pull it all together with ease right here in the party plan.

## Cocktails

**Lynchburg Lemonade**

**Captain Dave's**

**Ice Cold Beers**

**Sodas**

## Appetizers

**Trio of Dips**

**With Vegetable Platter**



## Entrees

**Build Your Own Burger Bar:**

**Rosemary Chicken Burgers**

**Blue Cheese Beef Burgers**

## Side Dishes

**Mom's Potato Salad**

**Crispy Green Salad**

## Dessert

**Shirt and Tie Cake and Ice Cream**

**Happy Father's Day**



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## Recipes

### Cocktails

Father's Day is a special occasion and it is a great excuse to make your father a special drink. These are "manly drinks" and should hit the spot. Ice Cold Beer is a given so make sure you have plenty of Dad's favorite brand.

#### Lynchburg Lemonade



#### Ingredients:

1 oz Jack Daniels Whiskey  
1/2 oz triple sec  
1 oz sweet & sour  
Lemon-lime soda

#### Preparation:

Pour the whiskey, triple sec and sweet & sour into a collins glass filled with ice.  
Top with lemon-lime soda.

You can make this into a punch to serve more people by using larger portions of each ingredient. Mix 1 part each whiskey, sweet & sour and triple sec with 4 parts soda in a pitcher. You can lighten up the punch by adding more lemon-lime soda.



## Captain Dave



### Ingredients:

2 oz Captain Morgan Original Spice Rum  
Splash of Malibu Coconut Rum  
6 oz of Pepsi  
1 Key lime

### Preparation:

Add Captain Morgan Original Spiced Rum, splash of Malibu Coconut Rum in ice filled pint glass. Top off with Pepsi and a squeeze of Key Lime. Key limes have a more intense lime flavor but if you can't find them then a regular lime will do.

Garnish with a lime wheel on the side of the glass.

## Appetizers

### Trio of Dips with Veggie Platter



## **Curried Vegetable Dip**

### **Ingredients:**

1/2 cup sour cream  
1/4 cup mayonnaise  
3 oz cream cheese at room temperature  
1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice, or to taste  
1 teaspoon curry powder  
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin  
1 – 2 teaspoons Sriracha Chili Sauce (depending on how spicy you want it)  
1 scallion, trimmed and finely chopped

### **Directions:**

Whirl in the blender until combined and chill for several hours so flavors can meld.  
Place in a bowl and garnish with a few scallion greens sliced diagonally.

## **Herb Vegetable Dip**

### **Ingredients:**

1 cup sour cream  
1 cup mayonnaise  
2 tbs chopped fresh dill  
2 tbs chopped fresh Italian parsley  
  
2 tbs chopped chives  
1 tsp. seasoned salt  
1 tsp. minced shallot  
dash garlic powder

### **Directions:**

Mix all ingredients together until combined. Chill for several hours so flavors can meld.  
Place in bowl and garnish with dill sprig.



## **Basil Green Goddess Vegetable Dip**

*Recipe Courtesy of Ina Garten*

### **Ingredients:**

1 cup mayonnaise  
1 cup chopped scallions, white and green parts (6 to 7 scallions)  
1 cup chopped fresh basil leaves  
1/4 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice (2 lemons)  
2 teaspoons chopped garlic (2 cloves)  
2 teaspoons anchovy paste  
2 teaspoons kosher salt  
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
1 cup sour cream

### **Directions:**

Place the mayonnaise, scallions, basil, lemon juice, garlic, anchovy paste, salt and pepper in a blender and blend until smooth. Add the sour cream and process just until blended. Chill for several hours so flavors can meld. Garnish with 2 small leaves.



### **Veggie Platter**

Sugar Snap Peas  
Red, Yellow, and Orange Bell Pepper Strips  
Zucchini Sticks  
Carrots  
Cauliflower Florets  
Broccoli Florets

Celery Sticks  
Radishes  
Cherry or Grape Tomatoes  
Asparagus Spears  
Cucumber Rings

### **Directions:**

Choose 5-6 different veggies and arrange on a platter. Serve the Trio of Dips on the side.





## Entrees

### Build Your Own Burger Bar



Everybody loves a burger! Just when you thought you couldn't please everyone, enter the Burger Bar. When you set up a Burger Bar, the only limitation is your imagination. From the kind of burger to the assortment of toppings, there is sure to be something to please even the pickiest eater. I like to have a basic plain burger and several kinds of gourmet burgers and a large variety of toppings. This is a crowd pleaser every time!



## **Making burger patties better tips from the pros:**

**Fat's flavor:** Some chefs like lean-to-fat ratios of 80/20 or 85/15 percent.

**Chill:** Patty meat should be well chilled. So should ingredients you're adding.

**Go easy:** Don't overwork patty mixture. Shape; cover and chill until ready to grill.

**Sear:** Don't move burger around the grill until first side is nicely seared.

### **Blue Cheese Slider Burgers**



#### **Ingredients:**

3 pounds lean ground beef  
4 ounces blue cheese, crumbled  
1/2 cup minced fresh chives  
1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce  
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce  
1 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper  
1 1/2 teaspoons salt  
1 teaspoon dry mustard  
12 French rolls or 24 slider rolls

#### **Directions:**

In a large bowl, mix the ground beef, blue cheese, chives, hot pepper sauce, Worcestershire sauce, black pepper, salt, and mustard. Cover, and refrigerate for 2 hours.

Preheat grill for high heat. Gently form the burger mixture into about 12 patties or 24 slider size patties.

Oil the grill grate. Grill patties 5 minutes per side, or until cooked to your preference.



## Rosemary Chicken Burgers



### Ingredients:

#### Mayonnaise:

1 cup mayonnaise  
1/4 cup chopped fresh rosemary leaves  
1 clove garlic, minced  
Chopped green onion

#### Burgers:

2 pound ground chicken  
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt  
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
Unseasoned bread crumbs

### Directions:

For the mayonnaise: In a small bowl, mix together mayonnaise, garlic, and rosemary; set aside.

For the burgers: Preheat a gas or charcoal grill. In a large bowl, add the ground chicken, green onions, salt, pepper, bread crumbs and 1/2 of the mayonnaise mixture. Combine the ingredients and form the chicken mixture into 8 patties or 16 slider size patties. Add more bread crumbs if mixture is too moist. Chicken will be stickier than beef. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours. Place the burgers on the grill and cook for about 7 minutes on each side. Transfer to paper towels and let rest for a few minutes.

Use the rest of the mayonnaise mixture on the toasted buns.





A Lazy Susan works great for the toppings so that they can be spun around and selected from to create each custom burger. Small bowls for each topping will work fine too. Since the sliders are small it is fun to try a difference combination of toppings with each burger to discover your favorite one!



### **Toppings:**

Grilled Onions

Raw Onions

Pickle Relish

Pickle Chips

Sliced Tomatoes

Lettuce

Roasted Poblano Chilies

Sautéed Mushrooms

Roasted Red Bell Peppers

Applewood Smoked Bacon

Avocado slices or Guacamole

Spicy mustard and regular Mustard

Ketchup

Cheddar Cheese

Swiss Cheese

Jalapeno Jack Cheese



## Side Dishes

### Mom's Potato Salad

*Recipe by Allene Hughes*



#### Ingredients:

3 pounds baking potatoes  
1 cup chopped red onion  
1/2 cup chopped celery  
1/2 cup dill pickles  
4 hard-cooked large eggs, coarsely chopped – reserve one egg  
1 cup mayonnaise  
1/4 cup ketchup  
1/4 cup Dijon mustard  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon black pepper

#### Directions:

Cook potatoes in boiling water 25 minutes or until potatoes are tender; drain and cool completely.

Cut potatoes into 1/2-inch cubes. Combine potatoes, onion, celery, pickles, and eggs in a large bowl. Combine mayonnaise and remaining ingredients in a small bowl; stir with a whisk. Pour over the potato mixture, tossing gently to coat. Cover and refrigerate at least 8 hours.

Potatoes absorb the dressing mixture while they chill. Before serving, check to see that the potato salad is moist. If not, mix up a 1/4 of the dressing recipe and toss in the salad. Slice the remaining egg in rings and lay around the top of the salad to decorate and sprinkle lightly with paprika.



## Crisp Green Salad



### Ingredients:

Spring Greens  
Butter lettuce  
Chopped cilantro  
Red & Yellow Grape Tomatoes  
Jicama  
Radishes  
Ranch Dressing, from package not bottled

Combine all ingredients into a large serving bowl and chill until ready to serve. Serve Ranch Dressing on the side.





# Dessert

## Shirt and Tie Cake



Your child doesn't have to be a baker or tailor to create this Father's Day cake that looks like a shirt. Recipe and idea are from Disney Family Fun. Here is the [Shirt and Tie Cake](#) video to help you.

### Ingredients:

- 9-by-12-by-2-inch cake, store-bought or homemade from scratch or a mix
- Pastel icing the color of dad's favorite shirt
- Cardboard shirt box (ask at the drycleaner's), lined with waxed paper
- White paper for making a shirt collar and two cuffs
- Colorful frosting for the tie
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### Instructions:

1. Bake a cake in a 9-by-12-inch cake pan, remove from the pan, cool, and place on waxed paper.
2. Start by lining a 9-by-12-inch cardboard shirt box with tissue paper. Cover with a larger piece of waxed paper and flip the cake over and set it bottom-up in the box.
3. Frost with a pastel-shirt colored icing. Cut a collar and two cuffs out of white paper. The collar is a strip, rolled into a ring and taped, with a small V cut out of the center. The cuffs are rectangles with candy cufflinks.
4. Add a colorful frosting tie below the point where the collar will be placed. Just before serving, trim away the waxed paper and add the collar and cuffs



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## Decorations

### Creating the Mood

#### Necktie Garland



Everyone knows the joke about another necktie gift for Dad. Hang Dad's old neckties from a wire across the yard like garland. Tie each tie with a knot like it is hanging from your neck. Alternate the direction of the knot so they good from both directions. You can even have the guests wear their favorite necktie, women included, as part of the theme décor.

#### Colorful Tablescapes

Vinyl tablecloths are better than paper since moisture from glasses will ruin the tablecloth. You can pick up inexpensive ones at [Party City](#). Set each table with a different color such as red, blue, green and yellow. All the colors from your neckties are a great way to tie it all together.

#### Things That Remind You of Dad Centerpiece

In the center of each table place a small metal bucket (like a sand pail) and fill with sand. In each bucket use items to show Dad's different interests such as golf, baseball, football, fishing, cooking or trips he has taken. Place the symbolic items around the sand inside the bucket. Find two pictures of Dad doing the thing portrayed by the objects and glue the sides together leaving the center open. Take a bamboo skewer and run glue a few inches down the stick and insert it in between the two pictures and press together. Once this has dried, stick it in the sand in the center of the bucket. This will create an eye catching look and hold down the tablecloth if the wind comes up.





## Love Dad Signs



Have the kids draw pictures of things they love about their Dad and paste them to posted board. Have some of the signs just be lettering with sayings like “Worlds Best Dad”, “#1 Dad” “We Love You Dad” “Super Dad”. Nail the pictures to stakes and put them in the ground around the yard.



## Lanterns and Lights

Lighting is a very important part of any party. There is something about twinkling, colorful lights that tells you this is going to be a special party. Use a few strands of your Christmas lights and string lights under umbrella, patio covers and across the yard from tree to tree. Hang [paper lanterns](#) from tree branches, the necktie wire that you strung earlier and under the patio cover.



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## Music



Today is Dad's day so play the music that he loves. Target has a selection of Upbeat Festive music CDs to pick from. They are very reasonably priced and we have never been disappointed by their quality. Some songs that have Dad in mind are listed below or you can always check iTunes. Sprinkle these tunes in between the other favorites. Start a playlist on Pandora you can revisit whenever you are in the mood to celebrate Dad!

1. Daddy's Hands – Holly Dunn
2. Dance With My Father – Luther Vandross
3. My Heart Belongs to Daddy –
4. Love Without End, Amen – George Strait
5. Unforgettable – Nat King Cole and Natalie Cole
6. Father and Daughter – Paul Simon
7. You're My Hero – Teresa James
8. Wind Beneath My Wings – Bette Midler
9. Song for Dad – Keith Urban
10. Seein' My Father in Me – Paul Overstreet



11. Heros – Paul Overstreet
12. Butterfly Kisses – Faith Hill
13. Daddy's Little Girl – Al Martino or The Mills Brothers

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### Activities



#### **Dad's Best Advice**

This is done in a “Roast Your Dad” style. You can let everyone know in advance so they can remember a story and possibly have some props to give the story even more drama. Have every person tell a story about the best advice Dad ever gave them. Usually there are many funny stories about how the advice worked well or turned out to be a whole new reason for some more good advice.

#### **Lawn Games or Board Games**

Lawn games such as volleyball, badminton, croquet and bocce ball. Board games like Bingo, [Shut the Box](#), Clue, Dominos or his favorite card game.



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## Gifts for Dad



## No Ties, Soap on a Rope, or Underwear!

Think of Dad and his interests and give him a gift that will make him know you really thought about him. His hobbies, sports, pictures of the kids, a gift certificate to his favorite store and a lunch date with Dad.

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## Ready, Set, Go

The best way to have a stress free party and feel like a guest at your own party is to plan ahead. Here is a step by step party plan that will have you confident and excited about your own party. Remember, you are the Life of the Party and your guests will follow your lead.



## One Month Before

1. Choose the date for your party. Make your guest list and send out invitations. Our **Party Planner** will help you get all your ideas for the party together.
2. Decide what items you have on hand and what items you will need to purchase. Use our **Party Plan Menu** to help you plan. If they are custom items, order them now.
3. Consider the areas for the party and any touch ups that may be needed. Plants for outdoors, a little tidying up indoors.

## One Week Before

4. Decide where you will hang the lanterns, string the lights and wire for the neckties. Make the buckets for the centerpieces and the signs for the yard. Make a list of all accessories, serving pieces and tableware you will need. Special glassware or plastic glasses if your party is around the pool, for Lynchburg Lemonade and Capt' Dave's.
5. Make sure your music sound system is in good working order and make your playlist/burn CDs and load the iPod.
6. Shop for any non-food type items.
7. Shop for Dad's gifts and wrap them.
8. Make the Necktie Garland.

## 1-2 Days Before

9. Shop for all food items (2 days before). Create a shopping list that will make it so much easier to plan and shop for your party. Our customized **Shopping List** will help you get organized.
10. Make burger patties and separate each with small square of wax paper. Place in plastic containers with lids or plastic storage bags. Make burger toppings and place in containers with lids that you will use at Burger Bar.
11. Make Trio of Dips and cut up veggies for platter. Place veggies in individual storage bags so that you can arrange them in groups on the platter when ready.
12. Chill beer and sodas.
13. Make Potato Salad and Ranch Dressing.
14. If possible, place the decorations the day before.



## **Day of the Party**

- 15.** Pick a time you must begin getting yourself ready and stick to it.
- 16.** Make the Shirt and Tie Cake.
- 17.** Set up the food area with the plates, utensils, napkins and glasses.
- 18.** Make the Lynchburg Lemonade Punch. Leave the ice out until ready to serve so that it does not water down the drinks. Set up bar area for Captain Dave's cocktail.
- 19.** Set up the tables with tablecloths and centerpieces and place the signs around the yard. Set up lawn or board game areas.
- 20.** Review lists to make sure everything is ready.
- 21.** Get dressed in your party outfit with necktie.
- 22.** Begin the festive music and have music playing the entire time.

## **Once Guests Arrive**

- 23.** Greet them with a welcoming cocktail.
- 24.** Bring out the Trio of Dips and Veggie Platter.
- 25.** Lawn or board games begin. Tour the yard so Dad can see the signs. Take pictures!
- 26.** Fire up the Grill.
- 27.** Remember to mingle with your family and friends letting them know how much you appreciate them. Make sure Dad feels like the guest of honor.
- 28.** Grill the burgers and buns. Bring out the salads. Call your guests to the Burger Bar.
- 29.** Serve dessert and open Dad's gifts.
- 30.** Give hugs to Dad and let him know how great he is!

