

Beach Blanket Bingo Theme Details:

This theme is all about the movie “Beach Blanket Bingo”. Decorations should include any and all beach items; beach umbrellas, beach balls, lawn chairs, beach travel posters, sand buckets, sand, sea shells, sunglasses, pictures of sea gulls, flip flops, sun hats, and beach towels. When you decorate be sure to decorate the hallways, courtyards and main point areas throughout the facility with beach items. Do not make group setting of all the items. Example: if you put sun glasses on a doll at the nurse’s desk, then don’t have a beach towel or beach ball on display beside it. The items need to be display separately so the residents can look for them. You could take a pair of jumbo sun glasses and put them on a tall indoor plant. This will help so you don’t have to take time to set up group displays. Request residents and facility staff to wear their cool beach attire on this day.

Activity one: Exercise

Have an earlier morning stretch while playing the songs from the movie. You can purchase the soundtrack on Napster or play it through your computer on musicpophits.com, click on movie themes then scroll down to the movie title. If you have therapy balance boards let them work out on it as if they are riding a wave. You can decorate it or maybe put an ocean wave backdrop behind the balance board so it looks like they are surfing. Don’t forget to take pictures!

Activity two: Movie

At mid-morning watch the movie “Beach Blanket Bingo” starring Annette Funicello and Frankie Avalon. This will get everyone ready for the movie trivia, which will be played after the movie or after lunch.

Activity three: Game

Beach Blanket Bingo Trivia: (Question based on info from Answers.com search Beach Blanket Bingo)

- 1) In the movie Beach Blanket Bingo who played the part of Frankie? (Frankie Avalon)
- 2) Who played Dee Dee? (Annette Funicello)
- 3) What type of relationship did Dee Dee have with Frankie? (Boyfriend/girlfriend)
- 4) What was the name of the character Deborah Walley played in the movie? (Bonnie Graham)
- 5) What was Bonnie Graham’s profession in the movie? (Sky diving instructor)
- 6) The male sky diving instructor Steve Gordon was played by which actor? (John Ashley)
- 7) What was the name of the leader of the Rat Pack and who was the actor that played the role? Eric Von Zipper, played by Harvey Lembeck)
- 8) What were the character names of the two Rat Pack females that were always by Erick Von Zippers side? (Animal and Patti)
- 9) Which actress played the role of Sugar Kane in the movie? (Linda Evans)
- 10) Did Sugar Kane really sky dive from the plane? (No) If they know who did they get extra points. (Bonnie Graham)
- 11) Which actress was first offered to play the role of Sugar Kane, but turned it down? (Nancy Sinatra – ref: notstarring.com under movies and beach blanket bingo)
- 12) In the movie Bone Head met a mermaid. What was the mermaid’s name? (Lorelei) Extra points if they know the actress name. (Marta Kristen)
- 13) Did Sugar Kane really save Bonehead from drowning? (No) Who did? (Lorelei)
- 14) Big Drop was played by which actor? (Don Rickles)
- 15) Paul Lynde played the part of Sugar Kane’s agent, what was his character name? (Bullets)
- 16) In the movie one of the Rat Pack members bind the lovely Sugar Kane to a buzz saw. What was his nick name? (South Dakota Slim)
- 17) What year did this movie come out in the theaters? (1965)
- 18) Donna Loren sang what song in the movie? (It Only Hurts When I Cry)

19) Who directed the movie? (William Asher)

20) What type of movie is this considered; drama, comedy, musical or horror? (musical)

Activity four: Craft - Make one or both!

Make a beach theme picture frame for their surf board picture. Purchase a dollar picture frame and let residents decorate with paint, sand, shells, stickers or anything that will remind them of this fun filled beach day.

OR

Make a Sand Sculpture. There are instructions to make a sand sculpture on Highlightskids.com. When you go to the website click on “Express Yourself”, then enter the word “Sand” in the search window, click enter, then scroll down and click on “Sand Sculpture”. If you think this is difficult for your residents you can find easier sand art on this site to try instead.

Activity five: Social – BEACH PARTY

Play beach music and either grill hot dogs or make it simple by serving sub sandwiches. Add some potato salad, chips and a drink to complete the meal.

Activity six: Game - This is the game everyone has been waiting for “Beach Blanket Bingo” (BBB).

How to make the cards:

You will need 8x11 card stock paper, clear contact paper, washable markers, ribbon, a hole puncher and ice cream snacks. Purchase enough of the item supplies to make one card for each resident or as many as you think you will need. You can do this either by computer or by hand. At the top of the card stock write BINGO. Under the bingo draw a column under each letter and five rows across. There is no free space in BBB. On each square use clip art, draw or cut pictures from magazines of beach items (the pictures should match items us used in your decorations throughout the facility). After all the pictures are in each square of the first card stock you can make copies using the remainder of the card stock you have set aside. Now take the clear contact paper and cover the front and back of the finished cards. At the top of the card punch a hole and knot a 12 inch ribbon around the hole and also around one of the washable markers. You will need to tape the ribbon to secure the knot on the card and also on the marker. Do this for each card you make.

How to play:

Give each resident a card and explain they are to take a beach stroll around the facility and look for the beach items on the card. Ask some staff members to walk around with the residents in case they need assistance. When they find the item they will need to use their marker to cross out the item. Once they have found all the items on the card then they need to return to the starting place (where ever you give them the cards or a designated room of you choice). Once they return they can exchange their card for an ice cream treat of their choice.

OR

You can also go on line and make beach picture bingo cards and play bingo by calling out the picture of the item they are to cover. Play just like regular bingo.

OR

You can also make cards using the same material for the original BBB, except switch the pictures around and instead of “Bingo” the call letters will be “BEACH”. You can use your regular bingo cards and call out numbers, just cover up the BINGO with BEACH on each of your cards with tape. If you use tape then you can remove it later.

Enjoy the day and have FUN!!!