

BEACH PARTY

1. Gather together several decks of the children's game Go Fish. Make a deck available at each table or provide one or two special Go Fish tables where a staff member can help facilitate.

2. Bring in a large somewhat shallow container, big enough to hold 5 gallons of grain. The best grain is wheat, millet, flax, or soy beans. Set the container on a sturdy bench or low table so individuals in wheelchairs can easily have access. Pour in the grain then bury the "clams". (If you have done the scavenger hunt earlier you will already have clams. If not, spend one craft hour earlier in the week with residents painting rocks to look like clams. See scavenger hunt.) Provide a small plastic shovel so participants can dig for clams. You can provide prizes of small snack bags filled with goldfish crackers or actual small sea shells.

Shark Snack

You will need some berry blue jello, vanilla yogurt, cool whip, gummy sharks, graham cracker crumbs, and clear plastic cups.

Dissolve the jello in 1/4 cup boiling water

Wisk in 8 oz. tub of cool whip and a 12 oz. container of vanilla yogurt. Stir until well combined. Spoon into individual cups. Sprinkle crumbs on only half the top, creating a "beach". Freeze 15 minutes then add a gummy shark to the top before serving.

OYSTER COOKIES

You will need the appropriate number of clam shell butter cookies, vanilla marshmallow frosting, food coloring, and round white candies the size of a marble. Divide the frosting into 3 small bowls and color; pink, blue, and green. Frost the bottom of one cookie. Place a white candy "pearl" on the frosting toward the front of the cookie. Place a second clam cookie on top leaning with the rear edge in the frosting, creating the look of a partially open clam shell with a pearl inside.

GIFT FROM THE SEA

This is the easiest snack. Mix up a batch of berry blue jello; adjust for size of the crowd. Once it has set, spoon it into clear plastic cups. Top with cool whip and then a gummy shark.

GOLDFISH IN A BOWL

Rose bowls are cute for this snack because they look like goldfish bowls. Simply set a bowl on each table and fill with GoldFish crackers.

SEA COOKIES

You will need flat rectangular shortbread cookies, colored frosting (blue), brown sugar, goldfish crackers, & silver decorating beads, or pearls. Frost the cookies and sprinkle brown sugar over the bottom third of the picture for sand. Set a goldfish cracker in the "ocean" and place 3 silver beads leading up from the fish's mouth, like bubbles.