

## Disco Party

The 1970's: the nightlife, the party mood, the clothes, the bling...it was all one big party, and if you were a true disco lover, your weekend started on Tuesday night (Ladies Night in most cases). From New York to LA at clubs like Studio 54 and the Copa, people just wanted to dance, dance, dance. The highlight of the disco era was the release of "[Saturday Night Fever](#)", though other influential Disco films included the offbeat "[Car Wash](#)" and the aptly named "[Thank God It's Friday](#)" (starring Donna Summer).

### The Party

A true Disco Party starts at the entrance. Anyone who remembers the heyday of Disco knows that only the "beautiful people" got into the hottest Discos in town. To kick things off, have your best Bouncer at the door—dressed to the nines. If you have stanchions and velvet ropes (like they use at the local Cineplex), set them up at the entrance to the Social Quarters or Lodge Room. If you don't already have some, check around locally to see if they can be rented or borrowed.

Attendees should come in their best Disco gear. For men, pastel suits and solid color shirts (no ties), platform shoes and bling. Disco Queens wore wrap skirts, dress pants, silk shirts, heels, big earrings, plenty of eye shadow, lip gloss and a bit of glitter from time to time.

Bouncers can make a game of entering the Glitter Ball Moose Disco Party, and attendees are encouraged to bribe their way in with a generous donation to the Mooseheart/Moosehaven Endowment Fund. The Lodge will have to decide if there is to be a cover charge for the night.

The main room should have some sort of a theme. Pick one and decorate—is it [Jungle](#) Boogie, Disco [Inferno](#), [Funky Town](#), [Disco 'Round](#)? Just about any decoration theme can be Disco-ized by using a few accessories. Servers should be part of the theme, whether it includes a hat, shirt, or some other tie-in item.

The must-haves include a [mirror ball](#), a DJ booth stocked with the biggest [Disco hits](#), a dance floor, plenty of [small tables](#) and chairs, alternate seating (benches, carpet covered risers, donated couches—haunt thrift stores and Goodwill) and a fully stocked bar.

The lighting should be dim, and there should be some spotlights that the DJ can control with colored gels to synchronize with the music.

### Drinks

Aside from beer and wine (house white, red or blush), here are some '70's drinks that are actually making a comeback.

#### Piña Colada

In a blender, process  $\frac{3}{4}$  oz. Bacardi rum,  $\frac{3}{4}$  oz. coconut-flavored rum, 1 oz. pineapple purée,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  oz. coconut water,  $\frac{1}{3}$  oz. simple syrup,  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. lime juice and ice to a slushy consistency. Pour into a Hurricane glass or large wine glass. Garnish with a cherry and a pineapple slice.

#### Grasshopper

Add 1 oz. white Crème de Cacao, 1 oz. green Crème de Menthe and 1 oz. heavy cream to a cocktail shaker with ice. Shake well and strain into a coupe.

### **Harvey Wallbanger**

Pour 2 oz. orange juice into a mixing glass and stir in ¼ oz. lemon juice. Add 1½ oz. vodka, ½ oz. Galliano liqueur and 1 dash Angostura orange bitters, and stir with ice. Strain into a coupe. Garnish with a half-wheel of orange sprinkled with coarse salt.

### **Tequila Sunrise**

Pour 2 measures tequila in a highball glass with ice, and top with orange juice. Stir. Add 2 dashes grenadine syrup by tilting glass and pouring grenadine down side by flipping the bottle vertically very quickly. The grenadine should go straight to the bottom and then rise up slowly through the drink. Garnish stirrer, straw and cherry-orange.

### **Food**

Since Disco life is all about dancing, there shouldn't be a whole lot of muss or fuss about the food. It's a party and "heavy hors d'oeuvres" should be the order of the evening. BBQ meatballs, Mini Pigs in a Blanket, Mini Corn Dogs, Jalapeno Poppers, Pizza Rolls, bowls of Popcorn and any other heat and serve items that your regular supplier can help you with—and that can be done quickly and economically.

### **Activity**

It's all about the dancing. Everyone should be encouraged to participate. You will find a guide to the dances typically seen every night of the week at your local Disco [here](#).

Even though the music is pumping and the dancing is hot, you can still run the aforementioned films on the house video system.

Also, one really good way to connect with your community is to contact a local dance studio and see if they have any Disco Instructors who might help Disco veterans brush up on their Latin Hustle, Swing or Night Fever line dancing, and to teach folks who weren't around for the Disco movement in person. If there is enough interest and advance time, you might arrange for couples to support a class at the Lodge or perhaps the Lodge would get a deal at the local dance school for members. Either way, there should be an instructor on hand to lead some of the dancing.

The DJ, Instructor and perhaps the Lodge Governor should be enlisted for any dance contests, hula hoop contests, or Disco trivia competition.

You'll find Disco questions and answers [here](#), some general '70's quizzes [here](#), and an interactive Disco music quiz [here](#).