

Our Family Cinema Kit

On Cardstock, print the following, then laminate as noted.

*You will need to print as many folders as you have children participating. Do not laminate, these, as they are to be folded to hold the goodies. Doing so will make it too difficult to fold.

*One set [2 page layout] of the Snicky Snack Bar menu (I suggest also printing one on reg. copy paper for the attendant to use for reference). I trimmed the right edge of the first sheet and the left edge of the second sheet prior to laminating...then I trimmed the plastic close, put it together like a menu, then I used clear packing tape on the back to hold it. It stands up nicely too. The Concession stand worker is to only mark what you have on hand for that day. These are in categories-not necessarily specific products (for example: there is a picture of peanuts-but all nuts would fit this section, and so on).

*One wallet per child. Print and do not laminate-again, it won't fold well. I just ended up taping the edges to secure. This is where you place the allotted monies for the day.

*One family cinema sign (I left room under the picture before the wording so you could write in your last name before laminating).

Concession Stand Helpful Hints and Ideas:

The free coupon for a snack can be used for any food item outside of the popcorn, because that one gets its own special coupon. I would put a free drink and snack in for one, when another received a free candy box (due to it being more spency) -that way the child still had the same amount of free goodies. We kept the snack bar open prior to the movie, during intercession, and at the end if it wasn't too late in the evening. I stepped in to work the counter, so the child on duty would be able to purchase their goodies, like the others; but only after the regular customers were served.

I used a variety of things to hold the various goodies: Solo cups for the smaller sizes of snacks (esp. good when you have a big bag of something, which is also a cheaper way to stock the snack bar), lids and trays, from our plastic container cupboard, for holding the individuals purchases (TV trays would work great for big orders) and of course, napkins, condiments, etc.

Don't forget the note pad for writing down big orders, the calculator, pencil, and change drawer (I used a veggie tray -we put the fake money in each section according to their amounts, and the change in little Gerber food containers. But any type of holder will work.

The fake money was purchased at the dollar store and/or from the toy section at the store. You need plastic coins too. That way the children will have plenty of practice making change from bills to coins. I had my employee count out the money before the snack bar opened, and write it down. At the closing, they had to recount and note the amounts. Then we were able to figure out our profit. The coupons just went into a little container to keep them from getting lost. For opening night, we offered up some pretty generous coupons and funds to buy stuff-but that was a one-time deal. Future events will reflect a more budget friendly life style.

On regular copy paper, print these and then laminate for easy writing and for durability. Use a wipe off marker for noting the required information on the cards.

*One set of freebie coupons per child.

* One ticket per child (there are 2 on the page) plus as many needed for the adults/teens who may decide to drop on in on movie day/night.

*One set of work duty cards and job tags (you can just tape them on their shirt, or punch a hole near the top and attach a lanyard, or loop sting/ribbon thru to make a necklace) per child. I printed one set for each, in case I needed two of them to work the same area, but it is up to you. Keep in mind, that you will need one job order per child (if you so choose to do so) and their badge.

When it comes time to place the stuff in the folders: I put one ticket (with information on it for that day), the free coupon(s), the work assignment/badge went on the other side.

What goes in their box?

Each box will receive their mini-folder with the appropriate info inside. The Movie Money wallet with some cash (both bill and coins).

If they are working the:

Concession Stand: add in a hat (if you want-I just used a paper one we received whilst on a tour of a pickle factory, with a typed up sign we taped on it-but a baseball cap would work too), a note explaining where to find all this stuff, the money for the stand, any of the above mentioned needful things [calculator, notepad/pen, etc.] They should also be one to handle the cleanup of the stand materials.

Ticket Admittance: The Cinema sign, a container to put the collected tickets into, and I let that person get the movie into the DVD player and ready to go-so the movie to be watched. After the movie, they should be the ones to clean the ticket info off, and give to the Clean Up crew. Also, they should take care of the movie afterward.

Set Up Crew: You could include a list of where the pillows, blankets and other cushy movie watching things are to be found. Be creative, maybe your house needs the curtains drawn in the room first, and so on. If the Concession stand worker needs help-offer up the Set Up Crew personnel to assist.

Clean Up Crew: Maybe a small broom/dust pan, or the mini vacuum, or cloth and cleaner for wiping up the tables and room after the show. Plastic garbage bags to collect all the trash. They have to retrieve the signs, materials used for the stand, and so they have to know where you keep the bags to hold it, and where to store it. They can also clean off all the writing on the cards, for storing for the next show-so I guess a spray bottle and cloth is a good thing to put in the box as well.

(Since the ticket and set up assignments have less duties, perhaps giving one person the two jobs is a wise management decision)