



THE *Incredible* CANDY CAPER

Introduction File

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GET READY FOR A CANDY-COATED CONTEST WHERE MYSTERY IS THE MAIN INGREDIENT!

Wyatt Winky is inviting young candy makers to create the treat of their dreams. One recipe—and its inventor—will be chosen to shine in stores everywhere!

With such a sugar-coated future on the line, the contestants will be cooking up more than candy—they'll be cooking up competition!

BUT BEFORE THE VOTING BEGINS, DISASTER STRIKES!

One dazzling delight will be destroyed before it ever has the chance to shine... and the kids must uncover who is behind this sweet sabotage.

Was it the curious chef who was outrageously overlooked? The cunning confectioner with the wrong recipe? Or the ambitious apprentice who would do anything to win?

ONE THING IS FOR SURE THIS CANDY CAPER IS GOING BE DELICIOUSLY DRAMATIC!



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HOST GUIDE

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING THE INCREDIBLE CANDY CAPER!

This comprehensive packet has everything you need to host a mystery party your kids will be talking about for weeks to come. The game is simple to run and packed with fun for everyone. Every guest takes on an active role — either as a suspect or an investigator — and throughout the night, they'll be challenged to not only play their part but also figure out who committed the crime!

The Incredible Candy Caper is sure to be a hit with all of your guests.

In the following pages, you'll find a quick checklist of what the host needs to do to set the stage for success. Once the party begins, you'll be amazed at how smoothly it runs on its own — with kids fully engaged and having the time of their lives!

ASSIGNING THE CHARACTERS

- **What age is this mystery for?** This party is formatted for 8-12 year olds. The kids will need to know how to read for the game to flow smoothly. Adults or older friends can also help non-readers.
- **Who should be the host?** An adult should host and manage the party. To ensure that everything runs smoothly, the host should read through all of the materials well before the party date.
- **Because this party needs a minimum number of guests,** you should determine ahead of time which guests are attending before assigning characters.
 - The invite should be sent early with an RSVP date of two weeks before the party. Once your guests confirm, you can send them their complete invitation and character description. You can download an initial invitation to send at: <http://www.nightofmystery.com/invitations>
- **What if I don't have enough guests?** Siblings, parents, or friends can fill in for any of the missing primary characters. Once guests have confirmed and arrived, you are all set. The other character roles are helpful but not essential to the success of the party.

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- **The culprit will not know they are guilty until you hand them their confession sheet at the end of the party.**
- **This game is set at a candy creating competition.**
- **All characters in Incredible Candy Caper can be played by any gender.**



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MAKING THE INVITATIONS

Before the party, each guest must receive three things: (1) the invitation, (2) the golden ticket, and (3) their character description.

THE PRINT OPTION

THE INVITATION

- To make the invitations, first input your party details into the invite page.
- Print out, double-sided, the number of invites that you need. Fold each invite in half.
- Invite should fit nicely into an A9 invitation envelope (5 3/4" x 8 3/4").

THE GOLDEN TICKET

- This will provide information on the other guests at the party.
- There will be 2 versions - one for printing in color, another for printing in black and white on gold paper.

CHARACTER DESCRIPTION

- You will assign each guest a character to be at the party, and include their character description with the invite.
- ***Inrite, Golden Ticket, and Character Descriptions are found in the Mystery Materials pdf.***

THE DOWNLOAD AND EMAIL OPTION

- Following your purchase of the party, you may also access and use the downloadable character descriptions from our website.
- Each description is a pdf file containing the above information for each character.
- This option allows you to email each of your guests their character description without having to print and mail the information.

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- Please remember, the pdf file option does not include a place to enter the date, time, or address of the party, so you will have to inform or remind your guests of the party location details in another fashion.

- For this, we do have downloadable, emailable invitations that can be found at: <http://www.nightofmystery.com/invitations>

- ***Downloadable invites with character descriptions will be available in your online account after purchase.***

YOU'VE GOT A GOLDEN TICKET

WYATT WINKY'S WORLD- FAMOUS CANDY COMPETITION BEGINS!

Hold onto your gumdrops! After years behind the scenes perfecting pastries, spinning sugar, and mentoring the world's brightest dessert dreamers, Wyatt Winky, the legendary candy creator, has returned with the ultimate sugar-coated showdown: The Candy Creator Crown!

Kid confectioners from across the globe have been hand-selected to compete for the honor of a lifetime: One original candy recipe chosen to be produced and a once-in-a-lifetime apprenticeship with Wyatt Winky himself!

Among those coming for the competition are:

Wyatt Winky – Wacky inventor with sweet ideas

Chef Corey – Calm mentor with candy skills

Charlie Chocolate – Bold maker with secret centers

Toby Taffy – Goofy twister who stretches truth

Quinn Caramel – Torch-wielding, caramel perfectionist

Dakota Dewdrop – Gummy grower with garden pride

Rory Rockcandy – Sparkly thinker, loves shiny treats

Bailey Bubblegum – Loud popper with wild ideas

Jordan Jellybean – Flavor fan, loves tiny treats

Drew Drops – Sentimental crafter with retro flair

Peyton Poprocks – Fizz fan who's full of zip

Logan Licorice – Quiet twister with dark candy

Skyler Sours – Sour prankster with zappy bites

Casey Cottoncandy – Dreamy spinner of sugar clouds

Sammy Swirl – Sweet thinker with twirly dreams

Casey Crunch – Clever cruncher with cookie pride

Benny Banana – Class clown with fruity jokes

Pepper Pop – Spicy maker with bold flair

Berry Bonbon – Juicy crafter with drama flair

Coco Cruncher – Chill creator with beach vibes

Twinkle Toffee – Glittery thinker, loves to shine

Mango Mallow – Soft-spoken maker with mellow mood

Crispin Caramel – Farm kid with orchard flavor

Waverly Wafer – Wavy thinker, loves layered treats

Zesty Zane – Tangy joker with gummy pride

Matcha Munch – Calm creator with green dreams

Peachy Puff – Bubbly friend with fruity flair

Fudgey Finn – Sweet dreamer with rich swirls

Sprinkle Doodle – Fast helper with sprinkle stash

Spiffy Sprinkle – Neat freak with candy gossip

Choco Chip – Sneaky sampler with tasty habits

Jingles Jars – Silly seller with rhyming lines

YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN.

Your name has been pulled from the peppermint hat. You are hereby invited to step into the world where candy dreams come true— or melt into a sticky mess.



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PREPARING THE MYSTERY MATERIALS

- Cut out and make name tags for the guests. (You can print the name tags onto adhesive label paper or print on regular paper and include a pin with the name tags so that the guests can secure them to their outfits.) *The name tag template is compatible with Avery labels 15163, 18163, 5163, 5263, 5523, 5663, 5963, 8163, 8253, 8463, 8663 and 8763.*
- Be sure to make enough copies of the Who Dunit voting sheets for the number of guests attending.
 - There is only one design included which has 2 voting ballots/page included.
 - You will have to print this page multiple times to ensure you have enough ballots for everyone.
- Cut all of the sheets with dotted lines in half.
- Cut out the commercial strips along the dotted lines.
- The mystery materials will be numbered 1 - 7 in the top right-hand corners. Paper clip all of the pages with the same numbers together. Keep the pages in the order they appear in the pdf.
- Discard any introductions for characters who will not be included in your party.
- Place the materials labeled with a #7 in a sealed envelope and label it "Solution."
- Keep the paper clipped stacks, as well as the name tags, awards, and "solution envelope" in a safe and convenient location so you can access them quickly when needed.

OPTIONAL HOSTING IDEAS

- Included with Mystery Purchase.



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START OF THE PARTY: THE GUESTS ARRIVE

- Have the guests' name tags and introduction speeches available for them.

STAGE ONE: INTRODUCTIONS

- After all of the guests have arrived, the host will read an introduction which will explain the game and start the introductions.
- Each kid will read their introduction speech and introduce their candy, if they are a candy maker.
- Once the introductions are done, Wyatt Winky will announce the finalists for the candy contest.
- You will break for a short snack or activity.

STAGE TWO: FIRST INVESTIGATIONS

- After the snack, you will reconvene to find that one of the candy creations has been sabotaged!
- The host will read a second speech, and the kids will be divided into suspects, investigators, and actors, who will prepare additional skits.
- Hand each child their appropriate sheet and have them practice their dialogue according to their part.
 - The children named as suspects will receive a suspect card with their character name on it.
 - Hand detective cards to some of the kids who are not listed as suspects.
 - Divide the rest of the guests into groups of 2-4. Hand each group one "headline" card.
- After 10 minutes, have the actors present their skits.
- Following the skits, have the children present their investigations, one suspect at a time with the rest watching.
 - You may want to arrange two chairs at the front of the room to provide for this.
 - Have the investigations go in the order that they were named as suspects.

STAGE THREE: EVIDENCE & INVESTIGATIONS

- After the first round of investigations, evidence will be presented and more suspects will be named.
- Hand each child named as a suspect their suspect card and have them read and practice their dialogue.
 - Hand out investigator cards to children who are not suspects.
 - While suspects and investigators are practicing, encourage the rest to talk about the possible motives for the crime.
- Have a second round of investigations, much like the first.
- The host will read a short synopsis and hand out sheets for the kids to guess the culprit.
- Lay the evidence on a table so everyone may see it before making their guesses.

STAGE FOUR: THE SOLUTION

- When all accusations are handed in, the host will read the solution aloud.
- The guilty party will confess!



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Sample Character

(a sample of what each child will receive within their invitation.)

YOUR CHARACTER

SKYLER SOURS

BACKGROUND

You are in Wyatt Winky's world-famous candy factory, where kids from all over have come to compete in the sweetest contest ever! Each contestant has created their very own candy and hopes it will be chosen as the winner. The prize? Having your candy made in the factory AND becoming Wyatt Winky's special candy-making apprentice! But be careful—things in the kitchen can get sticky. Tempers may boil over, secrets may spill, and one candy might even get sabotaged.

ACTING AND DRESSING THE PART Be zippy and puckered. Make silly sour faces and offer “super sour” candy. Say things like, “Can you handle the pucker?”

Dressing Tip: Bright yellow or green clothes. Carry a lemon or fake sour candy bag.

YOUR INTRODUCTION SPEECH

(You DO NOT have to memorize this.)

Whoa there, I'm Skyler Sours—the sour candy champion! My candy is called Pucker Power Pieces—tiny gummies and hard candies so sour, your face will twist, squish, and scrunch in every direction. I say, if your candy doesn't make you pucker, it's not sour enough!



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What you get with the mystery:



Designed invites for your guests with character information and more information on the mystery for each of your guests. You can print or email these.



Introductions for each of the guests to help set-up the mystery at hand.



EVIDENCE that will be presented.



Scripted investigations to facilitate kids questioning one another. (2 ROUNDS)



Accusation Forms!



SOLUTION!



Super Sleuth, Funniest, Most Dramatic, and Best Costume Awards!

PLUS -- THE EXTRAS!!! (see next page)

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THE EXTRAS

Included with the mystery are ideas and designs to help you decorate with fun and authentic materials that are easy to make.



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MORE PARTY PLANNING RESOURCES

Night of Mystery does our best to provide you with everything you need to create a unique and creative mystery party - including giving you plenty of party planning resources and ideas for each mystery theme we offer! **Check out any/all of the resources below!!!**

INCREDIBLECANDYCAPER.COM

Simply type in IncredibleCandyCaper.com and it will take you to the “Party Tips” section of Night of Mystery dedicated to giving you the best ideas for decoration, costumes, hosting tips, etc. for THIS MYSTERY!!! Be sure to explore the “Hosting Tips” section of this as well!

ALL THE EXTRAS SUPPLEMENT

Check out the supplement that is filled with designs, posters, ideas, etc.

OUR PINTEREST PAGE

Get ideas and how-tos on theme-centric decorations, food, etc. Be sure to “Follow Us” to get the latest and greatest pins that we add to the boards! [Visit The Incredible Candy Caper Pinterest Board](#)

FLICKR ALBUMS

[Check out pictures from other host and hostesses](#) from your mystery theme! See how much fun others had throwing this theme and get ideas for your own mystery party.

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Once your party is thrown, please let us know how your party went by emailing the details and pictures to nompartyofthemonth@gmail.com! We will email you a \$5 coupon for submitting your comments and/or pictures about your party. In addition to the coupon, party pictures and comments may be highlighted on social media and/or the blog. Each month we will select one posting to be featured in our “Party of the Month” blog and that customer will receive a \$95 gift certificate towards the purchase of a future party!



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This has been just a sampling of what you will receive when you purchase

THE INCREDIBLE CANDY CAPER

The complete package includes:

- **A Host Guide**— A complete how-to of throwing your party which includes directions on preparing the invitations, assigning characters, and preparing for the party.
- **A Schedule of the Night**— A step-by-step breakdown of how the party will go.
- **An Introduction**— To be read to the guests upon arrival.
- **Designed Invitations**— That you can customize with the details of your party.
- **The Golden Ticket**— To be sent with the invitations, this includes background information on the other guests that will be at the party.
- **Character Sheets**— Descriptions of the characters, including costuming and acting tips and the kids' first introduction speech (they do not have to memorize this!).
- **Name Tags**
- **Introduction and Investigation scripts for the kids**— These simple, yet fun, scripts will be for the kids to read throughout the party. Each will reveal some clues about who the culprit may or may not be!
- **Evidence** — More clues that will be presented throughout the party. This evidence will help the kids solve the mystery and find the culprit.
- **Solution & Confession**— A detailed description of the what and why the sabotage happened, including WHO is the culprit.
- **"Who Dunit" Cards**— To allow your guests to guess the guilty party.
- **Award Certificates**— To be awarded to each of the guests that guess the culprit.
- **Party Printables and Extras**— Directions, templates, and designs to help you plan for your party. (Pictured on previous page. **Included are:** suspect board, room signs, oversized candy decor how-tos, and more!)

All of our parties come in the form of a professionally designed pdf. Immediately after completing your order, you will be able to create a member account. Once in your account, you will have the ability to download your party (including optional emailable invitations for your guests and party extras) for sixty days after your purchase. If you forget your password, you can request a new password be sent to your email. By having our games online as instant downloads, we are able to satisfy even the most urgent need for a party.

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