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At eight months pregnant, Tiffani Thiessen had to take it easy for daughter Harper's 5th birthday fete.

"I usually make all the food myself," says the actress. Instead, she enlisted the help of L.A.-based planners Red 25 Events for the June 14 backyard bash. The lifestyle blogger, 41 (married to actor Brady Smith, 43), had a head start thanks to her girl's clear vision: an under-the-sea-themed party. "It's Harper's idea every year," she says. A fin-tastic mermaid performer was even on hand to dive for treasure with the 12 tiny guests. "Harper was in heaven," says Thiessen. "She couldn't keep her eyes off of her!"



Thiessen (with Smith and Harper) welcomed son Holt July 1.

Tiffani's Mermaid Party

Surf's up! Thiessen invited guests to hit the pool (and make a splash!) for her girl's birthday **BY APRIL DALEY**



"Even the older kids asked me, 'Is that a real mermaid?'" she says.



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1. Guests used paint, glitter and bling to decorate waterproof burlap satchels. 2. Attendees also took home (from left) Turkish cotton beach towels from Lulujo, Coola organic sunblock, Tegu blocks and Babiator swim goggles. 3. Santa Monica-based Vanilla Bake Shop provided an ocean-decorated vanilla bean cake with vanilla buttercream frosting. 4. The star converted a lemonade stand into a place for swimmers to slather on sunscreen. 5. On the menu: fish and chips, fresh lobster rolls and Tater Tots from Cousins Maine Lobster food truck. 6. Kids cooled down with cantaloupe-mint and plum-cherry-rose Popsicles from Sweet Clementine. 7. Next to the crafts table, parents helped their children fill out memento cards. Says Thiessen, "I'm going to put them in an album for Harper to have as a keepsake."

