



KID'S TREAT PLACE

BASKIN-ROBBINS – Employees and franchise owners often introduce new ice cream flavors to this popular chain. Barbara Laspina, who owns a BR in Chatsworth, invented Quarterback Crunch in 1977. After watching famed NFL quarterback Joe Namath get sacked, Laspina went home and blended vanilla ice cream and Nestle™ chocolate-covered Rice Crispies cereal, ribboned through with caramel. Quarterback Crunch is a limited-time flavor, available only during the fall season. Of the chain's 31 flavors, 24 are available year-round and new and old favorites are rotated throughout the year. During winter, you can select more indulgent, chocolate flavors such as Winter White Chocolate and Chocoholics Resolution. But don't place this longtime *L.A. Parent* favorite in the "ice cream only" bucket. You'll also find a variety of cool beverages, including Fruit Blast Smoothies, real fruit blended with nonfat yogurt and ice in Berry Pomegranate, Strawberry Citrus, Wild Mango and Blue Raspberry flavors. The Cappuccino Blast® offers parents a quick pick-me-up with gourmet frozen coffee, vanilla ice cream and ice topped with real whipped cream in Original, Oreo® 'n Cookies, Mocha and Turtle flavors. You can also have it your way and create your own delectable treats! *Hours vary by location. 800-859-5339, www.baskinrobbins.com.*

BIRTHDAY CAKE SOURCE

BASKIN-ROBBINS – For many, the ritualistic choosing of the birthday cake is one of the joys of party planning. Our readers chose Baskin-Robbins as the number-one place to get that all-important pastry, combining ice cream and cake in one delicious treat. The national chain sells more than 5 million ice cream cakes a year. A hands-down, scrumptious favorite combines Oreo Cookies 'n Cream ice cream with devil's food cake. You can customize a cake that serves four to 24 people, pairing devil's food or white sponge cake with a variety of ice cream flavors and designs. Summertime birthday babes can delight in a *Surf's Up* cake decorated with a beach-like topping that features Cody Maverick and Tank, the film's lovable characters. For a personalized touch, go for a Freeze Frame® cake. Just bring in a snapshot of your birthday star and that image will be transferred to the cake via colored frosting technology. Round cakes (serves six to eight) start at \$21.99 and a full-sheet cake (serves 50 to 100) is \$42.99. *Hours vary by location. To find a Baskin-Robbins, visit www.baskinrobbins.com.*