



BIRTHDAY PARTIES AT THE NATURE MUSEUM

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FAQs

What does my party package include?

Our 2-hour birthday party package includes access to the Hawver and Lacy Families Nature's PlaySpace, as well as one other exhibit of your choice, in addition to a private party space. Package pricing for 40 guests in the Secret Forest starts at \$975 with access to the Judy Istock Butterfly Haven, or \$900 with access to Mysteries of the Marsh. We do not currently offer a discounted price for Nature Museum members. Requests must be submitted at least one month in advance of your preferred party date. Please refer to the following page for additional party details.

What age range do you recommend for birthday parties?

We recommend ages 2-7 years old for these birthday party packages. For an older crowd, we recommend contacting us for more details on our space rental options.

How many people can I have at my birthday party?

We allow for a maximum of 20 kids and 20 adults. Any additional guests will be \$15 per person. If your group is larger, we recommend contacting us for more details on our space rental options.

How will the room be set up for our party?

A final guest count must be submitted 10 days prior to your party date. Your party room will be set up based on your final guest count. The Nature Museum team will set up tables for guests, as well as tables for gifts and cake.

Where do I unload?

You can unload at our Loading Dock, located on the north side of the Museum off Cannon Drive. Staff will assist you with a cart and lead you to your party room. You will receive one parking space on our Loading Dock for the duration of your party. You will have 30 minutes prior to the start of the birthday party to unload and set up the party space.

Is food and cake provided?

Food and cake are not provided by the Museum. This allows our guests the flexibility to order from their favorite local vendors and make any necessary adjustments for dietary requirements. You are welcome to bring food and treats of your choice. We ask that you bring your own plates and utensils, as well. Please note, all food items must stay in the party room.

Where do my guests park?

Convenient parking is available. Options do alternate seasonally, so please refer to our website for up-to-date information.

Will we have an onsite coordinator?

Museum staff will assist with the load-in and load-out process, as well as directing your vendors and/or deliveries to your party room. They will give guidance, but you are responsible for properly disposing of all garbage accumulated during your party. Garbage bins and recycling bins will be provided in your party room. Museum staff will break down all tables and chairs.

What decorations are permitted?

All décor items must be approved by the the Museum prior to the event date. Additionally, décor cannot be hung from ceilings and cannot block walkways or doorways. The following items are strictly prohibited: confetti, glitter, piñatas, rice, bird seed, balloons, candles, glass containers, plastic straws, loud music, bouncy balls, bouncy houses, Frisbees, rollerskates and noise makers of any kind. This is not an all-inclusive list, so please make sure to talk with the Museum's event coordinator for further direction. Please note, all décor items must stay in the party room.

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STARTING AT \$900 FOR MYSTERIES OF THE MARSH VISIT + \$975 FOR BUTTERFLY HAVEN VISIT

Add a little wonder to your special day—celebrate your birthday party at the Nature Museum! We know that birthdays are a big deal and should be special! That's why we offer a spectacular package to make birthdays for children ages 2 to 7 fun and memorable.

Our birthday party package is the perfect way to celebrate your big day in our nature-based museum! This 2-hour celebration is available exclusively on Saturdays and Sundays, with a morning and afternoon option, and includes:

- **CRAFT:** Make your own turtle as a keepsake of this special day.
- **EXPLORE:** Choose from our Judy Istock Butterfly Haven experience to see butterflies from all over the world, or our Mysteries of the Marsh experience to see native turtles, snakes, and frogs and toads up close.
- **CONNECT:** Enjoy a Nature Museum Critter Connection and learn about a member of our Living Collection. Your child will love connecting with one of our turtle friends.
- **PLAY:** Enjoy access to the Hawver and Lacy Families Nature's PlaySpace, our 3,000+ square foot indoor play area representing six different Illinois habitats with hands-on interactive elements.



START PLANNING YOUR CHILD'S SPECIAL DAY!



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