

# BIRTHDAY PARTIES

## AT THE BERGEN COUNTY ZOO

Bergen County Zoological Park



BIRTHDAY PARTY PROGRAM  
Bergen County Zoological Park  
216 Forest Avenue  
Paramus, NJ 07652  
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### ZOO PARTY

**ALL YEAR**

Zoo Parties are hosted inside the Education & Discovery Center which includes a private room and live animal demonstrations.

**Birthday child MUST be turning 5 or older.**  
Maximum number of children allowed is 20  
(including birthday child & siblings).  
Maximum number of adults allowed is 22.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

The Bergen County Zoo will provide the following:

- Private indoor party space
- Live animal demonstration with biofacts pertaining to the chosen theme
- Admission tickets to the zoo (20 children, 22 adults)
- Canvas bag decorating for 20 children

Parties last 90 minutes total:  
45 minute education component, followed by the remaining 45 minutes for party host to serve food or do other activities.

#### DATES & TIMES

Zoo parties may be scheduled at **10:30am - 12:00pm** or **2:00pm - 3:30pm** on Saturdays and Sundays.

#### ZOO PARTY COST

<b>Bergen County Resident &amp; Zoo Members</b>	<b>Non-Resident</b>
\$300.00	\$350.00

#### PARTY THEME

Zoo parties include an education program with live animals and biofacts. Below are the available themes:

##### Animal Habitats

Explore of habitats and the different animals that live there!

##### Reptiles/Amphibians

Take a look at our slimy and scaly friends!

##### Animal Adaptations

Discover how animals survive in the wild!

### PONY PARTY

**JUNE - MID-AUGUST**

Pony Parties are hosted at the pony barn located in Van Saun Park which include outdoor picnic tables and private pony rides.

**Birthday child MUST be turning 5 or older.**  
Maximum number of children allowed is 20  
(including birthday child & siblings).  
Maximum number of adults allowed is 22.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

The Bergen County Zoo will provide the following:

- Private pony ride concession
- Educator with biofact table
- Outdoor picnic tables at the pony barn
- Admission tickets to the zoo (20 children, 22 adults)
- Canvas bag decorating for 20 children

Birthday child gets 4 laps around the pony track, other children get 2 laps. After the pony rides, the host may utilize the outdoor picnic tables for food, other activities, etc.

#### DATES & TIMES

Pony parties may only be scheduled at **10:30am** on Saturdays and Sundays from **June to mid-August**.

#### PONY PARTY COST

<b>Bergen County Resident &amp; Zoo Members</b>	<b>Non-Resident</b>
\$400.00	\$450.00

#### PARTY ADD-ONS (MAY - OCTOBER)

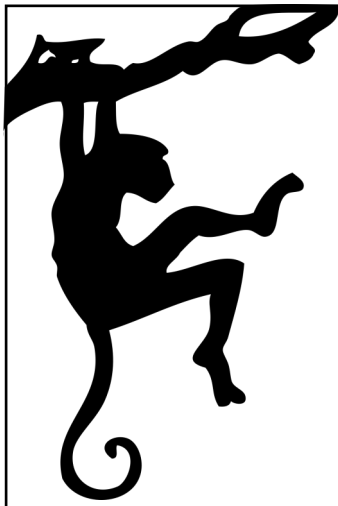
May be added to any party and can choose 1 or both.

##### Train Add-on (\$80.00)

You will get **40** train tickets for each child & parent.

##### Carousel Add-on (\$40.00)

You will get **20** carousel tickets for each child.



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### BIRTHDAY PARTY FAQ'S

#### What do I bring to my party?

*The party guardian is responsible for:*

- Arrangements for all food and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Bringing party decorations (no balloons, noisemakers, or anything taped to the walls).
- Setting up and cleaning up for the party. You may arrive 1/2 hour prior to the party for setting up.

#### Can I bring decorations?

Yes. However, please remember **balloons and noisemakers are not allowed inside the zoo or by the pony barn**. You may bring other types of decorations to set up inside the party room or at the picnic tables at the pony barn.

#### What kind of food can we bring to the party?

The food you bring in must be "ready to serve." We cannot heat up or keep anything cold for you. You must bring your own paper products for any food you bring to the party.

#### Do I have to use the invitations provided by the Zoo?

Yes. However, you do not need to use our invitations to initially invite your guests. Our invitations are for admittance to the zoo so that your guests don't have to pay admission.

#### May I add train and carousel after I book the party?

Yes. You may add train or carousel tickets two weeks prior to the party. After that time, you may purchase tickets at the ticket booth on the day of your party.

#### Why is the age requirement 5 or older for a party?

Due to the educational nature of our parties, it is deemed not appropriate for younger children. However, if you wish to do a party for under the age of 5 in the Van Saun County Park, you can obtain a permit by visiting [www.co.bergen.nj.us/permits](http://www.co.bergen.nj.us/permits).

#### How many guests can be in the party area?

All children and guests are allowed in the party area. MAXIMUM of 20 children and 22 adults, including the birthday child and siblings.

#### How long can we stay?

After the **zoo party** is over, you and your guests are free to explore the zoo during normal operating hours.

After the **pony rides** are over, you and your guests are free to stay at the picnic tables as long as you please. Then you can use your admission tickets to go into the zoo during normal operating hours.

#### Is the zoo an allergen free facility?

No. Nuts, fruits, vegetables, and eggs are an important part of the diet of many of our zoo animals.

#### Is there a weight limit for the pony rides?

Ponies cannot handle more than 90 pounds.  
Children above 90 pounds will not be permitted to ride a pony.

#### Is alcohol or smoking permitted?

No. Alcohol or smoking is prohibited on zoo or park grounds.

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