

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

AT THE BERGEN COUNTY ZOO

Bergen County Zoological Park



BIRTHDAY PARTY PROGRAM
Bergen County Zoological Park
216 Forest Avenue
Paramus, NJ 07652
(201) - 634 - 3125



GENERAL INFORMATION

The Bergen County Zoo will provide the following:

- A special gift from one of our ambassador animals for the party child
- Invitations for 20 children (This is a zoo pass for the day)
- Canvas bags for 20 children
- Water for 20 children
- Use of designated party picnic tables in Van Saun Park at the Pony barn if doing pony ride add on. Otherwise, party will be in the Education Center

Maximum number of children allowed is 20

Maximum number of adults allowed is 22

PARTY ACTIVITIES

Parties include canvas bags to decorate, animal demonstrations, and an artifact presentation pertaining to the theme.

Parties last 90 minutes total - 45 minute education component, followed by the remaining 45 minutes for party host to do as they please (food, other activities, etc).

DATES & TIMES

- Parties are available year round on Saturdays and Sundays.
- Parties may be scheduled 10:30am - 12:00pm or 2:00pm - 3:30pm.
- Afternoon parties scheduled at 2:00 will not have the Add-on options.

COST

**Bergen County Resident
& Zoo Members**
\$300.00

Non-Resident
\$350.00

Pony Party	Train	Carousel
\$200.00 extra	\$80.00 extra	\$40.00 extra

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

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PARTY THEME

All parties include a presentation of live animals. You may pick the party theme, however, the host will choose the 3 animals for the demonstration.

Wild Pets

Learn about our animals and their wild counterparts!

Reptiles/Amphibians

Take a look into reptiles and their unique characteristics!

Animal Adaptations

Discover how animals survive in the wild!

PONY ADD-ON (JULY - SEPTEMBER)

You may add an hour slot for pony rides to your existing party for an additional \$200. Only the 20 children attending the party may join for the pony rides.

Ponies stay with party for full hour under guidance of an animal keeper. There will be a private fenced in grassy area within the pony ride concession.

Ponies cannot handle more than 90 pounds. Because of this, children above 90 pounds will not be permitted to ride a pony.

Ponies can only be added to morning parties (10:30am - 12:00pm, extending party to 1pm).

If the Pony Add-on is cancelled due to weather, we will do our best to reschedule or give tickets to be used at a later date.

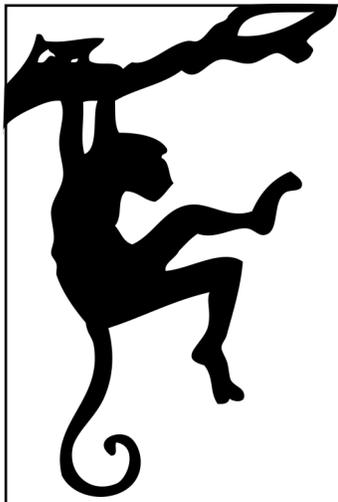
TRAIN ADD-ON (MAY - OCTOBER)

You will get 40 train tickets for each child and parent to ride the train.

CAROUSEL (MAY - OCTOBER)

You will get 20 carousel tickets for each child to ride the carousel.

Train and Carousel Add-Ons are only available during our on-season since we cannot guarantee they will be running otherwise. You may buy tickets the day of your party at the ticket booth to ensure they are running.



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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. We will provide water.
- Bringing party decorations (no balloons, noisemakers, or anything hanging from the ceiling).
- Setting up and cleaning up for the party. You may arrive 1/2 hour prior to the party for setting up.
- Bringing games & activities. We provide a classroom or 3 picnic tables in a secured area at the pony barn (you do not need to have the Pony Add-on for these picnic tables).

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.

Is alcohol or smoking permitted?

No. Alcohol or smoking is prohibited on zoo grounds.

May I add The Pony Add-on after I book the party?

Yes. You may add Ponies up to two weeks prior to the party. After that time we will have staffing in place and cannot add a party staff member to the pony staff.

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 at the picnic tables out in Van Saun Park.

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

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.

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.

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 party is over, you and your guests are free to look around the zoo during normal operating hours.

Can we have a party during the week?

Yes. During July and August we have late night Thursday openings of the zoo until 7:00 PM. Thursday parties may be scheduled from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. Add-on packages are not permitted during this time.

Can the party be a drop-off party?

Yes. However, the party guardians assume full responsibility for all the children.

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