

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

AT THE BERGEN COUNTY ZOO

ABOUT

Birthday 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 and siblings).

Maximum number of adults allowed is 22.

Bergen County Zoological Park



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216 Forest Avenue
Paramus, NJ 07652
201 - 634 - 3125



GENERAL INFORMATION

The Bergen County Zoo will provide the following:

- Private indoor party space.
- Live animal program with biofacts pertaining to the topic of your choice (about 30 minutes long).
- Entrance to the zoo for 20 children and 22 adults.
- Canvas bag decorating for 20 children.
- Party invitations.

Parties last 90 minutes total:

- Educators bring 3 animals to the room and do a 30 minute presentation related to the topic of your choosing.
- The remaining time is for the party host to serve food or do any other activities.

DATES AND TIMES

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

PARTY COST

Bergen County Resident & Zoo Members
\$350.00

Non-Resident
\$400.00

PROGRAM TOPICS

Zoo parties include an education program with 3 live animals and biofacts. *Below are the available themes:*

Animal Habitats

- Explore habitats and the different animals that live there!

Reptiles

- Take a look at our scaly friends!

Animal Adaptations

- Discover how animals survive in the wild!

BIRTHDAY PARTY ADD-ONS

TRAIN & CAROUSEL ADD-ONS (May - October)

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

TRAIN ADD-ON

\$120.00

You will get **40** train tickets total.

CAROUSEL ADD-ON

\$60.00

You will get **20** carousel tickets total.

BEAR FACTORY ADD-ON

May be added to any party. Available year-round.

\$15.00 per child

Birthday child gets their plush for free!

A minimum of 10 plush animals must be purchased.

Below are the available animal-themed packages:

Dinosaur Package

- Includes a variety of dinosaurs and extinct animals.

Predator Package

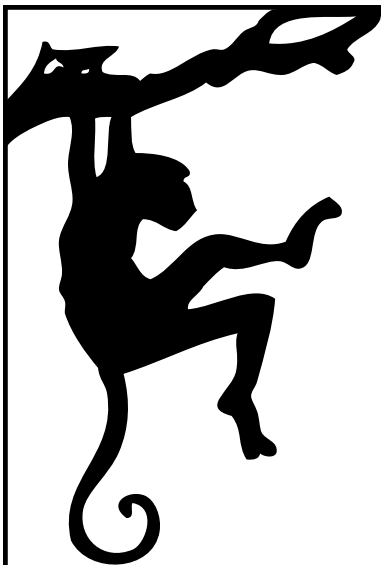
- May include a variety of wild cats, wolves, bears, hawks, owls, etc.

Mystic Package

- May include a variety of fantasy or unique animals like rainbow bears, unicorns, etc.

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BIRTHDAY PARTY FAQs

What do I bring to my party?

The party guardian is responsible for:

- Arrangements for all food and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Setting up and cleaning up for the party.
- You may arrive 30 minutes prior to the party for setting up.
- The following are **NOT** permitted inside the zoo:
 - Balloons, noisemakers, piñatas, and sternos.

Can I bring decorations?

Yes. However, please remember balloons, noisemakers, and piñatas are **not** allowed in the zoo. You may bring other types of decorations to set up inside the party room.

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 entry to the zoo for one child and one adult.

Do I need to pay admission to the zoo for my guests?

No. Zoo admission is waived for all party guests who receive a Bergen County Zoo provided invitation.

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.

Do I have to use train and carousel tickets on the day of the party?

No. The train and/or carousel tickets provided can be used at any time during the season that the train and carousel are open.

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 Van Saun County Park, you can obtain a permit by visiting:

<https://bergencountynj.gov/bergen-county-department-of-parks/permits/>

How many guests can be in the party area?

There is a MAXIMUM of 20 children and 22 adults, including the birthday child and siblings. The animal program is contingent upon this room capacity.

How long can we stay?

You have the party room for 90 minutes total. Guests are free to explore the zoo during normal operating hours either before or after 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.

What is the "Bear Factory" Add-on?

Similar to "Build-a-Bear," the Bear Factory is an interactive concept of building your own plush animal. Guests choose between 5 - 6 plush animals within a chosen package theme. During the party, a Bear Factory staff member will help bring the plushies to life, and your guests can take their newly-stuffed animals home with them! *Bear Factory add-on must be added 3 weeks prior to the party date.*

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