

GREEN BIRTHDAY PARTIES

We are delighted that you are considering hosting your child's birthday party at the Greenburgh Nature Center. The Nature Center is a beloved family destination and our Eco-friendly Birthday Parties are fun for all ages!

PARTY THEMES

ANIMALS (All Year)

For ages 3 and up. Enjoy a hands-on presentation with your child's choice from among our beloved and engaging animals. Choices include furry friends like Ponyboy the chinchilla, prehistoric turtles like Bigfoot, amazing contortionists like Houdini the corn snake, and funny ferrets like Lakota. Child selects animals on the day of the party.

SCAVENGER HUNT* (Spring through Fall)

For ages 6 and up. Guided by a naturalist, children will explore the woods in search of natural treasures. Party host required to have additional adults to help supervise and accompany groups. Maps and clues provided.

*In case of bad weather, an animal or alternate program will be presented.

POND EXPEDITION* (Spring Only)

For ages 8 and up. Equipped with nets and ponding gear, children will hike to Woodfrog Pond in search of turtles, frogs, salamanders, dragonflies and other creatures that live in our vernal wetland

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APPLE CIDERING (Fall Only)

For ages 5 and up. Using our authentic wooden cider press the birthday child and guests will make fresh apple cider to enjoy during the party. Additional \$50 fee applies for cidering apples.

WINTER BIRDS (Winter Only)

For ages 6 and up. For the bird loving birthday child our preserve offers wondrous bird encounters. Meet wise Moloto the screech owl, graceful French Fry the dove, and learn about

the many bird species that call our preserve home. Birthday child and guest will make and take home their own pine cone bird feeder.

PARTY SCHEDULE

½ Hour Before Party Start: As the host family you will drive up to the back door of the Manor House to unload supplies. A staff member will assist and direct you to your private party room where you will set-up and await your guests.

Hour 1: An experienced educator will provide your child and guests with the program of your choice.

Hour 2: This is time for your child and guests to enjoy food and to celebrate! ½ Hour after Party: You as host family pack-up your belongings and help sort and dispose of trash, while we wash the dishes. You and your guests are welcome to head outdoors and enjoy the grounds.

FOOD AND DECOR

We make ordering pizza and a cake easy!

- We partner with <u>Langes of Scarsdale</u> to provide pizza. You can place your order <u>HERE</u>.
- We also partner with <u>Riviera Bakehouse</u> for custom birthday cakes! You can place your order <u>HERE</u>.

You may bring your own pre-prepared or pre-arranged food and beverages. A refrigerator/freezer is available. There is no cooking on premise.

The Nature Center provides reusable dishes, cups, mugs, napkins and cutlery. We will assist you in sorting your recycling and compostables. The Nature Center also provides tables and chairs. Please remember that setup <u>and</u> cleanup is the responsibility of the host family.

We do not provide food or decorations. We encourage you to limit the number of throw-away decorations and to opt for reusable decor, or decor that doubles as a gift for your guests. In the interest in being kind to our earth, styrofoam, noisemakers, and balloons are not permitted on our nature preserve. All piñata activities are held outdoors.

PARKING

There is ample free parking for your guests in our Visitor Parking Lot (first left off Dromore Road). For your convenience, as the host family, you may continue to drive up Dromore Road until you reach the back of the Manor House. There is a backdoor which you may use to unload your children and party supplies one half-hour in advance of party time.

PRICES

Birthday Parties are a member-only benefit at the Family level. Membership must be active on the date of the party or may be added on the day of booking.

There are three different options available depending upon the size of your group and location of the party. Prices do not include membership.

OPTION #1 - At the Greenburgh Nature Center Limit: 15 children

Cost: \$300 program/room

OPTION #2 – At the Greenburgh Nature Center Limit: 20 children

Cost: \$375 program/room

Additional children (up to 25 total) can be accommodated for an extra \$15 per child, with

advance notice.

OPTION #3 - AT YOUR HOME

We bring a group of friendly animals and do a hands-on presentation in your living room or playroom. All programs must be done indoors.

Limit: 15 children

Cost: \$315 (Zone 1)* \$365 (Zone 2)*

Birthday Party Payment and Refund Policy: Full payment is required within three days of booking to hold your reservation. For cancellations made 30 days or more in advance of the party date, a full refund minus 25% will be issued. For cancellations made less than 30 days prior to the date of the party, there are no refunds. Membership is not refundable regardless of when the party is cancelled.

To book a birthday, you can register <u>HERE</u>. Or contact Megan Bryant at mbryant@greenburghnaturecenter.org or (914) 813-1831.

^{*}Call to inquire in which zone your home is located