



## Birthday Party

### General Information

The Bergen County Zoo will provide the following for your party:

- *Invitations for 20 children (serving as zoo admission ticket for one child and one adult)*
- *2 hours in the private party room (basic set-up and clean up, birthday banner, tablecloth)*
- *Food for the party guests to be served by the party host (3 large pizzas, 24 cupcakes and 24 juice boxes)*
- *Paper goods for 20 children (pizza plates, cupcake plates and napkins)*
- *Live animal demonstrations*
- *Canvas bags for 20 children*
- *Train and Carousel tickets for 20 children*
- *A fun and educational activity selected by the party host*
- *Special gift from our demonstration animals for the party child*

### Party Cost

\$300 for Bergen County residents and zoo members; \$350 for non-residents.

Maximum number of children allowed is 20.

Maximum 20 adults.

Parties are booked on a first come-first served basis. In order to secure a party date, a \$50 non-refundable deposit must be submitted along with the completed party application.

### Party Animals

All parties include a presentation of live animals, however, due to USDA guidelines not all animals can be touched by the public. In that regard two non-touchable animals and one touchable animal will be brought into the party room. Below are the corresponding lists.

#### Touchable Animals

- Rabbit
- Chicken
- Guinea Pig
- Hissing Cockroach
- Dove

#### Non-Touchable Animals

- Chinchilla
- Snake
- Ferret
- Turtle
- Lizard
- Frog
- Tarantula
- Budgie

### Dates and Times

Parties may be scheduled for Saturdays and Sundays, year round. Some weekends may not be available due to special events at the zoo.

The party times are:

10:30 am—12:30 pm or 1:30 pm—3:30 pm

The Birthday Party Coordinator can answer any and all birthday party inquiries. If you have any questions please call:

201-634-3124

**We look forward to helping you celebrate!**



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### Birthday Party Activities

All parties will include a fun and educational activity for the children to enjoy. Please select the most appropriate activity for the party child and guests.

Option A:

Animal Story Time (suggested age 5-7)

- Listen to a fun story about a wild animal and then get to meet the star of the book in person! The educator will select the storybook based on the party animals you select.

Option B:

Animal Artifact Presentation (suggested age 8 +)

- Want to learn more about our presentation animals? Based on the animals you select, our educator will present a one-of-a-kind lesson by utilizing our spectacular artifact collection.

Option C:

Farmyard Tour (any age)

- Have you ever wondered the name of our sheep? Want to know more about our pigs? Let our educators take you on a tour of our farmyard and answer all of your questions. ***During our busier months of July and August, children will be required to wear a special item for safety reasons.***

### Birthday Party F.A.Q.'s

When should I make a reservation?

It is recommended that you reserve your party 8-12 weeks in advance. April through October are our busiest months so you may want to inquire earlier than 12 weeks.

Do birthday parties take place during the winter months?

Birthday parties are held year-round. Some weekends may not be available due to a special event at the zoo.

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

Yes. However, you do not necessarily have to use our invitations to initially invite your guest, feel free to use a themed invitation. What is important is that you hand out our invitations to the guest that will be attending your party. (Our invitations allow free zoo admission for one child and one adult)

Is alcohol or smoking permitted?

No, alcohol or smoking is prohibited on zoo grounds.

### Birthday Party F.A.Q.'s (cont)

When is the party balance due?

The balance for the party must be paid two weeks before the party date. If the balance is not received you may run the risk of cancellation.

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 contacting 201-336-7261.

Can I order additional pizza pies?

Yes, we would be happy to order extra pizzas for you. However, there is a \$9.00 fee for each additional pie.

Can we bring outside food to the party?

Yes with two conditions. The food you bring in must be "ready to serve", we cannot heat up or keep anything cool 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, the zoo is not an allergen free facility. Nuts, fruits, vegetables and eggs are an important part of the diet of many of our zoo animals. Furthermore, the pizza, juices and cupcakes are made in facilities that process allergens.

Is the food included in the party kosher or halal?

No, it is not. Please contact the party coordinator to discuss options.

How many guests can be in the party room?

During the educational portion of the party, only the 20 children plus the party parents will be allowed in the classroom. Once the educator leaves, the room can accommodate a maximum of 50 guest.

Why can't other parents be present during the education portion?

To limit stress on our animals we cannot have all the parents enter the party room. Also, the presence of all the parents causes distractions for the children.

Can the party be a drop-off party?

Yes, however, the party parents assume full responsibility for all the children.



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