



Birthday Parties

Ages 5 - 11

Bet you never
partied with
animals like this
before!



JOHNSON COUNTY
Park & Recreation
District

Birthday Party Themes

BIRTHDAY SAFARI



You get to choose three live animals for you and your guests to see at this party! Hear a story while you interact with the presenter and the animals. The birthday child may choose one animal from each category listed below:

Birds: screech, barred owl, red-tailed hawk or kestrel

Mammals: mouse, rabbit, ferret

Creepy/Crawlies: spider, snake, turtle, salamander, toad or cockroach

We will need to know the animal choices one week prior to the date of the party.

ENCHANTED FOREST



The Woodland Fairy will wave her magic wand and fun will appear with three live animals, games, and an interactive story with the birthday child and guests. The animals are already chosen for this program to go along with the Woodland Fairy's story. If possible, we'd like to keep the animals a surprise to the birthday child and guests.

A screech owl, toad and rabbit will be presented.

MAGICAL PARTY



The Wacky Wildlife Wizard will use a magical box to astonish your birthday child and guests! To help us with the "magical" surprise we ask

that the parents choose animals from each category listed below and keep them a surprise for the children:

1 Large: rabbit or screech owl

2 Small: snake, salamander, toad, spider, cockroach, mouse

Wacky Wizard costume is optional for the Park Naturalist. We will dress in costume unless you tell us otherwise.

(animals need to be a surprise to the birthday child & guests)

SNAKE CELEBRATION

Thrill your guests with a slithery surprise! This party includes three live snakes along with interactive fun and facts about these



often misunderstood critters. We never know who will be shedding their skin or which snakes will be out at another program so our staff will have to choose the snakes for your program.

Snakes may only be handled by staff of Ernie Miller Nature Center.

We reserve the right to not use an animal due to its behavior or medical condition.

FAQ:

- **When are parties held?** Parties are held on Saturdays.
- **What is included?**
- The room (2 hour rental), tables, chairs, 30 minute wildlife presentation. Invitations, refreshments and paper products not provided.
- **Can we touch the animals?** Guests will not be allowed to touch or handle any of the animals.
- **Should we bring table covers?** Table coverings are recommended. (number of tables & size listed on previous page)
- **Do you have a freezer we can use for ice cream?** No, we recommend bringing a cooler for items that need to remain frozen/cold.
- **Can we bring outside food in?** Yes, any food is allowed. No alcohol please. There are several food chains near us that will deliver.
- **Do we need to clean the room after our party?** You are responsible for leaving with any items you brought in. Trash & recycle bins are provided in each room. Disinfectant wipes will be available in the room to wipe off tables/chairs if needed. We will empty trash & recycle bins.
- **Will our guests be allowed to walk around the nature center?** Yes, we want them to explore the nature center. For their safety, children must be supervised by and adult while inside the nature center.
- **Is there parking next to the nature center?** There is a drop-off lane and limited accessible parking near the front of the Nature Center, but not immediately adjacent to the building. All other parking is in the main lot at the top of the hill. We recommend a wagon or small utility cart to haul items to and from the building.
- **Can we bring balloons?** No, please see a complete list of prohibited items on the next panel.

Due to safety and maintenance concerns the following items are prohibited:

- Balloons
- Piñatas
- Silly string or bubble solution
- Tape, thumb tacks, nails or any adhesive type product to hang decorations. *Your décor is limited to your table space.*
- Self-adhesive table coverings
- Confetti
- Loud music or loud activities



Add a natural twist and treat for the animals too!

Consider having your guests bring a special gift for the animals who live at Ernie Miller Nature Center.

- Black Oil Sunflower Seed (no mixes)
- Suet cakes (no-melt)
- Critter Keeper Boxes
- Gift Cards –Visa, Wal-Mart, Pet Stores
- Pine Shavings & Reptibark
- Unscented clay litter or pine pellet litter
- Clorox/Lysol wipes

Our parties are popular, call ahead to book your party today!

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Birthday Party Packages

Option 1:

(15 children + up to 10 adults)

\$98 Johnson County residents
\$108 nonresidents
2 hr. room rental includes
30 min. program
Four 6' tables w/chairs

Option 2:

(25 children + up to 25 adults)

\$120 Johnson County residents
\$132 nonresidents
2 hr. room rental includes
30 min. program
Five - Six 6' tables w/chairs

**Payment due at time of booking
Parties are non-refundable**

Party times are only on Saturdays during our regular business hours, based on availability.

Room rental is 2 hours, including your setup and clean up time.

Please do not arrive before your room rental time. You and your guests must be out of your room by the end of your rental time.

Example: party schedule:

1st hour: Please arrive at time booked, not earlier. 30 minutes after the start of your rental your animal program begins. (If 1pm party, program will begin at 1:30)

2nd hour: The room is yours to open presents, have snacks, games or crafts on your own. Be completely out of the room by the end of your reservation time.

Due to the popularity of our parties you must abide by the two hour time frame. If you feel you will need more time in the room there will be a charge per hour*.

Additional Time (room rates):
\$39 per hour
(applies to Salamander Room)

\$75 per hour
(applies to Cottonwood, Bluestem, & Sunflower rooms)

*Extra room time must be scheduled and paid for in advance.