

# **Birthday Parties**

## **Party Cost:**

**\$ 125, paid at the time of booking**

**Party is limited to 25 people (adults and children combined).**

## **We Provide:**

**Nature Classroom - 2 hours:** Includes time for you to set-up and cleanup, serve refreshments, open presents, celebrate, and enjoy the 45-minute nature program! For example: set-up - 20 min; refreshments & presents - 30 min; nature education program - 45 min; clean-up - 25 min. Our naturalist will lead nature activities for the birthday boy or girl and friends!

## **You Provide:**

**Food, drinks, tableware, decorations, and party favors.**

The following items are **not** allowed due to the presence of sensitive, live critters: balloons, noise makers, confetti, piñatas and silly string.

# **Program Themes**

The following choices of activities vary based on the season, weather and children. Our naturalist will create the best experience possible, based on these factors.

## **Pre-school Party (3-5 years olds):**

**Sensory Activity:** Our naturalist will conduct activities to show children how to use their senses to discover nature. 25-30 minutes.

**Look and See Animals:** Our naturalist will show the children at least one live animal. The animal(s) used will be chosen by the naturalist based on the behavior and attentiveness of the children. 15-20 minutes.

## **Explore and Discover (5-8 year olds):**

**Nature Exploration Hike\*** Our naturalist will lead the children on a hike through Chisholm Creek Park. 20-25 minutes.

**Discover Animals:** Our naturalist will present a program on native Kansas wildlife, including at least one special animal visitor. 20-25 minutes. You may choose ONE of the following animals:

- Great Plains Toad
- Barred Tiger Salamander
- Turtle (which turtle is used will be determined by our naturalist)
- Snake (which snake is used will be determined by our naturalist)

## **Explore and Learn (8-12 year olds):**

**Nature Exploration Hike\*** Our naturalist will lead the children on a hike through Chisholm Creek Park to learn about one of the topics listed below. 20-30 minutes.

**Nature Class:** Our naturalist will teach the children about the topic of your choice using at least one live animal representative (chosen by our naturalist). 20-25 minutes.

## **Topic Choices include:**

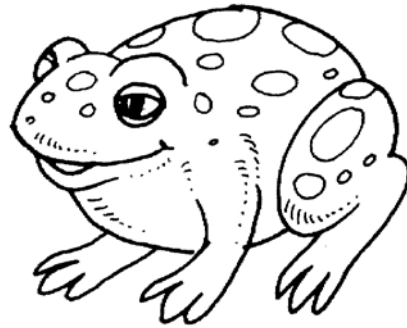
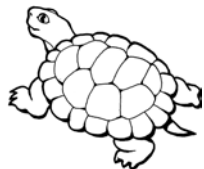
- Backyard Birds
- Wetland Wonders
- Kansas Symbols
- Reptiles and Amphibians
- Prairie Plants
- Interesting Insects

**\*In case of inclement weather,** Nature Exploration Hikes will be replaced by a guided tour or scavenger hunt in the Koch Habitat Hall, or a nature themed movie in our auditorium, focusing on your chosen topic.

## **Party Availability**

- Parties are held on Saturday and Sunday afternoons only.
- Parties begin at either 1 p.m. or 3 p.m.
- Parties are booked on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Payment must be made to reserve booking, and must be received at least 7 days before the party.
- There is no fee for cancelling as long as notice is given within 48 hours of the party; a 50% refund will be given if the party is canceled 24 hours in advance. No refund will be given if the party is canceled less than 24 hours in advance.

A fee of \$50 will be charged if staff must stay longer than 2 hours, or if the classroom is not left in the condition in which it was found. We also reserve the right to charge for repairs if any damage occurs during your party.



## **To Book A Party**

Call Emma at 316/683-5499, x 107 with the following information:

- Your requested date (Saturday or Sunday)
- Your requested time (1 p.m. or 3 p.m.)
- Name
- Telephone number
- E-mail address
- Child's name
- Child's age (must be at least 3 years old; no older than 12)
- Party theme
- Payment method (check or credit card – Visa, MasterCard or Discover)

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