

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:

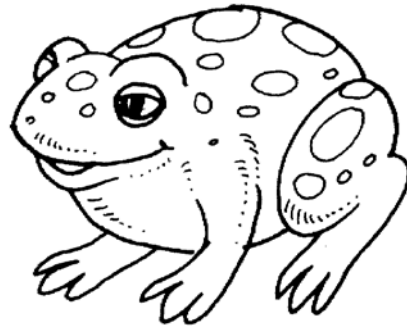
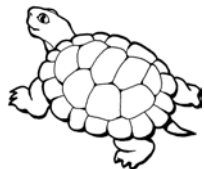
- Backyard Birds
- Wetland Wonders
- Kansas Symbols
- Reptiles and Amphibians
- Prairie Plants
- Interesting Insects

***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 108 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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