



# BIRTHDAY PARTIES

## AT THE BERGEN COUNTY ZOO

Bergen County Zoological Park



BIRTHDAY PARTY PROGRAM  
Bergen County Zoological Park  
216 Forest Avenue  
Paramus, NJ 07652  
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### ABOUT

Birthday Parties are hosted inside the Education & Discovery Center which includes a private room and live animal demonstrations.

*Birthday child MUST be turning 5 or older.*

*Maximum number of children allowed is 20 (including birthday child & siblings).*

*Maximum number of adults allowed is 22.*

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The Bergen County Zoo will provide the following:

- Private indoor party space
- Live animal program with biofacts pertaining to the topic of your choice (about 30 minutes long)
- Admission tickets to the zoo (20 children, 22 adults)
- Canvas bag decorating for 20 children

**Parties last 90 minutes total:**

Educators bring 3 animals to the room and do a 30 minute presentation related to the topic of your choosing.

The remaining time is for the party host to serve food or do any other activities.

### DATES AND TIMES

Parties may be scheduled at 10:30am - 12:00pm or 2:00pm - 3:30pm on Saturdays and Sundays year-round.

### PARTY COST

**Bergen County Resident & Zoo Members**

\$300.00

**Non-Resident**

\$350.00

### PROGRAM TOPIC

Zoo parties include an education program with 3 live animals and biofacts. Below are the available themes:

#### **Animal Habitats**

Explore habitats and the different animals that live there!

#### **Reptiles**

Take a look at our scaly friends!

#### **Animal Adaptations**

Discover how animals survive in the wild!

#### **TRAIN & CAROUSEL ADD-ONS (MAY - OCTOBER)**

*May be added to any party. You can choose 1 or both.*

#### **Train Add-on (\$80.00)**

You will get **40** train tickets for each child & parent.

#### **Carousel Add-on (\$40.00)**

You will get **20** carousel tickets for each child.

#### **BEAR FACTORY ADD-ON (YEAR ROUND)**

**\$15.00 per child**

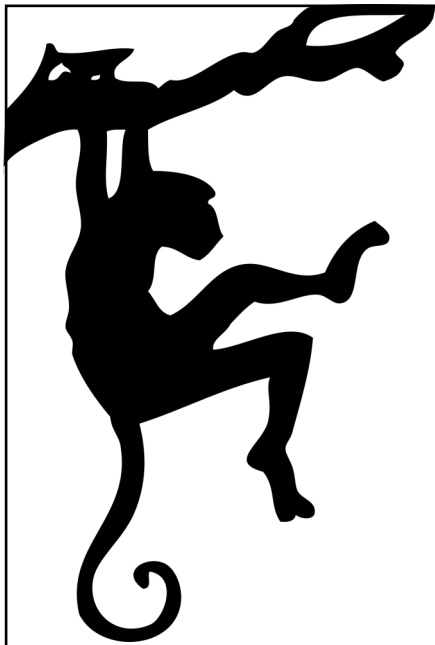
*Birthday party child gets their plush for free!*

*A minimum of 10 plush animals must be purchased.*

This package includes "build your own bears" within a chosen package theme.

*Further details can be found our website :*

[www.FriendsofBergenCountyZoo.org/birthday-parties](http://www.FriendsofBergenCountyZoo.org/birthday-parties)



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### BIRTHDAY PARTY FAQ'S

#### What do I bring to my party?

*The party guardian is responsible for:*

- Arrangements for all food and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Bringing party decorations and wall safe tape. Balloons, noisemakers, and piñatas are **not** allowed in the zoo.
- Setting up and cleaning up for the party. You may arrive 1/2 hour prior to the party for setting up.

#### Can I bring decorations?

Yes. However, please remember balloons, noisemakers, and piñatas are **not** allowed in the zoo. You may bring other types of decorations to set up inside the party room.

#### What kind of food can we bring to the party?

The food you bring in must be "ready to serve." We cannot heat up or keep anything cold for you. You must bring your own paper products for any food you bring to the party.

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

Yes. However, you do not need to use our invitations to initially invite your guests. Our invitations are for admittance to the zoo so that your guests don't have to pay admission.

#### May I add train and carousel after I book the party?

Yes. You may add train or carousel tickets two weeks prior to the party. After that time, you may purchase tickets at the ticket booth on the day of your party.

#### 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 visiting [www.co.bergen.nj.us/permits](http://www.co.bergen.nj.us/permits).

#### How many guests can be in the party area?

All children and guests are allowed in the party area. MAXIMUM of 20 children and 22 adults, including the birthday child and siblings.

#### How long can we stay?

Since the invitations provided act as a zoo admission ticket, guests are free to explore the zoo during normal operating hours either before or after the party.

#### Is the zoo an allergen free facility?

No. Nuts, fruits, vegetables, and eggs are an important part of the diet of many of our zoo animals.

#### What is the "Bear Factory" Add-on?

The Bear Factory is an interactive concept of building your own plush animal. Guests choose between 5 - 6 plush animals within a chosen package theme. During the party, a Bear Factory staff member will help bring the plushies to life, and your guests can take their newly-stuffed animals home with them!

Check out our website for more details and photos of the plush choices:  
[www.FriendsofBergenCountyZoo.org/birthday-parties](http://www.FriendsofBergenCountyZoo.org/birthday-parties)

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