



# BIRTHDAY PARTIES

## AT THE BERGEN COUNTY ZOO

Bergen County Zoological Park



BIRTHDAY PARTY PROGRAM  
Bergen County Zoological Park  
216 Forest Avenue  
Paramus, NJ 07652  
(201) - 634 - 3125



### GENERAL INFORMATION

The Bergen County Zoo will provide the following:

- A special gift from one of our ambassador animals for the party child.
- Invitations for 20 children (This is a zoo pass for the day).
- Canvas bags for 20 children.
- Train and Carousel tickets for 20 children.
- Water for 20 children.
- Use of designated party picnic tables in Van Saun Park at the Pony barn.

*Maximum number of children allowed is 20*

*Maximum number of adults allowed is 22.*

### PARTY ACTIVITIES

Parties include animal demonstrations, an artifact presentation pertaining to the theme, and two art activities.

### DATES & TIMES

Masks required in all indoor areas and pony rides.

Parties are available year round. They are held outside when possible May - September. Parties will be held in the Education Discovery Lab October - April or during inclement weather.

Parties may be scheduled 10:30 or 2:00 on Saturdays and Sundays. Afternoon parties scheduled at 2:00 will not have the Add-on option and will end at 3:30.

Pony Party addition is only available from July - September.

Morning parties will be 10:30 to 12:00 (1:00 with Pony Add-on). If the Pony Add-on is cancelled due to weather, we will do our best to reschedule or give tickets to be used at a later date.

Parties may be scheduled 4:30 PM on Thursday nights in July and August. Add-on packages will not available.

### PARTY THEME

All parties include a presentation of live animals. You may pick the party theme, however, the host will choose the 3 animals for the demonstration.

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|---------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>A. Wild Pets</b> | <b>B. Reptiles/<br/>Amphibians</b> | <b>C. Animal Adaptations</b> |
| - Rabbit            | - Turtle                           | - Hedgehog                   |
| - Guinea Pig        | - Tortoise                         | - Chicken                    |
| - Turtle            | - Snake                            | - Ferret                     |
| - Tortoise          | - Lizard                           | - Turtle                     |
| - Ferret            | - Frog                             | - Tortoise                   |
|                     |                                    | - Tarantula                  |
|                     |                                    | - Cockroach                  |

### PONY ADD-ON (JULY - SEPTEMBER)

You may add an hour slot for pony rides to your existing party for an additional \$200. Only the 20 children attending the party may join for the pony rides.

Ponies stay with party for full hour under guidance of an animal keeper. There will be a private fenced in grassy area within the pony ride concession. Ponies will be given a 20 minute break for rest and water. During the one hour time slot.

Ponies cannot handle more than 90 pounds. Because of this, children above 90 pounds will not be permitted to ride a pony.

### COST

<b>Bergen County Resident &amp; Zoo Members</b>	<b>Non-Resident</b>	<b>Pony Party</b>
\$300.00	\$350.00	\$200.00 extra

### QUESTIONS? CONTACT THE PARTY COORDINATOR:

Carol Fusco | (201) 634 - 3125 (Mon - Fri)  
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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. We will provide water.
- Bringing party decorations.
- Setting up and cleaning up for the party. You may arrive 1/2 hour prior to the party for setting up.
- Bringing games & activities. We provide 3 picnic tables in a secured area at the pony barn (you do not have to have the Pony Add-on for these picnic tables).
- Helmets and safety equipment are not provided but may be brought by families.

#### 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 without having to pay admission.

#### Is alcohol or smoking permitted?

No, alcohol or smoking is prohibited on zoo grounds.

#### May I add The Pony Add-on after I book the party?

Yes, you may add Ponies up to two weeks prior to the party. After that time we will have staffing in place and cannot add a party staff member to the pony staff.

#### Can I bring decorations?

Yes. However, please remember balloons and noisemakers are **not** allowed inside the zoo or by the pony barn. You may bring other types of decorations to set up at the picnic tables out in Van Saun Park.

#### Why is the age requirement 4 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 4 in the Van Saun County Park, you can obtain a permit by contacting 201-336-7261.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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?

After the party is over you and your guests are free to look around the zoo during normal operating hours.

#### Can we have a party during the week?

Yes. During July and August we have late night Thursday openings of the zoo until 7:00 PM. Thursday parties may be scheduled from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. Add-on packages are not permitted during this time.

#### Can the party be a drop-off party?

Yes. However, the party guardians assume full responsibility for all the children.

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County Executive

**Board of  
County Commissioners**

**James G. Koth, III**  
Executive Director | Parks Department

**Marianne Vella**  
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### BIRTHDAY PARTY APPLICATION

Name of Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Birth Date : \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Estimated Number of children: \_\_\_\_\_ *Minimum age of birthday child: 4*

*Maximum children: 20 (INCLUDING birthday child and siblings)*

Party Date Requested (1st Choice): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Party Date Requested (2nd Choice): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Birthday Party Theme:**  
Please circle one.

Wild Pets  
Reptiles/Amphibians  
Animal Adaptations

In the hopes of ensuring that your birthday party program runs as smoothly as possible, please advise of any special circumstances that our staff should be made aware of:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### ADD ON PACKAGES

May only be added to morning parties during the months of July - September

Pony Rides: \$200.00 | One hour in a private field with one pony. Picnic area and an equine information session.

To secure your date, please complete and return this form with all fees due. Checks should be made payable to the Bergen County Department of Parks. Party arrangements will be confirmed when this form and the payment is received by the zoo and pending availability. Incomplete forms will be returned with no guarantee of a reservation.

Please send your application and deposit to:  
Bergen County Zoological Park  
216 Forest Avenue, Paramus NJ 07652

OR

You may come to the zoo and drop it off at the Education and Discovery Center located right past the zoo entrance.

Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ZOO'S POLICY, NO BALLOONS, ANIMALS, OR NOISEMAKERS ARE PERMITTED.**

*For office use only*

Fees received by: \_\_\_\_\_ on: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_