



# WILD BIRTHDAY PARTIES

**BOOK  
TODAY!**

## AT THE RACINE ZOO

Do you want to have the wildest birthday party in town? Whether at one of the zoo's private event spaces or in the comfort of your own home, Racine Zoo birthday parties are sure to be a HOOT!

## OPTIONAL ADD-ONS:

Animal Ambassadors

Storytime

Goodie Bags

Grill Rentals

...and more!



# TWO WAYS TO CELEBRATE

## AT THE ZOO

Have your birthday at the Racine Zoo! Enjoy one of our event spaces (scroll down to see list of event spaces) and full-day admission for you and your party guests!

- Add-on Options include live animal programs, story time, crafts, goodie bags, space heaters, grill rental, extra hours, and additional party guests

Book online at [racinezoo.org/wild-birthday-parties](https://racinezoo.org/wild-birthday-parties).

- Fill out the on-campus booking form and submit to [education@racinezoo.org](mailto:education@racinezoo.org)
- Parties must be booked at least two weeks in advance
- Party dates are first-come, first-serve
- We are unable to hold “rain-dates”

## AT YOUR OWN PARTY LOCATION

Bring the Zoo to You! Our incredible education team will bring three ambassador animal friends for a fun and educational experience!

- Each party program ranges between 30 and 45 minutes!
- Add-ons include story time, crafts, and goodie bags!

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# FAQs - ON CAMPUS

## What does a party at the zoo consist of?

Birthday parties at the Racine Zoo can be held in any of our event spaces (scroll down to see the list). A party booking reserves your chosen event space for a total of four hours and include full-day general zoo admission for the allotted number of guests. You have the option to add a live animal program, story time, a craft, goodie bags, space heaters, a grill rental, extra hours, and additional guests to customize the party to fit your needs.

## How do I schedule a party?

Birthday parties can be booked by submitting a completed On-campus Birthday Booking Sheet (available on the “Wild Birthday Parties” page of the Racine Zoo website) to the Conservation Education Department at least two weeks in advance of your preferred party date. All parties are booked on a first-come, first-served basis based upon the order in which we receive completed booking sheets. Please note that due to the high volume of interest in birthday parties, we are unable to hold “rain dates.”

## How do I submit a booking sheet?

You may submit a completed booking sheet to the email provided above, through snail mail to the address above, or by dropping it off at the main entrance of the Zoo. You may also call us at the phone number above for assistance in completing and submitting the booking sheet.

## When can I schedule a party?

Parties at the Zoo may be scheduled during the Zoo’s regular operating hours on any day of the week, including weekends. All parties have use of their reserved event space for a total of four hours: 1 hour for setup, 2 hours for the actual party, and 1 hour for cleanup. You may add additional hours to your rental for \$50 per additional hour. Please note that party rentals cannot go later than 30 minutes before the Zoo closes.

# FAQs - ON CAMPUS

## How are locations set up and what do I need to bring?

There will be enough seating (either picnic tables or tables and chairs, depending on the event space) provided for the number of guests attending your party. There will also be two six-foot tables available for food, cake, and/or gifts. It is up to you to bring any tablecloths, food, drinks, tableware, gifts, or decorations (**for animal safety and to keep Lake Michigan healthy, balloons, confetti, candles, and piñatas are not allowed**). We do allow food and non-alcoholic beverages to be brought into the Zoo; however, we do not have refrigerators or microwaves available so please plan accordingly.

## Where will I go when I arrive at the Zoo?

All guests must check in at the admissions window upon arrival and let them know the name of the birthday party you are hosting/attending. **Party hosts and guests may not bypass the admissions line.** Admissions staff will know which parties are expected that day and will direct you and your guests to your reserved event space.

## How many animals come to a birthday party with ambassador animals, and can I select the animals?

Ambassador animals can be added to any party or event rental at the Zoo for a small fee. We bring up to four animals per party at a rate of \$25.00 per animal. Once your party is booked, we will send you a list of our current ambassador animals. You may request animals for your party but we cannot guarantee any animal's availability. Animal requests must be submitted no later than two weeks prior to your party.



# FAQs - ON CAMPUS

## How do I pay for the party?

You will receive an invoice containing full pricing information for your party after it is booked. **Please do not submit payment for your party before receiving your invoice.** A 50% non-refundable deposit is required one week before the party to confirm your reservation. The remaining balance is due when you arrive the day of your party. You will pay the Zoo Education staff when you arrive at your event space.

We accept the following payment methods:

- Cash\*
- Check (made out to “Racine Zoo” with the name and date of your party clearly marked)
- Credit/debit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express)\*\*

\*If paying with cash, please note we do not carry change.

\*\*All card transactions incur a processing fee.

## Can I change the guest count or add-ons?

A final guest headcount and any party add-ons are due one week before your party (no exceptions). After that date, your guest count is final and any additional guests will need to pay general admission. Conversely, no refunds are given if fewer guests arrive with your group than expected. Please plan the RSVP dates on your invitations accordingly.

Please note, your guest count includes those hosting the party and ALL guests of all ages (infants, parents, etc).

## Can you come to my party instead of us coming to the Zoo?

Yes, have the Zoo come to you! We offer off-campus birthday party programs that include a 30-45-minute program with three ambassador animals. Please see the off-campus birthday party information available on the “Wild Birthday Parties” page of our website to learn more!

# EVENT SPACES & ADD-ONS

All prices include full-day general Zoo admission for the allotted number of guests.  
 Racine Zoo members receive a 10% discount on all party bookings.

Event Space	# Included Guests	Rental Price	Cost per additional guest
Jungle Junction	24	\$350	\$8
Safari Deck	24	\$350	\$8
Kiwanis Education Center	30	\$400	N/A*
Felle Pavilion	40	\$525	\$8
North Train Tract	45	\$625	\$8
South Train Tract	45	\$625	\$8
Bear Backyard	60	\$800	\$8
Helen Ireland Wildlife Theater	50	\$675	\$8
Racine Rotary West Safari Base Camp Pavilion	50	\$675	\$8
Kiwanis Memorial Amphitheater	100	\$1250	\$8
Land of the Giants	100	\$1250	\$8

\*30 guests is the maximum capacity for the Kiwanis Education Center. No additional guests will be allowed in the space.















## ADD-ONS

**Additional Guests** \$8/person\*  
**Additional Time** \$50/hour  
**Ambassador Animals** \$25/animal  
**Grill** \$50  
**Area Heaters** \$50/heater

**Zoo-themed Craft** \$15  
 Includes 15 crafts  
**Zoo-themed Goodie bags** \$5/bag  
**Zoo-themed Story time** \$15

# ANIMAL AMBASSADOR LIST

This list is subject to change, and animals are never guaranteed.

	Asian Forest Scorpion
	Ball Python
	Chinchilla*
	Colorado River Toad
	Corn Snake
	Desert Tortoise
	Ferret
	Kenyan Sand Boa
	Leopard Gecko
	Lesser Tenrec
	Madagascar Hissing Cockroach
	Ornate Box Turtle
	Prehensile-tailed Skink
	Red Tegu

When you send in your booking sheet, we will send you an Ambassador Animals list. You can select up to seven of your most preferred animal guests.

While we do our best to bring your selected animals to your event, it is never guaranteed. In order to continue to provide the best care for our animals, we allow them to choose to come with us or not. Our ambassadors love going out and about, but always have the option to say no!

\*Due to special requirements, chinchillas may not go outside if the real-feel is over 70 degrees, or if it is too humid outside.

# EVENT SPACES

## JUNGLE JUNCTION

**\$350 | 24 Guests Included**



A great location for smaller groups looking for a covered meeting place for a picnic party. The gazebo is located between the Zoo's entrance and the historic Vanishing Kingdom castle.



## SAFARI DECK

**\$350 | 24 Guests Included**



This beautiful open-air space is perfect for a kid's birthday party and sits right next to the Zoo's largest playground. Surrounded on three sides by tall plants, and sitting on a slightly elevated deck, this space is close to some of the largest animals that call the zoo home.





# EVENT SPACES

## KIWANIS EDUCATION CENTER

**\$400 | 30 Guest Capacity**

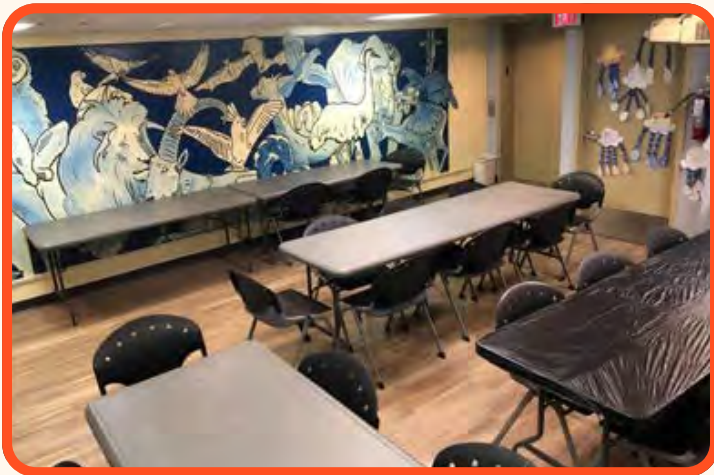


Indoors



Accessible

A year-round favorite for birthday parties, the Kiwanis Education Center is inside our main castle building. With elevator access and a beautiful mural, this classroom-style location is perfect for any indoor party.



## FELLE PAVILION

**\$525 | 40 Guests Included**



Outdoors



Open Air



Accessible

For smaller groups looking for a great “home base” for a picnic party, the area near the penguin habitat is a perfect fit! With a modern shade structure located in the heart of the Zoo, it is close to Walkabout Creek, Barnyard Safari, and the young children’s playground.



# EVENT SPACES

## SAFARI BASE CAMP PAVILION

**\$675 | 50 Guest Included**



Our most popular event location, the Rotary West Safari Base Camp Pavilion can host anything from formal fundraisers to backyard barbeques! Located adjacent to the Play Zoo with a beautiful view of Lake Michigan, the Pavilion is a covered structure with garage door-style walls that can be lowered to combat inclement weather or wind, or raised to let in a fresh breeze. Groups of 150 or more will be charged a dumpster rental fee of \$150.



Photos of other party venues available upon request.