

Self-Run Birthday Party Guidelines

Parties can be held any time the Zoo is open, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM daily.

We recommended that you start your party no later than 2:30 PM.

The Zoo is closed to the public on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

The Zoo is open daily from March through December.

The Zoo is open Friday through Monday in January and February.

Zoo staff is **NOT** available to assist in setting up or running your party.

You may use the picnic tables (free of charge) located in Zoo Central or Oasis (between Giraffes and Elephants).

They are available on a first-come, first-served basis and availability cannot be guaranteed.

The Celebration Hill area is **NOT** available on Saturdays and Sundays from April – October unless reserved as noted below.

One chaperone over the age of 21 is required per eight children.

You may bring your own food and beverages with you or purchase them from our concession stands.

You are responsible for cleaning up afterwards.

Please place all trash in the provided receptacles.

The Zoo tram runs a regular schedule to transport guests down to the center of the Zoo throughout the day – no special trips are made to transport birthday party guests.

No glass bottles, straws, balloons, confetti or other decorations that could be hazardous to the animals are permitted.

Additional Option:

You can reserve a space to hold your self-run birthday party under one of the tents at Celebration Hill (available April – October). Fee of \$300 includes:

1 ½ hours under a reserved tent at Celebration Hill at 10:30am or 12:30pm.

Zoo staff member will be present to oversee use of reserved space.

Please check availability with Group Sales Office prior to submitting reservation form.

Full amount of \$300.00 due when making reservation.

Parties are held rain or shine located under tents. Rain dates are available if weather is severe. To reschedule, leave a message at (443)552-5277 no later than 12:00 noon on the Friday before the scheduled event. If sufficient notice is not received, the Zoo will assume that the party will take place.

All other conditions listed above are applicable.

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