

# Program

The 2-hour birthday party includes activities that are tailored to be age appropriate for the birthday child and his/her friends. The CNC



educator will help keep children engaged and having fun while following this party schedule:

- Arrival activity
- Icebreaker game
- Outdoor exploration & games
- Indoor craft
- Refreshments  
*(if you choose to provide them)*
- Indoor party games
- Gift opening
- Birthday child distributes goodie bags to his/her guests

# What's Included

Within a week of scheduling your party, we will send you themed invitations to send to your child's friends. These invitations will include directions to CNC and suggestions for how to dress for the outdoor exploration and games portion of the event. The party fee includes the use of CNC's cups, plates, napkins and utensils. You will have access to the party room 30 minutes before the party and 30 minutes after the party. You will also have access to a refrigerator and freezer.



# Scheduling

Birthday parties must be scheduled a minimum of three weeks in advance. Parties are held on Saturdays and weekdays (when there is no school) from 9 am-4 pm and Sundays from 1-4 pm. Scheduling is dependent on staff and facility availability; we encourage you to schedule your party well in advance of the event date. To schedule a party, please fill out the request form online. For questions, contact Susan Kruse, Scheduler, at [skruse@chippewanaturecenter.org](mailto:skruse@chippewanaturecenter.org) or 989-631-0830.

# Cost

Parties are available to CNC members. The fee for a party is \$165 for up to 10 children (including the birthday child). There is a \$5 per child fee for each additional child above 10 with a maximum of 20 children total. A \$50 deposit is due at least three weeks before the party, with the balance due on the day of your party. In the case of multiple birthday children (i.e., twins celebrating together) at the same party, there will be a \$10 charge for each additional birthday child. You may purchase a membership at the time of scheduling. Payments may be made by cash, check, VISA, MasterCard or Discover.



# Your Role

Send invitations provided by CNC to party guests. If you would like to provide refreshments such as cake and ice cream, CNC will provide the cups, plates, napkins and utensils. We also ask that you bring at least one adult for every 10 children at the party.

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# Birthday Parties



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*Venture Out!*

# Host a Birthday Party at Chippewa Nature Center!

Chippewa Nature Center (CNC) members can have a full birthday experience for children 4-12 years old and up to 19 of their friends. A CNC Educator will coordinate a 2-hour themed experience that includes personalized invitations to send to your guests, outdoor exploration and games, an indoor craft, indoor party games, a gift for the birthday child and a goodie bag for each party guest. The room will be decorated to match your child's party theme before you arrive.

## Party Themes

### Scales and Slime

If turtles, snakes, frogs and toads make your birthday kid smile, then this is the party for you. Guests will explore the outdoors and be amazed at the cool adaptations these critters have for their unique lifestyles. Activities will vary seasonally.



### Bird Bonanza!



Soar with the hawks and dive with the kingfishers as we explore the awesome aviators of Michigan. We'll spend time outdoors looking for and playing games about birds of all sizes. If we're lucky, we

might even spot an eagle cruising the river or a great blue heron fishing at the pond.

### Insect Safari

Six legs, three body parts, two antennae and usually some wings are a great recipe for fun. During this party, we'll become explorers of the insect world and find out who lives there. If your child is into creepy crawlies, you won't want to miss this safari party! Activities will vary seasonally.



### Mammal Mania

Come experience the wild side of Michigan's mammals. We'll spend time looking for mammals and their signs, as well as becoming wild mammals as we play games both indoors and out.



### Outdoor Survival



Get "lost" in the fun of this survival party! The birthday child and his/her friends will try their hand at surviving the elements with indoor games and crafts. Outdoor time will give children the opportunity to build shelters and then destroy the finished product in an effort to leave no trace. Ages 8+.

### Nature Detectives

Calling all super sleuths! Grab your magnifying glasses and your mighty powers of observation to decipher clues and solve puzzles. Investigators of all ages will enjoy outdoor games and activities that have an air of natural mystery.



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