WILD Birthday Party Info Sheet & FAQs

Thank you for choosing to party WILD at Potawatomi Zoo! Please read through the following information regarding parties at the Zoo. We want your child’s party to be a ZOO-per experience; please let us know if you have any questions. Contact the Education Department by phone at (574) 235-9070, or email birthdays@potawatomizoo.org.

Wild Birthday Party Packages include...
- Admission for 25 guests (Guest count does not include children under the age of 2)
- Assistance from a Birthday Party Host
- Up to 2 hours in party space
- Two educational animal encounters (Animal Adventure only)
- Attraction ticket for child partygoer to ride train or carousel.
- A gift for the birthday child
- Nature Mask Craft for children ages 3+ (10 included, but more can be added on)
- Animal-themed game

Zoo Rules
Please be advised of the following rules as they apply to your party.
- Children (ages 14 & under) must be accompanied by an adult while outside the party space.
- There is no smoking or vaping allowed inside the zoo.

The following items are not permitted:
- Balloons or balls
- Alcohol (unless served by Potawatomi Zoo)
- Animals or pets, except for service animals
- Piñatas
- Noise makers
- Straw and Lids – due to animal safety
- Bikes, skates, or skateboards*

*If one of these items is given as a gift, your child would not be allowed to use it on zoo grounds.

To comply with CDC and Education Department guidelines, party guests will be required to wear masks for the duration of the party, unless they are eating or drinking or cannot be socially distanced. And the number of guests is limited to 25.
The day of your party...
- You may arrive up to 10 minutes prior to the start time of the party. Your party host will greet you at the party area (Zoo Farm Playground May-October and Learning Center Classroom December-April). We will have a wagon available for your use if you may need it to transport your goods or supplies. Please ask the birthday party host when you check into your space. The Party Child’s family vehicle will have dedicated parking space next to the Learning Center.

What is the party set-up?
- There are 5 picnic tables outside and 4 six foot tables inside with two banquet-style tables for food, dessert, and gifts.

May I bring my own food and drinks into the zoo?
- You are welcome to bring your own food and drinks. The zoo does not have a space for storing food or beverages. If you are bringing food/beverages (non-alcoholic) that need to be kept cold, please pack them in a cooler until serving.
- Food, candles, serving utensils, plates, etc. If you do forget something on the day of your party, ask your party host as we may have what you are missing. If the Congo Café is catering your party, they will supply all the needed paper goods (plates & napkins), but not forks, spoons, etc.

What if there is inclement weather?
- Parties are held rain or shine. Parties booked in our Zoo Farm Playground will be moved into our learning center classroom if there is inclement weather.

Additional information is available on our website.

Thank you for booking a WILD Birthday Party with us, we are glad you are here!