

MNC Campfire Birthday Party

Thanks for scheduling your birthday at Meadowside Nature Center! Here are some details to help your party go smoothly.

Please plan your party set-up, cleanup, nature program, and party activities within your 3 hour reserved time. You have use of the campfire ring during this time.

1-4 pm:

1-1:30 Set-up

1:30-2 Guest Arrival

2-3 Naturalist-led program

3-4 Party activities and clean-up

Payment is required in full at the time of reservation. We do not give refunds unless your reservation has been canceled by the nature center. Payment must be made by cash, credit card, or by check made payable to Active Montgomery. Write your reserved date and time on your check. Please contact the nature center to pay via credit card.

Birthday party packages have been designed for a maximum of 20 children, with a total maximum of 35 people (children and adults) in attendance. The birthday child must be turning at least 5 years old.

The naturalist will start the campfire and put out the campfire after the naturalist-led program ends (families may not start their own campfire). The naturalist-led activities include marshmallow roasting, stories, and games. Meadowside will provide 1 roasting stick per child participant (up to 20) and 1 bag of marshmallows. No other food is allowed to be cooked over the campfire.

An alternate party theme must be chosen in advance in case of inclement weather. In this case the party would be moved into the indoor classroom and the alternate party theme will be used.

You are responsible for keeping the area clean. Please leave the campfire area as you found it. Remove any decorations or items that you bring to the area.

We will provide trash bags. All trash your group produces must exit with you. Trash can be deposited in the large trash cans on the west side of the parking lot or in the trash cans and recycling bins located next to the handicap entrance on the side of the building if they will fit. Do not leave trash bags sitting outside of the trash cans.

Electricity and water are NOT available at the campfire site. We do not have kitchen facilities available. Please bring your food in coolers or other appropriate containers. Bring all items you will need including plates, cups, napkins, plastic ware, birthday candles, matches, and decorations. We also suggest you bring tablecloths.

Decorations may not be placed near the campfire ring. The following are not allowed: piñatas, confetti, candles (except for birthday candles), and balloons of any kind.

Cooking, flames, grills, or any other heating devices are not permitted.

Please limit your birthday party activities and food consumption to the campfire area. Picnic tables must stay within the campfire area.

Adults must accompany and supervise all children visiting other parts of the nature center including the exhibit areas, lobby, Curiosity Corner room, Raptor Walkway, trails, and restrooms.

Please do not allow climbing, running, screaming/loud noises, or other inappropriate behavior when inside the center or around the raptors located outside the center.

Please do not feed or put any other items in the pond or any of the animal cages.