

# Dino-Mite Dinosaur Birthday Parties

Let us guide your little paleontologists on their next big adventure!!



## What Your Dino-Mite Party Includes:

- Zoo Admission for your guest
- Validated Parking
- Private Birthday Room
- DinoTrek tickets for your party guests
- An up-close visit from our education animals with dinosaur themed presentation
- Adventure Guide to lead dinosaur themed games, serve cake, and escort to the DinoTrek entrance
- $\frac{1}{4}$  sheet Personalized Dinosaur-Themed Cake and Tableware
- Goodie Bags for Children
- 10 Invitations

## Pricing: 20 Guest Dino-Mite Party Package: (including all adults and children)

### Member Pricing

\$425

### Non-Member Pricing

\$475

Pricing is for up to 20 guests. Any guest over this amount will be billed at the following rate:

Additional Attendees: \$15 each (includes ticket to Dino-Trek)

## Add On Options (tax included):

- **12" Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza- \$15/pizza.** Feed your little party dinos with a pizza delivered from Taste of the Wild Catering.
- **Additional 1/4 Sheet Cake- \$25.** Expecting a herd? Add another 1/4 sheet cake (cake will be decorated as a 1/2 sheet Dinosaur themed cake).
- **Tokens- \$1.00 each.** After/before the party take your little paleontologists to the Wild Animal Carousel (\$2/rider), the Wilderness Express (\$3/rider) or to Lorikeet Landing (\$1/feeding nectar to be used prior to 2:30pm).
- **Additional Invitations- \$1.00 each**

## Themed Animal Presentation:

- **Modern Day Dinosaurs-** Meet a couple of animals (up to 2) who demonstrate that although dinosaurs may have gone extinct, many of their adaptations lived on!

## Availability

**March 15 - July 30th (Fri. - Sun.)**

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

1 - 3 p.m.

4 - 6 p.m.

- Minimum of 14 days advance booking required for Dino-Mite parties.
- Base package payment due upon receipt of signed contract and can be paid with cash, check or credit card.
- Add-on options can be added up to 5 days in advance.
- Please note: A Credit Card number is required to reserve the party and will be charged for any additional guests or add-ons on the day of the party in the event that charges are not paid via another method.
- *For the safety of our animals the zoo does not allow glass, balloons, streamers, confetti, stickers, whistles or piñatas on its grounds.*

**Ready to book your Dino-Mite Party?** Just email us at [birthdayparties@nashvillezoo.org](mailto:birthdayparties@nashvillezoo.org) or call 615-833-1534 ext. 138 to determine available dates and times. Parties book up quickly so reserve your party today!

# Dino-Mite Party Frequently Asked Questions

## How do I book my Dino-Mite Party and when will it be confirmed?

You can request availability online at <http://www.nashvillezoo.org/events/birthday/zooper>. We will contact you at first opportunity with any available party times and dates and send you a Dino-Mite contract. Fill out the contract and mail, fax, or email it back in or if you prefer we can take your reservation over the phone at 615-833-1534 ext 138.

## When will my party be confirmed and when will I receive my invitations?

Once we receive your party agreement and payment you will receive a confirmation letter via email and invitations will be mailed. Your package includes all benefits listed on the Party Agreement, including admission and parking for all guests. Your guests will be required to present their invitation, provided by you, to the receptionist at the Croft Center as well as have their parking ticket validated at that point. Packages include 10 invitations. Additional invitations can be purchased for \$1.00 per invitation.

## What is your cancellation policy?

Please note the parties will take place regardless of weather.

- A \$75 cancellation fee will be retained for all parties cancelled after initial booking and at least 8 days prior to party date.
- A \$100 cancellation fee will be retained for all parties cancelled within 7 days of the party date. Additional cakes and catering must be cancelled at least 4 days prior to the party date to be refunded.
- Partial refunds can only be issued for parties cancelled a minimum of 24 hours prior to the party date. Cancellations after this time will not be eligible for refund.

If you are unable to attend your party your payments are considered a charitable donation and are therefore tax deductible.

## Who is counted as a guest? What if they are Zoo members?

Any guests that exceed the amount allotted within your party contract will be charged at a rate of \$15 per guest. All additional guest charges will be placed on your credit card following the party. All guests 2 years of age or older will be counted as party attendees and any additional guests will be charged accordingly. In the case of zoo members attending your party, they are attending a special zoo party with benefits outside of zoo membership and will be counted in your party attendance and charged accordingly.

## What if Unexpected Extra Guests arrive?

This will be left to your discretion. If you are trying to limit the number of people in attendance, we advise you to phrase your invitations in a manner that will reflect your outcome. Any attendees that stay in the room for the duration of the party will be counted as guests of the party. If additional people arrive you can refer them to the front ticket booth to purchase admission tickets and designate a time and a place to meet them inside the zoo at the conclusion of your party. Only your party guests are permitted to enter the Zoo through the Croft Center.

## Do I need to bring anything to the party?

Feel free to bring games or additional favors (hats, blowers, etc.) that you wish to supplement the party. **We do not allow balloons, piñatas, confetti, glass, or straws which are potentially fatal to our animals if ingested.** You may also bring table clothes and additional decorations (please see set up for further information).

## Can we bring our own food?

You are welcome to bring in your own food but will be responsible for providing your own tableware for additional items. We have a small refrigerator/freezer if you'd like to store ice cream or food 1/2 hour prior to your party. Any left over food may not be stored in our refrigerators due to the needs of the next party. If you would like food items other than those offered in the contract please contact the Catering Sales Manager at 615-445-7825 for menus and pricing. **Please note the following general rules of the Zoo apply for additional food and beverage: No outside caterer allowed on premise. No alcohol.**

## When does my party start? End? What is the set up / clean up schedule?

Your party will start at the top of the hour of your time slot. You may arrive 15 minutes prior to your party to deliver additional foods or do any additional decorating. You may hang signs with tape on the windows or tables only and must remove everything before the party ends. You may not tape or pin anything to the mural walls. Your party will end promptly at the end of the hour and your host will have another party to set up for and will need to clean up immediately after your party has ended. We provide a cart for your use in moving your gifts and extra food to your car. Please return this cart to the Croft Center after you have delivered your party items to your car.

## What should I expect at my party?

When you arrive at the Zoo please enter the Croft Center located just off the parking lot through the two white marble lions.

1. You will be greeted in the Croft Center by your Adventure Guide. The receptionist will direct the rest of your guest to the party room to join you. If you would like to leave a guest list with the receptionist she will be happy to check off the invited guests and direct them to your party room. She will advise all others to proceed to the ticket hut to purchase Zoo tickets and alert them of the party conclusion time.
2. The Adventure Guide will begin the party by initiating a few games.
3. Depending on your time slot, party room, and add-on options you will then embark on fun with an animal presentation, pizza (if ordered), or cake. For a specific schedule please call 615-833-1534 ext 138 after booking your party.
4. After these things have all been completed your Adventure Guide will help to load your items such as left over cake and presents onto the birthday cart and deliver this to the front desk with the receptionist for safe keeping. *Please note that when your party leaves to go to Dino-Trek the initial clean up will be begin in your room. We suggest you take all purses and valuables with you at this time.*
5. Your Adventure Guide will then escort your party to the DinoTrek exhibit. *Party parents are required to accompany the group and all guests are encouraged to do so. If, however, you have some guest that would like to remain in the room they are free to do so up until the end of your party time slot.*
6. The Adventure Guide will play a series of games with the children as you make your way to the Dino-Trek entrance. Once you have arrived at the entrance to Dino-Trek the Adventure Guide will hand over the allotted number of tickets to your guests and will say goodbye at this time to return to the Croft Center and prepare for their next party. Please note: If there is a waiting line at Dino-Trek your party will be required to wait in line. After you have made your way through Dino-Trek you are very to explore the zoo and then simply stop back by the Croft Center (within 2 hours) where your gifts and

remaining cake will be waiting for you at the front desk. If you opt to stay in the Zoo with your guest you are responsible for all children and activities once you are taken to the Dino-Trek exhibit.  
\*\*Please note that if your party time slot is 4:00 pm- 6:00 pm the entrance into Dino-Trek will take place promptly at 5:30pm. The zoo closes at 6pm so upon exiting the Dino-Trek exhibit you will make your way to the Croft Center to collect your belongings before departing the zoo at the 6pm closing time.

**Animal Presentation**

Private animal presentations are done at specific times depending on the time slot you schedule your party. When you book your party you will be given the time that the animals will arrive. These times may not be changed due to other scheduled parties and education activities. If for some reason you are unable to be in the room at this time, you may forfeit the animal presentation.

The Nashville Zoo respects both the safety of the party guests and the animals when choosing presentation creatures.

**When should I suggest my guest visit the animal exhibits and Jungle Gym?**

If your party falls during 10:00 am - 12:00 pm or the 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm time slot we recommend the guests should wait until after the party is over before visiting the animal exhibits & Jungle Gym as they will be out in the Zoo after visiting the Dino-Trek exhibit. If your party falls into the 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. time slot, guests should plan to visit the animal exhibits and Jungle Gym before the official party time begins. Your guests may enter the Zoo through the main gates if they show their Zoo provided invitation to the ticket attendant or they can enter the Croft Center by showing their invitation to the receptionist and she will be happy to store any presents at the desk. If your guest does not have an invitation then we will not be able to permit them to enter the Zoo.