



Zoo-it-Yourself Parties

You gather up the pack and we provide the ticket to run a little "wild"!!

What our Zoo-It-Yourself Party Includes:

- Zoo Admission for guests
- One Wild Animal Carousel Tokens OR Lorikeet Food Voucher for each child (feeding vouchers must be used prior to 2:30pm)
- Special Gift for Birthday Child
- Party Favor for each child in your party
- 10% discount coupon for the Zoofari Gift Shop for each guest
- Self Guided Activity Sheets

Pricing:

Member Pricing (if party host is a Zoo member)

\$9.50 per child

\$9.50 per adult guest who are not Zoo members

Adult guest who are zoo members may use their membership to enter the Zoo for free.

Non-Member Pricing (if party host is not a Zoo member)

\$12.50 per child

\$12.50 per adult who are not zoo guest

Adult guest who are zoo members may use their membership to enter the Zoo for free

*There is a 10 person minimum purchase for ZIY discounts.

*ZIY party packages are designed for birthday children 12 years of age and under.



Add another Wild dimension (tax included):

- Snack Pack Combo Voucher available at Zoofari Outpost or SnakeBites- \$2.75/each
- Meal Combo Voucher available at Zoofari Cafe- \$6.50/each

Availability

Zoo-it-Yourself parties are designed to allow flexibility and can be booked any day of the year that the Zoo is open. Please note the following about the parties:



- Minimum of 7 days advance booking required for Zoo-it-Yourself parties.
- You will pick up a bag with all your goodies including admission tickets and add on vouchers at the Main Ticket Hut. Your party will be allowed to enter only once your entire group is present.
- You are welcome to bring your own picnic food and cake, but there are no reserved eating spaces for Zoo-It-Yourself parties. You are more than welcome to use any of the Zoo's outdoor seating areas at Zoofari Café, Festival Field, Snake Bites, or Jungle Gym on a first come, first served basis.
- *For the safety of our animals the zoo does not allow glass, balloons, streamers, confetti, stickers, whistles or piñatas on its grounds.*

Ready to Zoo-it-Yourself?

Just email us at birthdayparties@nashvillezoo.org or call 615-833-1534 ext. 138 and we will send you the Zoo-it-Yourself registration form.

Zoo it Yourself Party Frequently Asked Questions

What can I expect the day of my party?

On the day of your party you will go to the Guest Services Hut located just inside the zoo's entrance while your party guests remain outside the ticket booth. A Guest Services representative will give you your party pack that includes: admission tickets, your requested carousel token OR lorikeet food voucher for each child, party favors, special gift for birthday child, gift shop coupons, activity sheets, and any add on food vouchers purchased. Once your entire party is present you will be able to enter the zoo and enjoy your day at your leisure. Please note that your entire party must be present to proceed through the ticket gates. Guest Services Hut will not be able to offer "will call" at any point during the day.

How do I book a Zoo-it-Yourself party?

You can book a party by going online to our birthday party page at http://www.nashvillezoo.org/events_birthday.asp and filling out the online registration form. Zoo- it-Yourself parties must be requested at least 7 days prior to your requested party date. Payment in full is due at the time of booking and booking confirmation must be received at least 5 days prior to party date. Upon confirmation the registrant's card will be processed, a confirmation letter will be sent via email and a party packet will be available for pick-up on the scheduled party date by 9am at the Zoo's guest services hut.

What if I have additional guests on the day of my party?

We encourage you to have a full head count before registering for a Zoo-it-Yourself party, but if you have additional guests on the day of your party you may pay for them at that time. Any additional child guests will not receive the party favors and vouchers that are provided for your other child guests as these packs must be reserved in advance. If your additional adult guests are zoo members they may enter through the zoo member entrance.

What if some of my guests are zoo members?

Any of your adult guests who are zoo members are welcome to enter the zoo through the membership line. Because children attending the party receive more than regular zoo admittance any child you wish to provide the party offerings for must be registered and paid for as a Zoo-it-Yourself guest. If a child is Zoo member they may enter for free as a member but will not receive any party offerings- only registered Zoo-it-Yourself child guests will receive party package offerings.

What are the party favors and can I add my own?

The party favors may alternate throughout the year depending on availability but will consist of one Zoo themed item and a sweet. Each child will also receive either a carousel token OR a lorikeet feeding voucher. You are welcome to bring additional party favors or goodies for your guests. **Please note that for the safety of our animals balloons, confetti, piñatas, and straws are not permitted on the zoo property.**

What if some of my guests do not show up?

The Zoo can not offer refunds for anyone that does not show up but you are welcome to use the admission tickets, carousel tokens, or lorikeet food vouchers for up to one year from your party date. The Café food vouchers or snack pack vouchers are only good on the day of your party.

What is the cancellation policy for Zoo-it-Yourself parties?

The "wild" thing about Zoo-it-Yourself parties is the flexibility! In the case of weather or a family event prohibiting you from attending on your party date we can hold your materials and transfer them to another date. Rescheduling your party can only occur before entering the Zoo. If your party cannot be rescheduled you can use your zoo admission tickets and lorikeet or carousel tokens anytime throughout the year. Meal or snack pack vouchers can only be transferred to another party date and can not be transferred to open ended use. The Zoo is open 362 days a year but in the event that the zoo is closed due to weather or animal emergency a full refund will be issued.

What is a meal voucher or a snack pack and where do I use it?

Meal vouchers can be redeemed for a small souvenir fountain drink and one of the following meals: hot dog and fries, chicken finger basket, or a cheese or pepperoni pizza. Meal Vouchers can be redeemed at the Zoofari Café only. Snack pack vouchers can be redeemed for a small souvenir fountain drink and one of the following: cotton candy, regular popcorn, snow cone, or soft serve ice cream cone. Snack Pack vouchers can only be redeemed at Zoofari Outpost located by the Jungle Gym or at Snakebites located in Unseen New World Plaza. Both Meal vouchers and Snack Pack vouchers are non-refundable and not redeemable for cash.

Can we bring our own food to the zoo?

You are welcome to bring your own food to the zoo. Please note that there is no reserved seating at the zoo and picnic tables are on a first come first serve basis. Also note that for the safety of our animals straws and glass are not permitted on the zoo property. Unfortunately, we do not have the facilities at the zoo to store any food or presents. We do recommend that you bring a wagon and/or a cooler with wheels to transport your food and presents through the zoo.

What activities or tours do you offer?

The zoo does not offer personal guided tours but would encourage you to plan your leisurely trip around the zoo based on a keeper talk or animal shows. The keeper talks take place throughout the week at a variety of animal exhibits. To view the keeper talk schedule for your particular party date please visit http://www.nashvillezoo.org/visitor_keeper_talks.asp. Animal shows take place in the Amphitheater and last approximately 20 minutes. The show schedule on the day of your party can be found Nashville Zoo's website at http://www.nashvillezoo.org/education_shows.asp. Other recommended daily activities would be a trip to the wildly popular Jungle Gym or a tour through Critter Encounter for an up-close visit with some of our animal residents.

What if we want to ride the carousel and receive lorikeet food vouchers?

One carousel ride OR lorikeet food token is included for each child guest in the per guest price. If you would like to participate in both activities you may buy Carousel tokens on the day of your party from the guest services hut or at the carousel and purchase Lorikeet nectar at Lorikeet Landing.

What if we want to ride the Wilderness Express train?

We can not substitute the provided tokens for train rides however you can purchase additional tokens on the day of your party to make up to the 3 tokens per person needed to ride the train.