

Zooper Parties

Where animals, nature and fun converge!

Calling all party animals—host a birthday party at Nashville Zoo and enjoy a wild time. Customize your party with options for crafts, goodie bags and more!

For more information, email birthdayparties@nashvillezoo.org or call (615)833-1534 ext. 138.



ZOOPER PARTIES

Pricing:

Member Pricing*:
\$340

Non-Member Pricing*:
\$390

*Party rooms can accommodate up to 40 guests. If you need a larger room please indicate on submission form.

*Zoo ticket or proof of Nashville Zoo membership is required at point of entry.

Zooper Parties Include:

- Room rental for 1.5 hours in Zoo's Croft Center
- 10 FREE admission tickets
- Education animal encounter
- Jungle-themed tableware
- Party host
- Special gift for the birthday child (limit 1 per party)
- Electronic invitation

Availability

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. (available Mar 15-Oct 14 only)

Reservation Policy

- Parties are booked on a first-come, first-serve basis and require a minimum of 14 days advance notice.
- Party Enhancements can be added up to 10 days prior to party date.
- Additional tickets can be purchased up to 48 hours in advance.
- Payment due upon receipt of contract and can be paid with cash, check or credit card.
- *For the safety of our animals the zoo does not allow glass, balloons, streamers, confetti, stickers, flying objects (balls, Frisbees, etc.) whistles or piñatas on its grounds.*

Animal Encounter

Private animal presentations are done at specific times depending on your scheduled time slot. 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.

There are 4 different presentations to choose from. Each program provides a variety of animals from which the education department will select **2** for your party based on availability and behaviors. **We do not accept requests for specific animals other than “no creepy crawlies” which includes reptiles and bugs.** The animal presentation options are:

- Born in the USA – Eastern box turtle, Corn snake, Gopher tortoise, Virginia opossum, Eastern screech owl, European rabbit
- Desert Dwellers – Bearded dragon, Kenyan sand boa, African hedgehog, New Guinea blue tongued skink, European rabbit
- South of the Border – Tarantula, Chinchilla, European rabbit, 3-banded armadillo, Virginia opossum, Honduran milksnake
- Creepy Crawlies – Madagascan hissing cockroach, Tarantula, Bearded dragons, New Guinea blue tongued skink, Corn snake, Kenyan sand boa, White's tree frog

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

Ready to book your Zooper party?

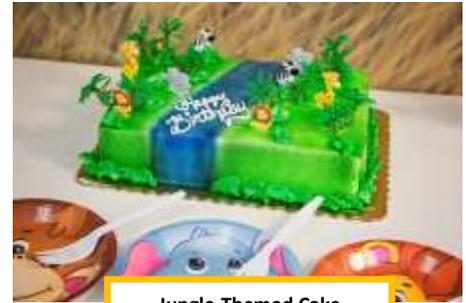
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Party Enhancements

Additional non-member tickets..... \$12/ticket
Includes validated parking

Jungle Themed Cake**

- 1/4 Sheet Cake—feeds 20—25 people.....\$23.49
- 1/2 Sheet Cake—feeds 40—50 people.....\$43.99



Jungle-Themed Cake

Goodie Bags**

- Standard Goodie Bag* \$4.75/goodie bag
 - Includes: Zoo logoed water bottle, Animal-themed sunglasses, 4 various pieces of candy, Animal Sticker, Animal Stamp
- Deluxe Goodie Bag* \$9.75/goodie bag
 - Includes: Animal Drawstring Adventure Bag, Zoo logoed water bottle, Animal-themed sunglasses, 4 various pieces of candy, Animal Sticker, Animal Stamp

*Goodie bags based on available stock. Item substitutions may be necessary.

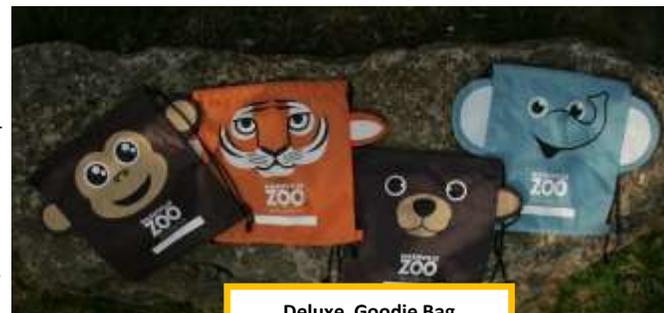


Standard Goodie Bag

Docent Tour..... \$30

Choose from one of the tour options below. Tours last 20 – 30 minutes and will depart from party room. All proceeds go toward Nashville Zoo’s conservation efforts.

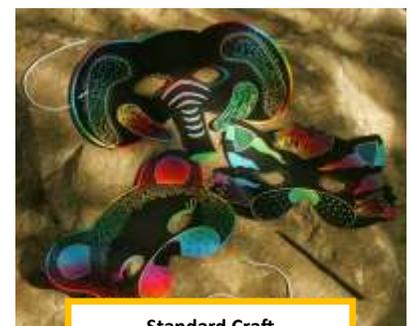
- **Animal Behaviors:** Animals have some incredible & interesting behaviors. Some are active at night, others need to protect themselves from extreme heat, most need to protect themselves from other animals, while others need to figure out how to catch dinner. Join us to spot interesting animals behaviors!
- **Animal Adaptations:** Animals live in different environments: very hot , very cold, on mountains, in trees, & in the ocean. Some animals eat meat, some eat seeds & plants, while others eat fish or other sea life. Some animals are very tall & weigh thousands of pounds while others are almost invisible. Why are animals so different & what are the advantages? Find out the reasons on this tour!
- **Predator/Prey Tour:** Who invites a tiger to dinner? No one of course. So how do they eat? Learn about the relationship between predators & prey in the animal world on this tour. You will gain a better understanding of how animals find their dinner or escape the jaws of hungry predators & learn what happens when a part of the food web is removed.



Deluxe Goodie Bag

Craft Options**

- Standard..... \$2/craft
 - Animal Scratch off Mask
- Deluxe..... \$4.50/craft
 - Adventure Safari Hat with crafting materials



Standard Craft

Tokens..... \$1/token

All Zoo activities require two tokens – Wild Animal Carousel, Wilderness Express Train and Lorikeet Feeding



Deluxe Craft

**Tax will be charged on these items

ZOOPER PARTY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can participate in a Nashville Zoo Birthday Party?

Zooper parties are suited for children 1 – 12 years old and accompanying adults. Our birthday party spaces can accommodate a maximum of 40 people. If you would like to invite more than 50 people, please specify that in your inquiry and we can check availability in a larger room.

How do I book my Zooper Party and when will it be confirmed?

You can request availability online at <http://www.nashvillezoo.org/birthday-parties#zooper>. We will contact you using your preferred method of contact with available party times and dates and send you a Zooper contract. Fill out the top portion of 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. The bottom portion of the contract will be due back to us 10 days prior to your party date confirming any party enhancements. You will be sent a reminder at least 2 weeks prior to your party date.

When will my party be confirmed and when will I receive my tickets?

Once we receive your agreement and payment, you will receive an email confirming payment and the date, time and room of your party. Your 10 FREE admission tickets (includes parking) and catering information will also be attached to that email along with a suggested itinerary specific to your party. Any additional tickets purchased after the initial confirmation packet sent need to be requested a minimum of 48 hours in advance of party and will be emailed to you.

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.

What if Unexpected Extra Guests arrive?

All tickets must be purchased a minimum of 48 hours in advance of your party. If extra guests arrive, they can purchase admission at the main ticket huts and present their ticket or receipt to the receptionist at the Croft Center to gain admittance into the party.

How will my party guests get into the Zoo?

All your party guests will enter the party through our Croft Center or the main ticket hut by showing their membership or the ticket that was emailed to the party host.

What if my guests forget their membership card?

If a guest forgets their membership card, they will have to visit our membership hut located near the main ticket booths to receive a temporary membership card.

What if I need to purchase more tickets on the day of the party?

You can purchase more tickets for the \$12 rate up 48 hours in advance of your party. If more guests show up that you were not expecting, you can direct them to the ticket booth to purchase tickets at full price or you can do so for them.

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 cloths and additional decorations (please see set up for further information).

Can we bring our own food?

Since the party is held in a Zoo facility, we require events to use our on-site caterer Taste of the Wild. No outside food is allowed in these rooms. The party does include pitchers of water, however you are more than welcome to supply additional drinks. **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 walls. Your party will end promptly at the end of your rental time as 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 are the duties of the party host?

Our party host is there to ensure that your Zooper party runs smoothly and all activities begin and end on time. They will be there to greet the party, go over your itinerary and then they will put a temporary animal tattoo on each child that enters the party. The party host will then introduce your animal presentation and help serve any food you have ordered and the cake. *Please note, the party host is not there to facilitate games or keep the children entertained while everyone arrives.*

What should I expect at my party?

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

You will be greeted in the Croft Center by the front desk receptionist who will collect your tickets or check your membership card. He or she will then direct you and your guests to the party room. Your party host will be at the front to go over your party itinerary and to put an animal themed tattoo on each child that enters the room.

The room will be set up with games, a craft if one was purchased and coloring sheets. The host is not there to facilitate games but instructions and game suggestions will be left on the table.

Depending on your time slot, party room, and add-on options you will then embark on your fun-filled day with an animal presentation, food (if ordered), and cake. For a specific schedule please call 615-833-1534 ext 138 after booking your party.

After these things have all been completed your party host 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, you will not be returning to the party room once your timeslot is over so all belongings must be taken with you.*

Once the party is over, you are free to stay in the Zoo and enjoy activities of your choosing. Your presents and cake will remain with the receptionist, for up to 2 more hours, until you return to collect them and take them to your car. If multiple parties are occurring on the party date, your items may be neatly stacked on the floor due to the limited availability of carts.

If you opt to stay in the Zoo with your guests, you are responsible for all children and activities past the party time.