

Birthday Party FAQ

Question: “I see that the party will allow up to 25 people total, and up to 15 children. What if I have 15 adults and 10 children attend?”

Answer: That is fine, if you have less than 15 children you may have more than 10 adults, as long as the TOTAL number of participants is 25 people or less.

Question: “Can I reserve a party more than 3 months in advance?”

Answer: No, we only accept reservations up to 3 months in advance. Parties are not held every single weekend date, and dates open for parties in any given month may vary.

Question: “Can I have a party with more than 15 children, or more than 25 guests total?”

Answer: Yes! There is the option to expand this standard package to accommodate up to 40 people (up to 30 of these may be children) for an additional fee of \$225. This is subject to availability, if the addition of an extra room is made within 2 weeks of the party date the charge will be \$300. An extra room will not be available to be added on within 24 hours of a birthday party. For parties larger than 40 people, we do rent other spaces within LWE, those rentals are subject to availability and have a separate pricing structure.

Question: “I may have a few extra guests over the 25 person limit, but I don’t want to pay for an extra room. Can I just pay for these guests individually?”

Answer: The party package is designed, and priced for up to 25 people maximum. Any number of people beyond that becomes too crowded for the comfort of guests, and our animal ambassadors. If you do have a number of guests exceeding the 25 person limit you will be charged **\$50 per person** for each additional person.

Question: “Can parents drop off their children to attend the party?”

Answer: Of course! However, we require a ratio of at least 1 adult (not including LWE staff) to every 5 children at a party at all times. Although the party will be hosted by a

LWE staff member, it is expected that the host family and other supervising adults will make sure that all guests are following the rules.

Question: “Does the party package include a tour of the Exhibit Hall?”

Answer: No, all party guests will have self-guided time in the Exhibit Hall after your time in the private room. There will be Exhibit Hall staff on the floor to answer any questions, but no LWE staff members assisting your party personally at this time.

Question: “I don’t know if I will need the additional party space for extra guests or not. Can I reserve it later?”

Answer: Yes, however:

- 1) We do not guarantee availability of this space until it is reserved and paid for.
- 2) If you book it within 2 weeks of the date of your party, the price will increase from \$225 to \$300
- 3) It cannot be reserved within 24 hours of the date of your party- for example, if a party is being held on a Saturday, the reservation request must be made by the Thursday night before.

Question: “Will we be able to hold and handle animals as part of the private animal presentation?”

Answer: No, select animals may be touched gently, according to instructions, but may only be held and handled by Lindsay staff. Not all animal ambassadors are touchable, you will be allowed to choose one touchable animal ambassador as part of your party package.

Question: “Does the party package include other games or activities besides a private animal encounter?”

Answer: No, the party host family is welcome to bring other games or activities to lead during the rest of your time in the private room (subject to noise and safety, please check about specific activities), but the only activity provided by and led by LWE staff is the private animal encounter. Often, the private animal encounter, and checking out natural history specimens in the space, is more than enough to keep the party entertained when they are not having food or cake time in the room!

Question: Do I need to pay anything extra for the goodie bags?

Answer: No, the price of goodie bags is already included in what you pay for your party package. You bring something additional to add to the goodie bags, please no noisemakers.

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