

# Birthday Parties

**RIVERBANKS**  
ZOO & GARDEN  
— Events and Hospitality —



Riverbanks Zoo & Garden is the ultimate birthday party venue for kids of all ages! The below 'basic package' has been created to save you both time and money.

## PARTY DETAILS:

All birthday parties are 1.5 hours and take place at 11:00am or 1:30pm in one of two locations:

# ZOO

Have a Zooperb birthday in our private outdoor space. Enjoy a uniquely wild experience of an Animal Encounter as you and your guests get up close to your choice of small mammal or reptile.

# Waterfall JUNCTION

AT RIVERBANKS BOTANICAL GARDEN

Have a splashing good time in Waterfall Junction. The party will be held in the Classroom then you and your guests can spend the afternoon playing under the 25-foot cascading waterfall.

**\$26.95 PER PERSON**

All Service Charge and Tax is included. Party minimum is 20 guests (adult or child).  
Guests under 2 are free of charge.

\*Ask about our Member discount.

## ALL BIRTHDAY PARTIES INCLUDE:

**ADMISSION** – All Day Admission Tickets for Riverbanks Zoo & Garden

**FOOD & BEVERAGES** – Choice of Pizza or Hot Dogs for the group, served with Kettle Chips, Lemonade and Water

**BIRTHDAY GIFT** – Something Special for the Birthday Child

**PARTY GEAR** – Small Activity Bag for Each Child and Simple Centerpieces for Guest Tables



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Use this page to decide if you would like to add any further enhancements!

### FOOD & DRINK ADDITIONS

The below food & drink items require an additional 20% service charge and 10% tax.

SNACKS & PLATTERS	SERVING 20-25 guests	SIDES	SERVING 20-25 guests
Tortilla Chips, Salsa & Cheese Dip	\$25	Homemade Kettle Chips	\$29
Roasted Pita Bread w/ Hummus Dip	\$29	Potato Chips	\$29
Vegetable Platter w/ an Aioli Dip	\$37	Potato Salad	\$49
Popcorn	\$49	Fresh Fruit Salad	\$49
Cheese Board w/ Crackers & Dried Fruit	\$79	Salad (Caesar, Greek or Field Greens)	\$79

  

FINGER FOODS	SERVING 20-25 guests	DESSERTS	SERVING 20-25 guests
Beef Sliders w/ Gorgonzola Cheese	\$109	Personalized Birthday Cake w/ Delivery	Please ask
Pork Pot Stickers	\$119	Cupcakes	\$65
Italian Meatballs in Marinara Sauce	\$99	Cotton Candy	\$49
BBQ Chicken Wings (BBQ or Buffalo)	\$99	Cookies	\$49
Southern Fried Chicken Tenders w/ Dips	\$99	Brownies	\$49
Mini Spinach Cheese Quiche Tartlets	\$99	Rice Krispies	\$55

  

BEVERAGES	PRICE
Starbucks Coffee	\$2. <sup>50</sup> per guest
Sweet or Unsweet Iced Tea	\$1. <sup>50</sup> per guest
Boxed Water, Fruit Drinks or Canned Sodas	\$3. <sup>00</sup> per guest
All Day Soft Drinks Wristband	\$4. <sup>95</sup> per guest
Bottle of House Wine (Canyon Road, California)	\$30 per bottle
x5 Bottled Beers on Ice (Yuengling or Bud Light)	\$30 per bucket



### ENHANCEMENT ADDITIONS

The below enhancement items do not require service charge and tax is already factored in.

RIDES & ATTRACTIONS	EC	ENTERTAINMENT	PRICE
Endangered Species Carousel	2 per ride	Face Painter	\$125/hour
Pony Ride at Riverbanks Farm	5 per ride	Caricature Artists	\$125/hour
Spots & Stripes Railroad	2 per ride	The Magic of Ray Show (20 min.)	\$135/show
Wild Adventures Rock Wall	3 per ride		
Sky-High Safari Ropes Course	7 per ride		

  

INVITATIONS	PRICE
Custom Digital Invitation	\$4.95/design

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### IS THERE A ZOO MEMBER DISCOUNT?

- Yes, a guest that is a Zoo Member receives a \$9 discount from the \$26.95 package price. A Membership ID or guest pass must be provided for each guest.

### CAN I REMOVE AN ITEM(S) FROM THE BASE PACKAGE?

- You may remove whatever items you wish; however, the price will not change and the value of those items cannot be put towards something else.

### DOES THE BASE PACKAGE'S 'PER GUEST' PRICE APPLY TO BOTH CHILDREN AND ADULTS?

- Yes, the price applies to any guests ages 2 years and older.

### HOW DO PARTY GUESTS GET INTO THE ZOO & GARDEN?

- Prior to the party, you will confirm to us your final guest numbers and make your final payment. At this point your Admission Tickets will be available for pick up. You are responsible for distributing these tickets to your guests prior to the party, giving them entry into the Zoo & Garden. There is no will-call for events.

### WHAT DECORATIONS (AND FURNITURE) ARE INCLUDED AND IS THERE ANY DÉCOR THAT IS NOT ALLOWED?

- We provide and set up chairs, tables and linens, plus areas for food & beverage, gifts (and a cake if you are bringing one). Confetti, rice, bird seed and all types of balloons are strictly prohibited due to animal welfare reasons.

### CAN I BRING IN MY OWN FOOD OR CATERER, OR TAKE FOOD AWAY?

- The Zoo caterer is contracted to provide all food and drink on Zoo premises. The exception is if you wish to bring in your own birthday cake. Taking our food off premises is not allowed.

### WHAT IS A TYPICAL PARTY SCHEDULE?

- For Zoo birthday parties, you will start with the animal encounter followed by enjoying food and refreshments while you have your party. For birthdays in Waterfall Junction, you will have the party first and then play.

### HOW DO I CONFIRM MY PARTY AND MAKE PAYMENT?

- We book parties on a 'first-come first-served' basis and a party is not confirmed with us until we receive full payment. The booking fee is non-refundable so please be 100% sure of your commitment when you book. You can pay by telephone to the birthday coordinator at (803) 602-0864.

### WHAT IS THE CANCELLATION POLICY AND MAY I RESCHEDULE?

- Cancelled parties are non-refundable; however, you may reschedule your party dependent on availability. If you request to reschedule within the 7 days before your party, then there is an additional \$75 administration fee.

### FURTHER DETAILS ON THE ANIMAL ENCOUNTER:

- **What is it?** Animal Encounters are a great way to enhance your event. Your guests will have the unique opportunity to learn a little about the animal(s), take photos and even touch certain species!
- **Can I choose my animal?** Please share your Animal Encounter preferences with your birthday coordinator. We can never make guarantees, but we will try our best.
- **What booking notice is needed?** We require at least two weeks' notice to book an animal encounter; otherwise, you may opt for an Explore More Card to be used on rides and attractions around the Zoo.

### FURTHER DETAILS ON WATERFALL JUNCTION:

- **Where is it located?** Waterfall Junction is located in Riverbanks Botanical Garden. It can be accessed from either entrance, but the Botanical Garden Entrance is closest at 1300 Botanical Parkway, West Columbia, SC 29169
- **Are there any restrictions?** All children ages 16 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Children must be older than 2 to play in or around the Aflac Splash Zone; children ages 2 and younger are invited to play in the Lil Sprouts Splash Zone with adult supervision. Children under age 4 must wear proper swim diapers or must be fully potty trained to play in any water features. Water shoes are recommended.
- **Is it open year-round?** Waterfall Junction is open year-round; however, the Aflac Splash Zone will be closed November through February.