

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. You'll receive an Explore More Card with a value of \$5 per guest to use throughout the park. The card is valid at any gift, food, or attraction location.

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.

\$35.⁰⁰ 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

PARKING – Parking is included in your All Day Admission Ticket purchase

FOOD & BEVERAGES – Choice of Cheese and Pepperoni Pizza or Hot Dogs with Ketchup & Mustard. Both options come with Kettle Chips, Fruit Drinks, & 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 22% service charge and 10% tax.

SNACKS & FINGER FOODS	PRICE
Vegetable Platter with Ranch Dip  	\$3 per guest
Fresh Salsa with Tortilla Chips  	\$3 per guest
Assorted Cheeses with Crackers & Grapes 	\$5 per guest
Fried Pork Pot Stickers with Sweet Chili Sauce	\$4 per guest
Cheeseburger Sliders (Cheddar, Ketchup, Pickles)	\$5 per guest
Southern Chicken Tenders with Ranch Dip	\$5 per guest
BBQ Meatballs	\$4 per guest

SIDES	PRICE
Pasta Salad 	\$4 per guest
Potato Salad  	\$4 per guest
Fresh Fruit Salad  	\$4 per guest
Fresh House Salad with Balsamic or Ranch Dressing  	\$4 per guest

BEVERAGES	PRICE
Sweet or Unsweet Iced Tea (Bottled)	\$4 per guest
Canned Sodas	\$3 per guest
All Day Soft Drinks Wristband	\$7 per guest

Alcoholic Beverages are sold at locations throughout the park for guests 21+

DESSERTS	PRICE
Vanilla Cupcakes 	\$30 per dozen
Chocolate Chip Cookies 	\$15 per dozen
Brownies 	\$25 per dozen
Rice Krispies Treats  	\$25 per dozen



 Vegetarian  Vegan  Gluten Free



ENHANCEMENT ADDITIONS

The below enhancement items do not require service charge and are subject to change.

RIDES & ATTRACTIONS	EC
Endangered Species Carousel	2 per ride
Farm Experience	2 per entry
Spots & Stripes Railroad	2 per ride
Wild Adventures Rock Wall	3 per climb

ENHANCEMENTS	PRICE
Face Painter	Please Ask
Caricature Artist	Please Ask
Magic Show	Please Ask
Animal Encounter (30 min.)	Please Ask

INVITATIONS	PRICE
Custom Digital Invitation	\$6/design

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

IS THERE A MEMBER DISCOUNT?

- Yes, a guest that is a Member receives a \$14.99 discount from the \$35 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, pinatas, 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?

- You'll have 1.5 hours of exclusive access to the Birthday Party space. Food & Beverage will be dropped off 15 minutes into your reservation start time. If we can schedule an animal encounter, this would occur during the last 30 minutes of your reservation. Please note that we do not staff someone to supervise or entertain children attending your party.

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 with a sales representative at (803) 602-0900.

WHAT IS THE CANCELLATION POLICY AND MAY I RESCHEDULE?

- Canceled 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, take photos and even touch certain species! Animal Encounters are not included in the birthday party package, but they may be added for an additional \$100 fee.
- **Can I choose my animal?** Please share your Animal Encounter preferences with your sales representative. 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.

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 during cooler months. We cannot guarantee the Aflac Splash Zone will be open on the day of your party.