a natural choice

Our birthday parties are a two-hour, nature-themed celebration for ages 4+. Your child and guests explore the outdoors with a naturalist for one hour. The second hour is yours for cake, gifts, games, etc.

Our party room includes table and chair setup, use of our festive tablecloths, and access to a kitchenette (refrigerator/freezer, microwave) and/or full kitchen (refrigerator/freezer, oven, microwave).

You provide:

- Food and refreshments
- Plates, utensils, and napkins
- Decorations (on tables or windows only)

Cost: $100* for up to 15 children and 6 adults**

Our birthday parties are designed for small groups of children. If you wish to have a larger party or a family event, please call us to discuss options and pricing.

We realize that younger children may not be ready to be dropped off for a party. Parents are welcome to remain in the building during the party. We have a library, free WiFi, an exhibit area with rocking chairs, a wildlife viewing room, and biking and hiking trails starting from the nature center.

*There may be additional fees for excess cleanup or damage to park property.

**In order to provide quality programming, we prefer to limit parties to 15 children.

Our birthday schedule fills quickly. Please call well in advance to request a party.
fun with nature

Choose a party activity from the list below. If your child has a special interest please let us know. We will do our best to accommodate it.

**SPRING/SUMMER**
- Baby Animals
- Incredible Insects (after mid-May)
- Maple Syrping (March)
- Water Buggin’ in the Pond
- Feathered Friends and Feeders
- Seasonal Scavenger Excursion
- Live Animals
- Survival Shelters (age 6+)
- Trail Treasure Hunt
- Furs and Skulls

**FALL**
- Apple Cidering (Sept/Oct when available)
- Feathered Friends and Feeders
- Water Buggin’ in the pond (until mid-October)
- Seasonal Scavenger Excursion
- Live Animals
- Nature Games
- Survival Shelters (age 6+)
- Trail Treasure Hunt
- Furs and Skulls

**WINTER**
- Animal Tracking
- Follow a Deer Trail
- Feathered Friends and Feeders
- Snowshoeing
- Seasonal Scavenger Excursion
- Live Animals
- Nature Games
- Survival Shelters (age 6+)
- Trail Treasure Hunt
- Furs and Skulls

Remind your guests to dress for the weather—they will go outside! In case of extreme weather, staff will modify outdoor activities for children’s safety. Call your naturalist if you have concerns.

**live animal guests**

The animals at Eastman Nature Center love birthday parties! Kids celebrating their birthday can choose one of our turtles, snakes†, salamanders, frogs, or toads to be a special guest at their birthday party. Our naturalist will bring the animal into the party room so kids can get an up close look at one of our native animals.

†Snakes are not available if they are shedding.

**birthday treat bags**

Make party planning a little easier! Pre-order birthday bags when you book your party. Use them as is, or add your own goodies.

Birthday bags are $3.50/each. Prizes* may include a keychain, a 3D wooden puzzle, an insect finger puppet, a magnifying bug box, and a temporary tattoo featuring our one-eyed owl.

To order, please call 763.694.7700 at least one week in advance to request birthday bags. Additional bags can be purchased the day of the party if needed.

**plan your visit**

Before or after your party, we encourage you to enjoy all that Elm Creek Park Reserve has to offer. Eastman Nature Center has miles of hiking trails, a pond boardwalk, and an outdoor Nature Play Area.

Bike or hike over twenty miles of Elm Creek Park Reserve’s scenic paved and singletrack trails. Swim at the Elm Creek Beach, try a round of disc golf, or play at the creative play area.

In winter, cross-country ski or snowshoe our winter trails, go tubing and snowboarding, or try the free sledding hill. Fat tire bike, hike, or snowshoe on the winter singletrack and multi-use trails.

Fees may apply for some activities; please visit ThreeRiversParks.org for details.