

Birthday Party Guidelines

Birthday Party Reservation and Inclusions:

- Full payment and signed agreement are due at the time of booking.
- Birthday parties are only held in the outdoor Group Pavilion, near the trail head.
- Pavilion usage period is 10am - 1pm, with 9:15am arrival for setup before the Center opens.
- Bookings include admission for 20 guests and a guest list form will be provided for completion.
 - A completed guest list form must be returned via email at least 2 days prior to the party.
 - All guests except the birthday child (including birthday family) must be listed on the guest list for entry.
 - If you would like more than 20 people to attend your party, additional tickets can be purchased prior to party for \$9.00 each (max. 20 extra guests). You will receive an updated guest list form.
 - Admission valid the date of the party only.
 - Florida Oceanographic members can use membership for entry. Children under 3 are free.
 - Parties are limited to 40 total people, including birthday child, members and children under 3.
 - Any guests arriving day of party who are not on the guest list will pay regular admission prices.
- A member of the birthday family must be present at admissions to greet guests and assist with check in.

Facility Guidelines:

- **Parents are required to stay with the children at all times and be responsible for appropriate behavior around property. Children may not explore exhibits unaccompanied.**
- Decorations are permitted, but be mindful of the elements as the birthday party area is located in an outdoor pavilion that offers protection from rain but not wind or wind-driven rain.
- **To ensure animal health and safety, the following are NOT allowed on property:**
 - **Balloons**
 - **Confetti of any type**
 - **Bubbles**
 - **Glass bottles**
 - **Silly Sting**
 - **Pinatas**
- **All food, candy, open beverages, party favors and toys must stay within the party pavilion at all times.**
- We are unable to accommodate grills, live animals or any type of additional entertainment/set ups.
- Live animals, such as beta fish, are not permitted as party favors.
- Smoking, vaping and consumption of alcohol are strictly prohibited on Florida Oceanographic property.
- **At the end of the rental period, pavilion tables and floor must be cleaned up, decorations taken down, and trash placed in available receptacles.**
- **Guests must adhere to Florida Oceanographic Society's [Guest Code of Conduct](#).**

Weather/Refund Policy:

- Florida Oceanographic is an outdoor "rain or shine" facility, so please plan and prepare accordingly.
- With the exception of lightning-related closures, all daily programming will go on rain or shine.
- In the event of lightning in the vicinity, all outdoor areas (including the birthday party pavilion) will be temporarily closed, and guests will be asked to move into the indoor Ocean EcoCenter exhibit space.
- No refunds will be issued for inclement weather once a party is underway.