

BIRTHDAY PARTY RESERVATION INFORMATION

Thank you for choosing to have your child's birthday party at Sandy Creek Nature Center. The following is information regarding the use of our facility for your party. If you have any questions or must change this reservation, please call us at 706-613-3615.

SANDY CREEK NATURE CENTER PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING:

- ◆ A climate-controlled party room.
- ◆ A 45-minute educationally themed program during the first hour of the party.
- ◆ Party participants reserve classroom 2 for the entire party. Classroom 1 is used for the program.
- ◆ Tables and chairs.
- ◆ Kitchen facilities are available including refrigerator, freezer, ice machine, sink and microwave.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES:

- ◆ You may arrive 20 minutes prior to party start time to set up. Earlier arrivals do not guarantee you access to the room.
- ◆ Any additional room decorations. Please ask before using pushpins or tape. **The nature center does not allow balloons.**
- ◆ Reminder that we allow no more than 20 children for the program. (This includes siblings that participate in the party). If it is a planetarium party, children under 4 are asked to go on a hike or explore the exhibit hall while the older children attend the planetarium portion.
- ◆ Clean up the party room. Please wipe up spilled drinks and food from the tables, chairs and floor. We provide trash and recycling receptacles and a vacuum. Clean up time is part of your 2 hour time period.
- ◆ During the program portion of the party, all participants should be prepared to go outdoors and wear appropriate clothing (coats, outdoor shoes, etc.).

REMINDERS:

- ◆ If you need to reschedule, we will attempt to do so if the schedule allows. Please let us know of any changes as soon as possible. If you must cancel your party, please refer to the ACC Leisure Services cancellation policy <https://accgovga.myrec.com/info/dept/details.aspx?DeptInfoID=1052>.
- ◆ Birthday Party Goodie Bags are available for purchase at \$3.00 per bag. Bags may be paid for the day of the party. Goodie bags must be reserved no later than Wednesday before the party. Goodie bags cannot be reserved the day of the birthday party.
- ◆ In accordance with ACC ordinance: Section 4-3-2. Smoking is prohibited in Athens-Clarke County Facilities and property indoors and outdoors.

“Go Green” as a party theme!

At SCNC, we encourage everyone to make environmentally friendly choices. Help us with our message by going green for your party. Here are a few helpful hints:

- ◆ Bring reusable plates and cups. Don't want to wash later? Choose a recyclable material or compostable material. Did you know that ACC Landfill now offers composting? Visit <https://www.athensclarkecounty.com/1350/Composting> for more details. You may compost fruits and veggies in the SCNC compost bin.
- ◆ Serve finger foods so you don't need cutlery.
- ◆ Save money and reduce waste by using reusable table cloths versus paper or plastic.
- ◆ Wrap presents in a non-glitter or non-metallic paper so it can be recycled. Go one step farther by using brown paper bags or old newspaper that the kids can decorate.
- ◆ Buy multi serve items rather than individually wrapped items. It costs less and has less waste.
- ◆ Serve tap water in a pitcher instead of individual water bottles.
- ◆ Balloons often end up going straight in the trash or accidentally being released outdoors. To help reduce unnecessary waste in our environment, Sandy Creek will not allow balloons on the property. Also, helium that is used to inflate the balloons is a resource that is not renewable and is already in limited supply. Learn more about problems with balloons at <https://www.encenter.org/visit-us/programs/birthday-parties/balloons/>.

We appreciate your efforts in “going green” for your party. Staff will review trash, recycling and compost guidelines before the party. Please assist children to make sure items end up in the correct bins. Thank you.

Thank you for your support of the Sandy Creek Nature Center. We look forward to providing a great party for your child.