Birthday Party Pricing

• Holding a birthday party at Scherman Hoffman is a privilege reserved for NJ Audubon members.

• The cost of a birthday party is $250 for 15 children; an additional charge of $10 per child will be added for parties up to 20 children.

Parties are a privilege to our members, but you may purchase a 1 year NJA membership at any time.

NJA Membership benefits:

• Discounts on books, optics, and gift items.
• Discount member rates on NJA programs.
• Subscription to NJ Audubon magazine.
• Membership card and decal.
• The satisfaction of helping the largest and oldest conservation organization in NJ.

If you would like to create party favor bags from the collection of children’s souvenirs in our Nature Store, please call (908) 396-6386 and ask for the Store Manager Susan Garretson Friedman. (Additional fee.)

DIRECTIONS

From Route 287: take exit 30B (Bernardsville). Bear right onto N. Maple Ave. Go through traffic light at Route 202/Morristown Rd. After the light N. Maple Ave. becomes Childs Rd. After a short distance, bear right at the fork onto Hardscrabble Rd. The driveway is approx. 1 mile down Hardscrabble Rd. on the right.

From the Chester area (Route 24): take Rt. 24 east through Mendham. Watch for the New Jersey Audubon sign at Tempe Wick Rd. Turn right onto Tempe Wick Rd. Continue for approx. 2 miles. Turn right opposite the pond onto Leddell Rd. At the next stop sign turn left onto Hardscrabble Rd. The driveway is approximately 1 1/4 mile ahead on the left.

Membership

Members strengthen the voice with which NJA speaks out for protection of New Jersey’s wildlife and natural areas, and provide essential financial support for wildlife sanctuaries and programs in conservation, education, and research. More information is available at: www.njaudubon.org/SectionAboutNJAS/JoinNJAudubon.aspx
**Party Details**

Birthday parties last for 2 hours. Each party will include a 1 hour class with a Teacher/Naturalist focusing on a theme of your choosing. You may select a topic from the list provided, or you may suggest your own (additional fees may apply). Program content will be adjusted to suit ages. One hour is available for your birthday celebration.

You may arrive 1/2 hour early to set up, and 1/2 hour is available for clean-up after your party.

There are limited times available for parties each month, so please notify us well in advance to schedule your birthday celebration.

Weather permitting, we will be outside during the naturalist-led portion of the party, and it will be the responsibility of the adults accompanying the group to supervise the participants at all times. Please let your group know that we will go outside, and they should wear the appropriate attire and footwear.

**Scheduling**

Call (908) 396-6386 to schedule a birthday party. Your $50 deposit and membership fee will hold your reservation. Payment of balance is due the day of your party. Deposits are non-refundable within 14 days of your scheduled party. Memberships are not refundable.

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**Program Topics**

**Year round programs:**

**Feathered Friends**

Learn how to identify birds you see everyday and what some of their calls sound like. We’ll use binoculars on our walk outdoors to look and listen for birds.

**Nature Treasure Hunt**

Party guests will have fun exploring outside looking for the treasures of our sanctuary. A picture treasure hunt card is provided for each guest.

**Enchanted Forest**

Make a fairy house or gnome home in our Enchanted Forest, and explore the forest to see who might move into your home! *Make your child’s party even more enchanting! For an additional $10 per child, each child will receive a gnome hat & cape or fairy wings & flower headband set, and a choice of crafting one gnome or one fairy during the Naturalist led program.

**Scales and Tails**

Guests will meet the center’s snakes, turtles, and frog (available year round). Seasonal extension, April—October: Explore the forest for toads, frogs, and salamanders.

**Seasonal programs, April through October:**

**River Ramble**

Explore the Passaic River with nets and buckets and see what aquatic life we can find there.

**Creepy Crawlies**

We will take nets and bug boxes outside to search for insects, spiders, roly polys, and other little critters in their natural habitats.

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**Pond Adventure**

Visit our very popular frog pond in search of frogs, toads, tadpoles, and their pond friends.

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**Party Space**

You will be renting our large classroom space for a 3 hour period. There is an adjacent kitchenette with a refrigerator, freezer, sink, and microwave. Guests are welcome to explore our nature center and visit the Nature Store after the party.

**We provide:**
- Tables and chairs.
- Trash bags and supplies for clean-up such as paper towels, dust pans, and brooms.
- Option of nature-themed party favors for an additional fee.

**You provide:**
- All party decorations. Balloons and wall decorations are not permitted.
- Tablecloths, plates, cups, flatware, napkins, food, and beverages. (No alcoholic beverages.)
- Set-up and clean-up. We ask that you be responsible for leaving the room as you found it and throwing garbage and recyclables in the proper receptacles.