Membership

Members strengthen the voice with which NJA speaks out for protection of New Jersey’s wildlife and natural areas. They provide essential financial support for NJA wildlife sanctuaries and programs in conservation, education, and research.

Follow the QR code to become a member today!

NJA Membership benefits:
* Discounts in our nature store.
* 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.

Birthday Party Pricing

- Holding a birthday party at Scherman Hoffman is a benefit for New Jersey Audubon members. We offer yearly memberships starting at $30 a year.

- 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.

Directions

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

From the Chester area (Route 24): Take Rt. 24 east through Mendham. Turn right at the traffic light onto Hilltop Road. Make a left after the church onto Talmage Road. Follow until the end and make a left onto Corey Lane and then a quick right onto Hardscrabble Road. Continue on for approx. 2 miles.

Scherman Hoffman
Wildlife Sanctuary
Birthday Parties

Scherman Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary
11 Hardscrabble Rd.
Bernardsville, NJ 07924
(908) 396-6386
SHWS@njaudubon.org

New Jersey Audubon is committed to connecting all people with nature and stewarding the nature of today for all people of tomorrow.
Program Details

Birthday parties last approximately 2 hours. Each party will include a 1-hour class with a Teacher/Naturalist focusing on a theme of your choice. You may select a topic from the list provided, or you may suggest your own (additional fees may apply).

Program content may be adjusted to suit ages of guests.

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.

We will be outside during the naturalist-led portion of the party weather permitting. Please let your group know that we will go outside, and they should wear the appropriate attire and closed toe footwear.

It will be the responsibility of the adults accompanying the group to supervise the participants at all times.

Scheduling
Please call (908) 396-6594 to schedule a birthday party. Your $50 deposit and membership fee will hold your reservation. Payment of the balance is due the day of your party. Deposits are non-refundable within 14 days of your scheduled party.

Memberships are not refundable.

Program Topics

Year-round programs:

Feathered Friends
Learn how to identify birds you see every day 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 herptiles (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.

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

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 cleaning up such as paper towels, dust pans, and brooms.

You provide:
- Party decorations. (Balloons, and candles are not permitted.)
- Tablecloths, plates, cups, flatware, napkins, food, and beverages (alcoholic beverages not permitted).
- 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.
- Please have emergency contact information for any child dropped off at the party. You are responsible for the health and safety of your guests.