

GREAT EXPLORATIONS

HOUGHTON-WAGMAN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Birthday How-To/FAQ

Basic Birthday Parties Include:

- Admission for 24 guest (adults & children)
- Immediate family free (grandparents, parents & siblings of birthday child)
- Room rental for 90 minutes
- Supplies for 24 guests (table covers, plates, cake plates, spoons, forks, napkins)
- Birthday host
- Downloadable birthday invitation

***Non- member price \$275 *Member Price \$225**

Saturday Party Times: 10:00-11:30; 12:00-1:30; 2:00-3:30

Sunday Party Times: 12:00-1:30; 2:00-3:30

Extras:

- Extra guest \$5
- Extra place setting \$2.50
- 1 dozen balloons \$15
- Helium per dozen for inflating balloons ordered outside of Great Ex- \$7.50
- Interactive show \$25
- L one topping pizza from Papa John's Pizza \$7+

Extra time for room \$50 per 30mins (with advanced notice)

Supply Colors: Pink, Red, Orange, Yellow, Lime, Green, Teal, Blue, Purple, White, Black (2 colors allowed. 3 colors + \$10)

Balloon Colors: Pink, Red, Orange, Yellow, Lime, Green, Teal, Blue, Purple, White, Black

Rent the Museum!

Want to have the ultimate party experience that your guest will talk about for years to come? Why not rent the museum for a before hours party!

Private Parties Includes:

- Admission for 50 guest (adults & children)
- Entry for immediate family (grandparent, parents, & siblings of birthday child)
- Private access to the entire museum as well as party area for 2 hours
- Supplies for 50 guests (table covers, plates, cake plates, spoons, forks, napkins)
- 1 dozen balloons
- Birthday host
- Downloadable birthday invitations

Party Time: Before hours only available on Sundays from 10:00-12:00 pm

***Non-member price \$450 *Member price \$400**

Extras:

- \$5 fee for extra guests over 50
- Interactive show \$25
- A dozen balloons \$15
- Helium per dozen for inflating balloons ordered outside of Great Ex- \$7.50
- Extra place settings \$2.50
- Large 1 topping pizza from Papa Johns for \$7+

Birthday FAQ:

May I bring outside food?

Yes, you may bring any outside food you would like. Great Explorations does not have cooking capabilities on sight. We do not have any ice or coolers on site but you are welcome to bring your own. We do not allow any food outside of the party room. If food is taken outside the party room a \$50 cleaning charge will be added to your final bill at check out. We do have a pre-order option for pizzas. We would be happy to order them and have them here for your convenience with at least 48-hour notice. We do not allow alcohol at any time.

What decorations am I allowed to bring?

With your birthday party package, you are provided with the party basics; table covers, plates, cake plates, forks, spoons and napkins. You may bring other decorations of your choice with the exception of confetti, glitter, pinatas, balloons with confetti inside, balloon arches or balloon columns. Staples are not permitted to hang things on the wall. While our team is here to assist you with setup and breakdown, if you choose to do additional decorations we encourage you to keep those at a minimum so you are able to maximize your time enjoying your guests and all of the special moments happening on the gallery floor. You can drop off your décor the week of your party for us to set up everything for you for your convenience.

Do the 24 guests include adults and children?

Yes, it does. We count all guests over the age of 12 MONTHS-old. The only exception to the guest count is the birthday family. (Birthday boy/girls Parents, Siblings, and Grandparents) Since you are celebrating with us you are our guests!

Are decorations included in the party package?

We will provide you with table covers, plates, cake plates, napkins, forks, and spoons. We also offer a dozen balloons for an additional 15 dollars.

What if I go over my allotted 24 guests?

That's okay. Each additional guest above the 24 is only \$5 per person. It would be \$2.50 for additional place settings.

How many tables am I provided with a basic (90 min) party?

Total of 7-8 tables are provided for a party of 24 guests. You will have 4 guest tables that are 6ft long and seat 6 people each, 2 food tables, 1 cake/sweet treat table and 1 smaller present table. More tables can be provided upon request within weeks' notice.

How many tables am I provided with a before hours 2-hour party room?

A total of 10 6ft tables are provided for a party of 50 guests. You will have 8 guest tables that seat 6 people each, 2 food tables, 1 cake/sweet treat table/ present table. More tables can be provided upon request with a week notice.

How long can my guests enjoy the museum?

You and your guests may enjoy Great Explorations the entire day. On Saturday we are open 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

How long do I have the room rental for?

The basic party room rental is for 90 minutes. The before hours party room rental is for 2 hours.

Do I have a birthday host(s)?

Yes, you do. The birthday host(s) will prepare and set up your party room as well as provide any service needed throughout your party. If an interactive show is added to your package your birthday party host will provide your show. Once the party is over the party host(s) will clean the room for you.

Where is your pizza ordered from?

We order our pizza's from Papa John's pizza. You can get any large one topping pizza for \$7+ each. Pizza must be ordered 48 hours in advance and cannot be ordered the day of.

Will the room be ready when I arrive?

Your birthday room will be ready at the time of your rental. You and guests have open play for the entire day. Therefore if you arrive early it is not guaranteed your room will be ready early. However if you arrive early & have food to keep cold we can store it for you, as well as collect birthday gifts from guest as they arrive. When it's time for your party in the room your birthday host will bring items to the room for you. You can go into the room for any additional set up 15 minutes prior to the party start time.

What if I need more time for my room rental?

We would be happy to extend your rental time for additional charge. Such time changes must be made before your party date within availability of time slot. There is an additional charge of \$50 per extra 30 minutes of room rental.

Can parents drop-off their children for the party and come back to pick them up when the party is over?

We have a very strict NO drop-off policy. If a parent cannot stay to supervise their children for the duration of the party, their children will also not be able to stay. This rule is in place to safeguard the children and relieve any liability on the part of the main birthday contact. If there is a child dropped off for your party, the main birthday contact will be solely held responsible for that child while they are here at the museum.

What is your cancellation policy?

Within 2 weeks of your party date you will only receive \$25 dollars back from your \$100-dollar deposit. If you cancel before 2 weeks prior to your party, you will receive your entire deposit back.

How do I book a party?

You can give us a call at 727-821-8992 ext. 219 (Monday through Friday 10:00am-4:30pm) and talk to our birthday booking coordinator. They will go through the booking process with you and take a \$100-dollar deposit to hold your time slot. If you just have some questions and would like to think things over, we can hold a spot for you for 24 hours. You can also email us at cpersonius@greatex.org with any questions