

# 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-site. 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 not allow alcohol at any time.

## **What decorations am I allowed to bring?**

Table covers are provided with your party package. You may bring other decorations of your choice, with the exception of confetti, glitter, piñatas, balloons with confetti inside, balloon arches, or balloon columns. Decorations can be placed in designated spaces. Please note: No push pins or tacks may be used to hang decorations on the wall.

## **Do the guests include adults and children?**

Yes, it does. We count all guests over the age of 12-months-old.

## **Are decorations included in the party package?**

We will provide you with table covers only.

## **What if I go over my allotted guests?**

That's okay. Each additional guest, over 30 guests, is only \$6 per person.

## **How many tables am I provided with a basic party?**

A total of 7-8 six-foot tables are provided, plus one smaller present table. More tables can be provided upon request with one-week notice.

**How many tables am I provided with a before-hours party?**

A total of 10 six-foot tables are provided for a party of 50 guests. More tables can be provided upon request with one-week notice.

**How long can my guests enjoy the museum?**

You and your guests may enjoy Great Explorations the entire day. We are open Saturday from 10:30 am-4 pm and Sunday from 12 pm-4 pm.

**How long do I have the birthday room for?**

The basic party room rental is for 90 minutes. The before-hours party room rental is for two hours. While our team is here to assist you with set-up 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 decor the week of your party.

**Do I have a birthday host(s)?**

Only before-hours rentals include a birthday host(s). We will prepare and set-up your party room, as well as provide any service needed throughout your party. One interactive show is included with the before-hours package, performed by your party host. Once the party is over, the party host(s) will clean the room for you.

**Food vendors?**

We suggest ordering from our preferred food vendors list. We recommend ordering 48-hours in advance.

**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 (Saturday 10:30 am-4 pm or Sunday 12 pm-4 pm). Therefore, if you arrive early, it is not guaranteed your room will be ready early. You can set-up 15 minutes before the party start time.

### **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 a child is 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?**

If you decide to cancel within two weeks of your party date, you will receive 50% of your deposit. If you cancel with more than two weeks until your scheduled party date, you will receive your full deposit back.

### **How do I book a party?**

Please call the museum at 727-821-8992 (Monday, Wednesday, or Friday 10:30 am-4 pm) and speak to our birthday booking coordinator. At that time, our team will go through the booking process with you. In order to secure your date/time, a deposit is required. Reservations held without a deposit can only be guaranteed for 24 hours. If you would like to inquire outside of the above timeframe, please contact us at [Birthdays@greatex.org](mailto:Birthdays@greatex.org) with any questions!

**For current information regarding Explorations Children's Museum's COVID-19 protocols, please visit [greatex.org](http://greatex.org).**

## **Birthday Information**

Birthday Package includes the following:

- All-day admission for 30 guests (adults & children)
- Room rental for 90 minutes
- Table covers (Colors: Pink, Red, Orange, Yellow, Lime, Green, Teal, Blue, Purple, White, Black)
- Downloadable birthday invitation
- A goody bag from Morris for the birthday child

**\*Non-member price \$300.00— deposit \$150.00 at time of booking**

**\*Member price \$250.00— deposit \$125.00 at time of booking**

**Saturday Party Times: 10:30 am-12 pm, 12:30-2 pm; 2:30-4 pm**

**Sunday Party Times: 12-1:30 pm; 2-3:30 pm**

Extras:

- Extra guest: \$6

## **Rent the Museum!**

Want to have the ultimate party experience that your guests will talk about for years to come? Rent the entire museum for a before-hours party!

**Party Time: Only available on Sundays from 10 am-12 pm**

**\*Non-member price \$500— deposit \$250 at time of booking**

**\*Member price \$450— deposit \$225 at time of booking**

Private Party Includes:

- All-day admission for 50 guests (adults & children)
- Private access to the entire museum, as well as party room, from 10 am-12 pm
- Table covers (Colors: Pink, Red, Orange, Yellow, Lime, Green, Teal, Blue, Purple, White, Black)
- Birthday host
- Downloadable birthday invitations
- A goody bag from Morris for the birthday child
- One interactive show