

GREAT EXPLORATION'S PARTY FAQS

What is included in the birthday packages?

Our Basic birthday party package is \$300.00 for non-members and \$250.00 for members. Deposits for the parties are just half the total, so for members, the deposit is a \$125 deposit & for non-members the deposit is \$150.

Parties include the following: All-day admission for 30 guests (Adults and Children over 12 months), your own private room for 90 minutes, 6 seating tables with a protective table cloth with 5 chairs at each, 2 food tables with a protective table cloth, a small presents table, and downloadable birthday invitations.

Our private birthday party package which is offered SUNDAY'S ONLY from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. is \$500.00 for non-members and \$450.00 for members. Deposits for the parties are just half the total which is due at the time of booking, so for members, the deposit is a \$225 deposit & for non-members the deposit is \$250.

Private parties include the following: All-day admission 30 guests (Adults and Children over 12 months), the museum to yourself for 2 hours, your own private room for 90 minutes, 6 seating tables with a protective table cloth with 5 chairs at each, 2 food tables with a colored table cloth, a small presents table, 1 Interactive show, Downloadable birthday invitations.

May I bring outside food?

Yes, you can 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 \$75 cleaning charge will be added to your final bill at check out. We do not allow any 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, pinatas, balloons with confetti inside, balloon arches or balloon columns. We will provide the tape that you can use to hang stuff on the wall, we do not permit things from being hung from the roof.

Are decorations, plates, cups, napkins, and utensils included in the party package?

No, you would have to provide your own decorations, plates, cups, napkins, and utensils besides table cloths.

What if I go over my allotted guests?

Our birthday party room is only equipped to handle up to 36 people, so we can only allow 36 people into our birthday party room. You are allowed 30 in for free (including you and the birthday kid), each additional guest above the count is \$8 per person.

How long can my guests enjoy the museum?

You and your guests may enjoy Great Explorations the entire day. On Saturday we are open 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. However, you will only have access to the party room during the allotted time period.

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. 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.

Do I have a birthday host(s)?

Yes, both parties get a host to help assist you during your party. Their job is to set up and clean up the party, provide any assistance, and make sure you have an amazing party! If your birthday host is unavailable at a certain time, you may go up to another Great Explorations Worker who can provide you with assistance. The Birthday Host will lead the interactive show for the Private Party.

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. You can go into the room for any additional set up 15 minutes prior to the party start time.

Can parents drop off their children for the party and come back to pick them up when the party's 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 birthday contact. Your party could be terminated if the Birthday Contact allows drop-off policy.

What is your cancellation policy?

Within 2 weeks of your party date, we will charge a 75\$ cancellation fee. If you cancel 2 weeks before the party date, you will receive your entire deposit back. We would like to note that at any time you are allowed to reschedule your party for no charge.

How do I book a party?

The days and hours of the Birthday Coordinator are Sunday through Thursday (9:00 to 5:00). They won't be available on Friday or Saturday. You can give us a call at 727-821-8992 ext. 236, and talk to our birthday booking coordinator. They will go through the booking process with you and take a deposit to hold your time slot. You can also email us at birthdays@greatex.org with any questions!