Birthday Party Frequently Asked Questions

How can I get more information?
Email Brenna Houck at brenna.houck@anshome.org.

When do you hold birthday parties?
We hold birthday parties on Saturdays and Sundays from 10:30 am-12 pm (10:15-12:15 pm) and 1:30-3 pm (1:15-3:15 pm). Each party includes 15 minutes for set-up and 15 minutes for breakdown.

How do I check availability?
To check the availability at Woodend, use the reservation system to check a particular date and time.

How many children can come to the party?
The birthday party fee includes 14 children. There will be $15 charge per additional child up to a maximum of 18 children. The maximum number of attendees (including participants, siblings, and adults) is 25.

What do you do if it is raining or snowing during the party?
We hold our birthday parties rain or shine and participants should dress appropriately for the weather. In case of severe or dangerous weather, we can hold the party entirely indoors or reschedule.

When will the naturalist leading the birthday party contact me?
The naturalist leading the birthday party will contact you the week before the party to answer any last minute questions and go over any specific programming needs.

Do I need to be a member to have a birthday party?
No, you do not need to be a member of the Audubon Naturalist Society to schedule a birthday party. There are two fees for birthday parties, one for members and one for nonmembers. The fee is $255 for members and $290 for nonmembers (which includes a one-year family membership). There is a $15 non-refundable registration fee (included in the price). Membership fees are nonrefundable.

Where at the sanctuaries are the birthday parties held?
Woodend (Chevy Chase, MD): Birthday parties are held at the Edwin Way Teale Learning Center, the first building on the right when you come up the driveway. The Teale Center is our environmental education classroom.

Can I use balloons for decorations?
Balloons have a negative impact on wildlife and the environment and are not allowed at our Woodend and Rust Sanctuaries.

Can I visit the area where the birthday parties are held?
While the grounds to the Audubon Naturalist Society are open to the public from dawn to dusk, the Teale Center and adjacent playground are closed to the public. If you would like to view the party area you can schedule an appointment with the Birthday Party Coordinator or pictures can be e-mailed to you.

Need pizza for your party?
We recommend Manoli Canoli of Chevy Chase, a local Italian/Greek restaurant that will deliver to the Teale Center. Visit manolicanoli.com or call 301-951-1818 for more information; 10% off 5 or more pizzas. If you prefer pick-up, we recommend Whole Foods Market for pizzas, veggie and fruit platters, juices and cupcakes for dessert.