



Birthday Parties

The Springfield Museums offer two-hour Birthday Parties for children ages 4 -12 on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. The parties are led by an experienced instructor in a private, decorated room, and activities relate to one of five themes: ***Amazing Animals, Dynamic Dinosaurs, Journey into Space, On the Loose with Dr. Seuss,*** and ***Asian Art Adventures*** (Please see the reverse side for descriptions). The cost of a party for up to 12 children is **\$175** for Members of the Springfield Museums (Household level or higher), **\$225** for those signing up for a new membership and a party, and **\$250** for non-members.

* **The maximum number of children who may attend the party (including the birthday child) is 12.**

The Museum Provides:

- A private, decorated room for two hours. Decorations include white tablecloths, paper goods, eating utensils, colorful streamers, posters and other theme-oriented props. You are welcome to bring your own thematic paper goods if you wish.
- An experienced instructor to set up, clean up, and facilitate party activities. One of the activities is painting a t-shirt. Shirts are NOT provided, but simple packaged undershirts work well and make a unique party favor. The other activities usually include decorating birthday party hats, a make-and-take craft, games, puzzles and exhibit exploration. The materials for all these activities are provided.
- Please contact our Museum Store Manager, Lin Jaciow, to plan creative, affordable, fun goodie bags for your guests (413) 263-6800 ext. 265, or 362 (There is an additional fee for goodie bags).

FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY!

Attendees get ½ price general admission on the day of the birthday party.

You Provide:

- Cake, beverages and any other food desired at the party. Please note that **birthday candles are NOT permitted in the Museums.** If you wish to serve food at the party please bring it with you. We do not allow food to be delivered to the museums.
- Balloons, if desired. We strongly discourage latex balloons for safety and environmental reasons. Mylar balloons are preferred, and we will provide a guide for fun ways to recycle your Mylar balloons.
- T-Shirts for the painting activity.

How Do I Book a Party?

Contact the birthday party coordinator at (413) 263-6800 ext. 379 or birthdays@springfieldmuseums.org. We recommend that you book your party as far in advance as possible to ensure the date you want. Birthday parties are very popular, and dates are often booked months in advance. Payment is due **in full** once the date for the party has been selected.

Birthday Party Themes

Amazing Animals (ages 5-11)

Take a trip around the world as you discover the animals of the Springfield Science Museum. Meet live critters in their special habitats in the Solutia Live Animal Center. Come face to face with a bull elephant as you explore African Hall, and get up close and personal with hissing cockroaches from Madagascar. Enjoy fun, animal-related games and crafts too!

Dynamic Dinosaurs (ages 5-11)

No bones about it! This prehistoric party is packed full of fossils and fun. Play great dinosaur games while you visit Tyrannosaurus Rex in Dinosaur Hall. Make a fossil rubbing and create other cool crafts from the Cretaceous period!

Journey Into Space (ages 5-11)

Are you looking for an out-of-this-world birthday? A universe of fun awaits you as you create an alien space ship, stargaze in the Seymour Planetarium and play some stellar games to learn more about the starry skies!

On the Loose with Dr. Seuss (ages 4-7)

Spend your birthday with life-sized statues of the Cat in the Hat, Horton, the Grinch, and the Lorax at the Dr. Seuss National Memorial Sculpture Garden. Hunt for your favorite Dr. Seuss characters in the exhibits at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, create your own "Many Colored" bookmark.

Asian Art Adventures (ages 7-12)

Are you a dog, a rooster or a dragon? Find out about the Chinese zodiac and more as you travel to China, Japan and Tibet with a visit to the Hasbro Games Art Discovery Center. Play ancient Chinese games, try on a variety of traditional Asian clothing, and create Asian-inspired art. Get ready to explore the myths and mysteries of the largest continent on Earth!

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Cancellation/Refund Policy:

In the event that your party must be cancelled due to illness or inclement weather we will make every effort to reschedule your party for you. If you decide not to reschedule, you will receive a full refund for the party, less \$25 which serves as a processing fee.