



Brukner Nature Center

Birthday Parties for Kids

Come celebrate your preschool or school-aged child's birthday with their friends and our Wildlife Ambassadors!

PARTY SPECIFICS: Parties are held in the "Bug Box", a private room located on the lower level of the Interpretive Building, accessible by elevator. "Bug Box" parties are for kids ages 3 & up with a **maximum of 25 participants**, including children and adults. (Larger parties are considered a room rental and will need to complete a rental application.) The room is available for set-up 30 minutes before your scheduled 2-hr party. Each party features a 30-minute "Wildlife Encounter" in the Discovery Room, featuring 2 – 3 of our amazing live Wildlife Ambassadors! No smoking or vaping is permitted on BNC property.

FOOD & RECYCLING: Permitted foods include cake or cupcakes, ice cream and drinks only. BNC will provide reuseable bowls, cups, spoons, large drink dispenser, napkins and one tablecloth for your party. (No single use plastics or styrofoam, plastic water bottles, cutlery or plastic tablecloths are permitted.) The "Bug Box" must be swept and returned to its original condition by the end of the 2-hour rental. Party items must be sorted into the following buckets provided by BNC: compost (uneaten food or drink), recyclables and landfill trash. BNC staff will take care of dishes, buckets and trash after the party. *Can you pull off a trash-free party?*

DECORATING & GAMES: No helium or latex balloons, pinatas, confetti, or glitter are allowed – they scare our wildlife and are harmful to the environment. Decorations can be hung in the "Bug Box" using blue painters tape only. Indoor games may be played in the "Bug Box" only. We encourage you to enjoy the trails and wildlife with your guests, but please respect others, use inside voices and no tapping on the glass enclosures. Also, an adult will need to be present at all times – they wouldn't want to miss the fun!

COST: \$120 for BNC Members or \$150 for nonmembers. A \$20 deposit is also required for all parties. Payment is required in advance (cash or check preferred). The deposit of \$20 will be returned at the end of the party, if all of the guidelines are followed as stated above.

JOIN US: The cost of a BNC Family Membership is only \$50 and you'll save \$30 on the cost of your BNC Birthday Party! It's like getting a membership for just \$20! Ask staff for details and benefits!



Gift Ideas that help support our mission!

Individualized party goodie bags can be purchased in advance with items from our Nature Shop – staff will have bags ready for the party! A fun gift alternative is our **Adopt-a-Book** program and your child's name will be on the cover of a new book in our Nature Library. Or for as little as \$25, your child can receive a special certificate featuring one of our wildlife ambassadors through our **Adopt-an-Animal** program!



If interested in scheduling a party, please call 937-698-6493, Monday – Friday.