

## Queens Zoo Birthday FAQs

### What age is appropriate for a birthday party at the Zoo?

Parties may not be appropriate for children under the age of 3. We offer 4 different party options beginning at age 3. All activities including games, crafts and souvenir goody bags are designed to be age appropriate for the ages listed in the party option.

### Can I bring food for my party?

You are welcome to bring snacks or food for your guests. Chafing dishes, or any heated trays are not permitted in the party space. On request we can provide information for local pizzerias that can deliver food to the zoo. We recommend handing out cupcakes or portable treats at the end of the party for guests to enjoy as they explore the Zoo!

### Where can we eat?

You may eat in the party room or if you would prefer you may use the picnic tables at the Sea Lion Café or at the farm. You are also welcomed to picnic on the lawn! Outdoor public seating cannot be reserved, but your party host will work with you to make sure you and your guests have a comfortable outdoor space to enjoy birthday treats on the day of your event.

### Do we need to wear masks in the party room?

Masks are not required and can be used based on personal preference. Guests and staff may continue to wear masks for a variety of reasons, so please be kind and considerate of others. Park policies are subject to change, and all guests must abide by the rules in effect on the date of visit. See more information at our [Queens Zoo Know Before You Go](#) page.

### Do I have to be vaccinated?

Proof of COVID-19 vaccination is not required to visit. See more information at our [Queens Zoo Know Before You Go](#) page.

### What animals do you have? Can I choose which ones we meet?

Our tractable animal collection includes a variety of mammals, birds, reptiles, and invertebrates. Each party meets two animals, and these vary based on each animal's unique care schedule. While we cannot guarantee specific animals, some fan-favorites are turtles, snakes, rabbits, and chinchillas.

### What is the exclusive animal experience?

This varies based on the age of your birthday child. For ages 3-5, guests will have an option to venture to the farm to feed the barn animals or learn about animal movement in the wild animal zoo. Ages 6-8 will go on a wild scavenger around the zoo or discover how our keepers care for animals in the Queens Zoo.

### How many guests can I invite?

Each party includes admission for up to 25 people, including the party family and the birthday child. For an additional fee up to 10 more guests can join the party. Please note the maximum capacity for all parties is 35 participants (children ages 2 and up and adults). Guests can enter the Queens Zoo at the start of the party and stay until the park closes. The party family can arrive 15 minutes early to set up the room (optional).

**What comes in the goody bags?**

We provide goody bags for each child attendee! Our goody bags contain an assortment of zoo-themed items, pencils, stampers, and exclusive Queens Zoo tattoos. You're also welcome to add anything you like!