



BIRTHDAY PARTY BASICS

Birthday parties cost **\$200** and include:



- Use of the yurt/meeting room for a maximum of three hours.
- A Naturalist led program that includes an animal show and short hike (weather permitting). The entire Naturalist led portion of the program to last approximately 45 minutes.
- Birthday party guests receive a 10% discount in our Nature Shop

THEMES

As a Nature Center, there are several themes that we are uniquely equipped to explore. Our selection of native Reptiles and Amphibians is a popular choice, as is a look at our Birds of Prey. Weather permitting; we can also focus on a "local" lodge of the fascinating Beavers that make Piney Run their home. Depending on the naturalist scheduled for the day of your party. We may also be able to customize a theme for you. Please discuss your preferences with a Naturalist when you sign up for your birthday party.



DATES AND TIMES

You are welcome to schedule your party pending availability of the yurt/meeting room and the Naturalists. Please be aware that we have many school groups and public programs, so your preferred day and time may not be available. Please read the Piney Run Nature Center Birthday Party Policy for more details.

For more information, to check dates, or to book a Birthday Party contact the Piney Run Nature Center by phone at 410-795-6043 or email us at pineyrunpark@carrollcountymd.gov.



The Piney Run Nature Center is an interpretive facility of the Carroll County Department of Recreation and Parks, located within Piney Run Park. Nature Center admission is free and naturalists are available to answer questions and share nature's surprises. There is also a Nature Shop with books, t-shirts and much more available for purchase.

PINEY RUN NATURE CENTER HOURS

MARCH 1 - NOVEMBER 30

(Park entrance fees apply)

Wednesday-Saturday | 11am-5pm

Sunday | Noon-5pm

Monday & Tuesday | Closed

DECEMBER 1 - FEBRUARY 28

(No park entrance fee)

Monday-Friday | 11am-4pm

Saturday, Sunday & Holidays | Closed

The Americans with Disabilities Act applies to the Carroll County Government and its programs, services, activities and facilities. Anyone requiring an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or who has a complaint should contact The Department of Citizen Services, 410-386-3600 or 1-888-302-8978, or MD Relay 711/1-800-735-2258, as soon as possible but no later than 72 hours before the scheduled event.



📍 300 S Center Street, Westminster, MD 21157

📞 410-386-2103

🌐 www.ccrecpark.org

We believe we can provide a unique and enjoyable location for your child's nature-themed birthday party.

We recognize that this is a special day in the life of your child and family, and want to work with you to make sure that this is a positive experience for everyone.

NATURE-THEMED BIRTHDAY PARTIES AT PINEY RUN NATURE CENTER



Combine learning about our natural world with the fun of a Birthday Party!

PINEY RUN PARK & NATURE CENTER
30 Martz Road, Sykesville, MD 21784

BIRTHDAY PARTY CONTRACT

DATE OF RENTAL	
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ARRIVE TIME		DEPART TIME	
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Group/Family Name

Group Leader

Email

Phone

Address

City State Zip

# OF PARTICIPATING CHILDREN	
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# OF ADULTS (adult/child ratio is 1:7)	
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TOTAL OF ABOVE MUST NOT EXCEED 30 PERSONS

- Yurt/Meeting Room with Naturalist Program, \$200
- Payment Enclosed.** Please make check payable to: PINEY RUN NATURE CENTER.

NOTE: To hold your reservation, full payment and your completed contract must be received two weeks before the party date or the agreement is void. NO REFUNDS.

The undersigned understands that s/he is financially responsible for any damage to Park property by any person(s) in his/her group. This contract entitles the undersigned and his/her guests to the specific facilities and services specified in the Piney Run Nature Center Birthday Party Policy. All other facilities, including parking, are on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be no refunds or rain dates provided.

I hereby certify that I have read and understand the above terms and conditions, as well as the Piney Run Nature Center Birthday Party Policy. I will assume the responsibility of informing my guests of these conditions and ensure compliance with these rules.

Group Leader Signature

Date

PINEY RUN NATURE CENTER BIRTHDAY PARTY POLICY

As guests of Piney Run Nature Center, you are responsible for complying with the Birthday Party Policy outlined below:

- Party fee is \$200 for Yurt/Meeting Room with Naturalist program. Fee is non-negotiable for longer or shorter times. To hold your reservation, full payment and your completed contract must be received two weeks before the party date or the agreement is void. NO REFUNDS. A confirmation will be sent, but it is your responsibility to confirm with the Nature Center that your contract/ payment has been received by the required date.
- Parties last for a maximum of two hours. Please plan parties so that all guests and hosts vacate the Nature Center ½ before closing time (refer to Nature Center Hours of Operation).
- Parties are scheduled pending availability of a Naturalist, and the yurt/meeting room. We cannot guarantee that a time slot will be available.
- The maximum number of party guests is 30, including children, adults and non-participating siblings (babes-in-arms, etc.). There must be at least one adult chaperone (at least 18 years of age) for each 7 children. While parties are being held, the Nature Center will remain open to the public. We reserve the right to cancel any party, without refund, due to inappropriate or disruptive behavior.

PARK ENTRANCE FEES

Park entrance fees are waived for Nature Center Birthday Party guests. Guests must bring a copy of the party invitation or provide the last name of the host family at the Gatehouse entrance for the entrance fee to be waived.

CLEANING UP

If you would like to provide food, beverage or decorations, it is your responsibility to clean up before you leave. Please be sure the tables, floor, etc., of the yurt/meeting room is clean and all trash is in the designated receptacle before leaving. Please alert staff if receptacles need to be emptied.

FOOD ITEMS

If you bring food, we recommend that you wait until after the naturalist has presented any live animals.

After touching reptiles or other animals, party guests are strongly encouraged to wash hands or use an alcohol rub (e.g., Purell™).



ALSO AVAILABLE AT PINEY RUN NATURE CENTER

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

A variety of nature and recreational programs are offered to children and adults throughout the year.

MOTHER NATURE MOM & ME

Monthly programs for ages 4 to 5 and 3 year olds respectively. These 45-minute programs introduce preschoolers to nature with stories, games, hands-on and outdoor activities.

PINEY RUN NATURE CAMP

During the month of July, Piney Run offers four sessions of day camp for children finishing K-6th grades.

NATURE CENTER MEMBERSHIP

Membership benefits include priority registration; discounts on programs, camp and in the gift shop; members only events; opportunity to serve on the Piney Run Recreation and Conservation Council.

Sign up online at ccrecpark.org or when you visit us at the Nature Center.