



## WILD Birthday Party Info Sheet & FAQs

Thank you for choosing to party *WILD* at Potawatomi Zoo! Please read through the following information regarding parties at the Zoo. We want your child's party to be a ZOO-per experience; please let us know if you have any questions. Contact the Education Department by phone at **(574) 235-9070**, or email [education@potawatomizoo.org](mailto:education@potawatomizoo.org).

### Wild Birthday Party Packages include...

- Admission for 35 guests (includes all adults and children; Guest count does not include children under the age of 2)
  - Assistance from a Birthday Party Host
  - Up to 2 hours in party space
  - Two educational animal encounters
  - Attraction ticket for guests to ride train or carousel or giraffe feed (During open season).
  - A gift for the birthday child
  - Mask Craft for children ages 3+ (10 included, but more can be added on)
- \* During closed season a tour and petting zoo visit are included**

### Zoo Rules

Please be advised of the following rules as they apply to your party.

- Children (ages 14 & under) must be accompanied by an adult while outside the party space.
- There is no smoking or vaping allowed inside the zoo.

### The following items are not permitted:

- Balloons or balls
- Alcohol (unless served by Potawatomi Zoo)
- Animals or pets, except for service animals
- Piñatas
- Noise makers
- Straw and Lids – due to animal safety
- Bikes, skates, or skateboards\*

*\*If one of these items is given as a gift, your child would not be allowed to use it on zoo grounds.*



### **The day of your party...**

- When arriving for your party, The Party Child's family vehicle will have dedicated parking space next to the Learning Center. Please see map below. Your guests will need to park in the main parking lot. Please allow for ample time as the zoo may be busy during your WILD party.
- Once you have parked, please make your way to the Field Trip Entrance where you will meet your party host.
- All other members of your party should check in at General Admissions at the main entrance. Guests should tell admission staff they are there for \_\_\_\_ Birthday Child's Party
- You may arrive up to **30 minutes** prior to the start time of the party.
- We do not have an area for storage for goods, so please plan accordingly before your arrival.
- Your party area (Zoo Farm Silo Party Area/Summer or Learning Center/cold weather or rain). Is only a short walk from the main entrance. Admissions staff will direct you to the location. We will have a wagon available for your use if you may need it to transport your goods or supplies. Please ask the birthday party host when you check into your space.
- You and your guests once checked in for the Wild Birthday Party may enjoy the zoo before or after your scheduled time (During the open season).

### **What is the party set-up?**

- There are 6 picnic tables outside or 6 6-foot tables in the classroom for food, dessert, and gifts.

### **May I bring my own food and drinks into the zoo?**

- You are welcome to bring your own food and drinks. The zoo does not have a space for storing food or beverages. If you are bringing food/beverages (non-alcoholic) that need to be kept cold, please pack them in a cooler until serving.
- Food, candles, serving utensils, plates, etc. If you do forget something on the day of your party, ask your party host as we may have what you are missing.

### **What if there is inclement weather?**

- Parties are held rain or shine. Parties booked in our Zoo Farm Silo Party Area have 48 hours before the party to reschedule due to dangerous weather. If there is inclement weather, we will move the party indoors to our Learning Center Classroom.
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### **Information on tour add-on?**

- **Guided Zoo Exploration**– This 20-minute front-of-scenes mini exploration lead by your party host will allow you and your guests to learn more in-depth information about the animals based on the theme of your choosing. This add-on must happen during your 2-hour party window.
  - **Choose one of the following themes:**
    - **AMERICAS:** Bison, alligator, fox, bobcat, giant anteater, capybara, and peccaries
    - **COLD ASIA:** Amur tiger, Sichuan takin, red panda & leopards
    - **AFRICA** White rhino, lion, okapi, hornbills, and kudu and giraffe!



### ATTRACTIONS & AMENITIES

Admission	Gift Shop	Congo Cafe	Potawatomi Express	Dragonfly Deck
Tickets	Picnic Grove	Otter Outpost	Endangered Species Carousel	River Run Yurt Classroom
Restrooms	Picnic Lawn	Round Barn Bar	Porcupine Playground	AEP Foundation STEM Classroom in the Tire Rack Education Center

### LEARNING CENTER

- We are a **non-smoking facility!** This includes vaping and smoking of any kind.
- Masks are required to enter the Zoo,** inside buildings, and when social distancing is not possible.
- Please **do not feed the animals** except where specifically allowed in the Zoo Farm, or by the fish feeding stations.

- Do not cross safety barriers.**
- Balloons and plastic straws/lids are not allowed** inside the Zoo.
- As you move around the Zoo, please **stay on pathways** and off railings and landscaping.
- Please remember that **this is a living collection.** Due to weather, animal health checks, or periodic maintenance, some attractions or exhibits may not be open.

**First Aid** is located in the front office inside the Learning Center.

**Nursing Room** is located inside the Learning Center.

**Lost & Found** The Zoo has no public paging system except for Zoo emergencies. Please notify any staff member for assistance.

Additional information is available on our website.

**Thank you for booking a WILD Birthday Party with us,  
we are glad you are here!**