

The Schiff Nature Party Experience

- A one-hour naturalist led activity/presentation.
- Outdoor games and activities (except in dangerous weather conditions).
- A recycled picture-frame craft and party photo for each guest.
- Party themes featuring live animals, nature craft projects, games, nature walks, natural science exploration and more!
- Nature Center party room with table and chairs, or an alternate outdoor picnic area.

Booking Information

- Parties are customized for children ages 3 and up.
- Cost: \$250 Members
\$325 Non-Members
(Includes a one-year Family Membership)
- Party size is limited to 15 children.
No exceptions. Siblings ages 2 and up do count!
- Call 973.543.6004 to book your party.
- Reserve ahead: A limited number of parties are booked per month



Keep It Green!



Your party is a great opportunity to make a lasting impression on many children and their families by increasing environmental awareness. Here are some ideas to help make your party more eco-friendly:

- Use recycled paper or email your invitations.
- Make your own party favors from recycled goodies around your house, or give each guest something more useful, such as a small plant or packet of seeds.
- Create a lesson around consumerism; ask guests to consider these gift alternatives:
 - Gently used books or toys
 - Donations to a favorite charity
 - A group gift
(Check out Schiff's Sponsor-A-Reptile Program!)
 - Homemade gifts, or no gifts at all!



- Ask that all gifts be wrapped in newspaper, homemade wrapping paper or reusable gift bags.
- Encourage friends to carpool to Schiff for the party.

- Forego the traditional sugary birthday cake and support our local farmers by using local ingredients to make carrot cake or apple pie.
- Serve as much organic, local and in-season food as you can. It is better for the environment and for your guests!
- Have other ideas? Please share them with us!

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THROW A PARTY

"Where wild things happen naturally!"



Eco-Friendly Birthday Parties at Schiff Nature Preserve



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Memories to Last a Lifetime

A birthday party at Schiff Nature Preserve, provides a unique experience for your child while supporting a very worthy cause — open space, environmental education and the natural beauty of your community.

Our eco-friendly parties feature presentations and activities, led by one of our naturalists, that will capture the hearts and minds of your children — the future guardians of our environment. And, we help you entertain while

reducing waste, starting with our electronic invitations and reusable tableware.



By the end of the celebration, everyone will leave with great memories and the confidence that comes from helping others and protecting the environment — so much more than money can buy.



What Schiff Provides

- Nature Center party room with tables and chairs, or an outdoor picnic area.
- A two-hour reservation for your birthday party, which includes 15 minutes for set up, one hour of naturalist led activities and games, a half hour for refreshments and gifts, and 15 minutes for clean-up.
- A variety of party themes are available. Visit www.schiffnaturepreserve.com to view the options.
- A personalized electronic party invitation that includes directions and detailed party information for guests.
- A recycled picture frame craft and a party photo for each guest.
- Use of our reusable party ware, including plates, cups, forks and washable tablecloths and napkins
- Trash bags and clean-up supplies (brooms, dust pans, etc.)
- Access to our refrigerator, freezer, sink and microwave.
- Optional "green" goodie bags and thank you postcards are also available for an additional fee

What You Provide

- Your own birthday cake and party refreshments. (Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.)
- Environmentally responsible decorations, only if desired. (No balloons, streamers, confetti or anything taped to ceilings or walls.)

It is important that you visit our facility before booking to be sure that it meets your needs. Call us at 973.543.6004 to schedule a visit.

Important Party Details

Parents/guardians must...

- Be on time! Your space is reserved for two hours, starting at your booking time. This includes set up and clean up.
- Provide Schiff with a final number of guests one week in advance of the party date.
- Collect emergency contact phone numbers for children who are dropped off at the party.
- Help Schiff staff and educators manage the children.
- Leave no child unattended. We are open to the public and the preserve is home to many different types of animals.
- Clean your party space, which includes sweeping the floor and throwing garbage and recyclables into the proper receptacles.

To ensure a fun, safe party experience, you must get advance approval to serve any food beyond the usual party refreshments, or to incorporate other activities.

About reservations...

Call the Nature Center at 973-543-6004. Please make your reservations early as we offer only a few birthday party times per month. Parties will be held on selected Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Full payment is due at the time of booking to secure your reservation.

Our cancellation policy...

Once a reservation has been secured, there are no full refunds. Cancellations made up to three weeks prior to your scheduled event will be charged a 25% administrative fee and the remaining 75% will be refunded. For cancellations made less than three weeks prior to the event, the payment will be forfeited. Membership is considered a donation and is not refundable.