



JCAS Birthday Party FAQ's

- **What is the maximum number of children for a birthday party?**
Our maximum is 20 kids.
- **Do you supply food, drinks and paper goods?**
We supply tables, chairs, and art/science materials. We do not supply food, drinks and/or paper goods, such as cups, plates, napkins, ect. Please bring some
- **How many staff members are at a birthday party?**
Parties are staffed by one teaching artist and one staff member in the office, unless otherwise requested or need due to numbers of participants
- **Where do people park?**
You may park in the Lakeside Park (on Bellevue Ave, behind the Fairyland kiosk) for a fee. There is 2 hr. free street parking on Perkins St. and Bellevue Ave. (past the rotary Nature Center).
- **Is drop off allowed?**
Yes, drop off is welcome, but it is best to check with the party host.
- **How early can we set up?**

Hosts are welcome to set up 20 minutes before the party. If you need additional time we are happy to arrange it.
- **How long is the art making portion of the party?**
Art and science program takes place for the first hour -75 minutes of the party. the rest of the time is set aside for cake and refreshments.
- **Who is responsible for table clothes?**
We cover all the tables with craft paper. If you'd like to bring additional table clothes for the eating area, you are welcome to. We have five 6 ft. tables.
- **Can we have decorations, a piñata, or balloons?**

A piñata can be strung up outside on the front deck. We ask that you be mindful about picking up all the pieces and throwing away any small wrappers because we would not want the birds to get them. Because we are next to a bird sanctuary we can only allow

balloons inside the building. You are free to bring decorations and go to town on the room where your party will be held.

- **Is it possible to get assistance unloading the car?**
Absolutely. We're happy to assist you.
- **Where do I find birthday party times and availability?**
Email eoceguera@juniorcenter.org for availability. Parties are on Saturdays only. We prefer email but you can also call at (510) 836-5777.
- **What themes do you offer?**
[Please see our website for a list of themes.](#) We always strive to use the highest quality art materials.
- **Can we have a visit with the animals if we are having a different themed party?**
We can add on a visit with one of our reptiles for an additional fee.
- **Can we order food to be delivered or bring in food?**
Folks often bring pizza or have it delivered. Round Table is close by on Grand Avenue. Please note that we have a mini fridge and a freezer where we can store a few items. We do not have a stove or formal kitchen and cannot heat up food.
- **What is your cancellation policy?**
Birthday party payments are non-refundable. In the event of a cancellation, we will be happy to assist you in finding another date.
- **Yikes, will that wash out?**
Maybe. We have aprons and t-shirts available but it's less encumbering for kids to just wear clothes that are ok to get messy. If we are planning a super drippy project or painting with acrylic, we do suggest that kids go grab an apron but we can't guarantee they won't get paint on their clothes. Or shoes. Or in their hair...

With few exceptions, most of the materials we use in the studio are washable, but in our experience, even "washable" paint can have a mind of its own and can stain, depending on the fabric and other factors.

For painting parties, please wear appropriate clothes, party projects are usually planned with only washable art supplies but better safe than sorry!