



# Birthday parties

AT THE CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES



Inspire your pint-sized scientist with an unforgettable birthday bash at the California Academy of Sciences!

## Why host your birthday party at the Academy?

Celebrate in the heart of Golden Gate Park with a one-of-a-kind party at the California Academy of Sciences. Select the perfect package for your young one, and let your Party Coordinator take care of the details.

Party with the penguins at a venue like no other, while supporting the important work of the Academy. From pioneering a global initiative to restoring our critical coral reef systems, expanding environmental literacy around the world, and lowering barriers to entry, our doors are wide open to our community and beyond. Let the party begin!

## Party packages:

**CREATURE CRAFTS** In addition to a menagerie of memories, party guests will return home with a handcrafted keepsake.

**CANOPY QUEST** Young explorers will embark on an exciting self-guided safari inside the rainforest to find and identify a variety of animal species.

**SMALL FRY STORYTIME** Perfect for ages 5 and under, this party will engage your littlest minnows with a captivating, science-themed storytime.

## Our birthday packages include:

- » Admission for up to 16 guests (including birthday family); additional guests welcome for an extra fee per person
- » 2-hour party room rental, including decorations, setup, and cleanup
- » Dedicated party coordinator
- » Assorted cupcakes and juice or milk
- » A special gift for the birthday child and party favors for all kids
- » Express entry into the earthquake simulator and Osher Rainforest exhibit
- » Reserved seating in the Planetarium (minimum age of 5)



## Book your birthday party today!

Please fill out the booking form found on our website and a staff member will be in contact with you to finalize your reservation. Please call us at 415.379.5854 with questions.

Birthday parties are available Saturdays and Sundays, from 10-noon and 2-4. Please note that we are unable to extend the party time if attendees arrive late.

**Are you a member?** Check out our Member-exclusive party package on the next page.



## Guest policy

We require a 1:5 adult to child ratio. Chaperones are responsible for helping gather and monitor the children during party activities.

Please note that the base package includes up to 16 guests (including the birthday family), and you may add additional guests up to the room capacity. Additional guests are \$40/person, regardless of membership status. Anyone over the age of 1 is considered a guest.

**Don't know your final headcount?** Don't worry, you can still book your party. Please note we require the final headcount and payment for any additional guests 2 weeks prior to your party.



## Member-Exclusive Party Package

**TIME** 9:30-11 AM on Sunday mornings for ages 5 and under

### Includes:

- » All-day museum access for all guests
- » Exclusive early entrance to the museum (at Business Reception) before Member's hour
- » Express entry into rainforest and earthquake simulator
- » Private 30-minute use of Curiosity Grove (9:30-10)
- » Decorated party space (1.5 hours)
- » Event setup and cleanup
- » Assorted cupcakes
- » Juice or milk
- » Storytime with Party Coordinator
- » Animal coloring activity
- » Party favors for all kids
- » Special gift for the birthday child



## FAQs

### What can I expect during the birthday party?

All of our party packages are designed to be flexible, in order to allow you time to explore the museum and celebrate in a personalized way! In addition to the package activity, you are welcome to order additional food and will have ample opportunity to choose your own self-guided adventure on the museum floor.

### When is payment due?

A \$200 non-refundable deposit is required at the time of reservation and the balance is due 30 days prior to your event date. If booking within 30 days of the event, full payment is due at the time of booking.

### How do party guests get into the Academy?

Upon arrival, please check in with the name of the birthday child at the Service Desk, located to the right of the front entrance. Here you will receive Birthday Party wristbands and gain entrance to the museum. Your Party Coordinator will meet you at the Service Desk 15 minutes prior to party time, and then show you to the party room. Please let your guests know to check in at the Service Desk in order to receive their wristbands.

### Can I bring my own food or caterer?

Cupcakes and beverages (water, choice of milk or juice) are included in the base party package. We do not allow outside food or drinks, but you may order additional food and beverages through our in-house caterer ([events@constellationculinary.com](mailto:events@constellationculinary.com)). Any additional food orders must be finalized a minimum of two weeks prior to the event.



### Can I bring additional party decorations and party favors?

While both are included, you are welcome to bring additional things. Please note the following items are not allowed: masks, toy weapons, flying or projectile objects and toys, bouncy balls, flowers, balloons, confetti, gum, wheeled shoes, skateboards, or scooters.

### What is the cancellation policy?

No refunds are given for cancellations within 30 days of the event. Party can be rescheduled once without penalty, no later than 60 days prior to the event date. All other transferring of dates will be treated as a cancellation of the original date and another deposit must be paid to hold a new date.

### How does parking work?

Within Golden Gate Park, limited free three- and four-hour street parking is available on MLK Jr. Drive, JFK Drive, and Nancy Pelosi Drive.

There is additional parking in The Music Concourse Parking Facility, operated by CityPark, located on Fulton Street and 10th Avenue. It includes wheelchair-accessible spots near the elevator. For more information, please visit [GoldenGateParking.com](http://GoldenGateParking.com).



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