



## **BIRTHDAY PARTY INFORMATION GUIDE JUNE 11-JULY 31 2018**

### **When:**

- Saturdays and Sundays from 10:30am – 12pm or 1:30pm – 3pm (followed by unlimited time in the Aquarium).
- Guests may begin entering the party room 15 minutes prior to the party room time.
- All birthday party guests and their belongings must be clear from the party room within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the party room time.

### **Where:**

All birthday parties are held in the classroom located in the Aquarium lobby

### **Who:**

Birthday parties are designed for children 2 to 12 years of age, though parties can be booked for guests outside of this range. **A minimum of 10 guests is required to book a party with a maximum of 15 guests.** One adult is required for every 9 children.

\*If you are planning a party for more than 15 guests, please see our group rates and add-on options at <http://greaterclevelandaquarium.com/visit/groups/>

### **Birthday Parties Include:**

- Private party room for 1 ½ hours
- GCA party host during the time in the private party room
- Unlimited time in the aquarium following the party room time
- One parking pass for the party host
- Aquarium themed flatware and décor
- Favor bag for each prepaid child
- Printable or emailable invitations

### **Basic Birthday Party Package:**

Includes the above plus ONE item from the list of activities

- \$17.95 per child
- \$15.95 per adult

### **Deluxe Birthday Party Package:**

Includes the above plus TWO items from the list of activities

- \$21.95 per child
- \$15.95 per adult

### **Ultimate Birthday Party Package:**

Includes the above plus THREE items from the list of activities

- \$25.95 per child
- \$15.95 per adult

\*Aquarium Passholders receive \$2 off per ticket –both adult and child tickets in any package

## **Activities:**

- Animal Encounter
- Aquatic Animal Craft
- Mascot Appearance
- Game Fish Feed
- Sting Ray Feed (only available during the 1:30pm -3:00pm parties)
- Green Screen Photo and Plush Shark for the Birthday Child

## **Activity Descriptions:**

Animal Encounter: a 15-minute experience that occurs during the party room time. One of the Greater Cleveland Aquarium's education animals is brought into the birthday party room for an up-close visit. Guests may touch the animal (hand sanitizer is provided for guests to use afterwards). *NOTE: The Greater Cleveland Aquarium education animals include species of turtles and lizards. Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate animal requests at this time.*

Green Screen Photo and Plush Shark for Birthday Child: guests will be led to the green screen after the time in the party room by the party host who will coordinate a photo of the guests. Props will be available for guests to use. Party host will make sure that the birthday child receives their phot and plush shark. Additional photos can be purchased day of for \$6.99 each

Mascot Appearance: 15-minute meet and greet with Finn the Shark that occurs during the party room time frame. Finn will greet all guests, show off his dance skills and makes a great photo opportunity with all of the birthday party guests.

Aquatic Animal Craft: approximately a 15-minute experience that occurs during the party room time. Your party host will lead all of the birthday party children in a pre-chosen aquatic themed craft activity that can be taken home as a souvenir.

- CD Fish
- Envelope Shark
- Paper Bowl Turtle
- Tissue Paper Fish/Turtle
- Jellyfish Craft
- Jeweled Seahorse

Fish Feed Experience: a 15-minute experience that occurs immediately following the time in the party room. One of the Greater Cleveland Aquarium's aquarists meets the group by the exhibit and gives a brief talk on the freshwater fish that they will be feeding. All children in the group receive a small cup of food (usually pellets) to help feed the exhibit.

Stingray Feed: is a 15-minute to 30-minute experience that is only available during the Saturday and Sunday afternoon birthday party time frames. The feed takes place at 3:00pm. Children must be 42 inches in height to participate in the feed. Each child is given one piece of seafood (cut up fish, shrimp, squid, etc.) and under the guidance of one of our aquarists, will hand feed the stingrays. *NOTE: This is not recommended for guests that may have allergies to seafood, fish, or shellfish.*

## **Itinerary:**

An itinerary will be created for each individual party based on time frame, package, and activity add-ons that are selected. This itinerary will be emailed prior to the party.

**BOOKING POLICIES:**

**We require a \$125 NON-REFUNDABLE deposit on all birthday party reservations. This deposit must be paid by credit card.**

**A valid credit card must remain on file until after party has occurred.**

**Final payment is due IN FULL the Tuesday prior to the birthday party.**

**If FULL payment is not received by the Tuesday prior to the birthday party – the birthday party will be canceled.**

**A completed reservation form and deposit payment information must be received to consider your chosen date and time slot as booked.**

**A receipt and additional information regarding your party will be emailed to the email address provided within 3 days of being processed. This email serves as confirmation that your chosen date and time slot have been booked.**

**The Birthday Party Contract emailed with booking paperwork must be signed and returned via email, fax, or mail within one week of being sent. If a signed contract is not received, the Greater Cleveland Aquarium reserves the right to cancel the party and no refunds will be given.**