



# Naturally Wild! BIRTHDAY PARTIES

## Boardman River Nature Center

1450 Cass Rd, TC (Just 1.5 mi south of S. Airport)

Take a walk on the wild side for your child's next birthday party! Choose one of our 10 Naturally Wild birthday themes, and celebrate your special day with fun-filled nature activities. All Naturally Wild Birthday Parties include hands-on activities in the Boardman River Nature Center and outdoor adventures in the Natural Education Reserve.

<b>Ages:</b>	4-12
<b>Number:</b>	Up to 12 children
<b>Duration:</b>	2 hours
<b>Cost:</b>	\$85

**Format:** Naturally Wild Birthday Parties include 1 hour of guided instruction by a GTCD naturalist, including hands-on activities in the Boardman River Nature Center and outdoor adventures in the Natural Education Reserve. Also included are facility rentals for the party room and kitchen use for the second hour of the program for cake, ice cream and presents. Food, drinks and decorations are provided by parents.

**Hours:** Birthday party programs can be held anytime during the Nature Center's regular operating hours of Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Most programs are held on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. or 1-3 p.m. Parties can be arranged outside of normal operating hours for an additional \$25 fee. Parents, please tell all guests to arrive 10 minutes before the party start time to ensure the educator can begin on time.

**To register:** Call 231-941-0960 to book your party today!



# Naturally Wild Party Themes

## Butterfly Beauty

Want to know more about beautiful butterflies? Spend some time investigating these majestic creatures, and join the beautiful butterflies in the area as we take a hike on one of our nature trails. If flowers are in bloom, we'll explore the butterflies in our monarch butterfly garden, and you'll have a chance to pretend you are a butterfly for the day! Back in the Nature Center, we'll make some beautiful butterfly crafts to take home.

## Fabulous Fish

Splash into the world of fish with our Fabulous Fish Party! Learn first-hand what makes a perfect habitat for fish by hiking to Jack's Creek and exploring a fish's natural environment. Find out how quick and cunning some fish must be to survive by playing the energizing 'Salmon Game'. Back in the Nature Center, make some incredible fish prints to take home. Fish prints can be made on our "Nature is Calling!" t-shirts for an additional fee of \$8 per child – ask for details.

## Perfectly Perfect Plant Party

Join us for your Perfectly Perfect Plant Party at the Boardman River Nature Center! Explore the different plants that make up our back yards, and join us on a nature hike to hunt for leaves, berries and wildflowers. Back in the Nature Center, you will create your own artistic leaf prints with leaves from the trail, and even plant your own environmentally-friendly mini wildflower garden to take home.

## A Spidery Web

Spiders are superheros too! Gather your friends and join us for a Spidery Web Birthday Party to learn all kinds of weird and interesting facts about spiders. Join us for a hike on our nature trails to search high and low for different types of spiders and webs. Back in the Nature Center, you will make your own spidery crafts to take home with you.

## Ladybugs, Ladybugs

Celebrate your birthday with the lovely Ladybugs, Ladybugs! Discover the life cycle of a ladybug, how a ladybug changes in appearance over time, and why ladybugs are so important. After designing your own ladybug headband and acting out the ladybug life cycle, we'll head out for a hike on one of our nature trails to explore a ladybug's world.



## **Hoppy Birthday**

The Hoppy Birthday Party will suit all the amphibian fans out there with activities all about frogs. Learn about frog calls and try your croak-able voices at a frog chorus! Take a hike on one of our nature trails to look and listen for frogs. You'll even get a chance to help feed our green frogs in the Nature Center, and to make an origami frog to take home.

## **Magnificent Mammal Rendezvous**

Gather your mammal friends and enjoy a suite of birthday activities focused on these warm-blooded, fur-bearing critters! Play an exciting game of predator and prey as you find out how mammals depend on other animals for their food, and learn to look for signs of mammals with a few common mammal tracks. After making track casts and a mini track guide to take home, we'll hike the trails in search of signs of who has been there.

## **Exploring Nature with 5 Senses**

Spend your birthday exploring our nature trails all five of your senses - sight, touch, hearing, smell, and taste. Learn how to hear and smell like a deer, blend into the wilderness in a game of camouflage and find your way through the forest without your sense of sight. Test your sense of feel as you try to identify items from nature, without peeking. Finally, top your party off with a super fun nature scavenger hunt.

## **Starry Escapade**

If it's the nighttime that makes you want to party more than the day, this is the Naturally Wild Birthday Party theme for you. Venture out on a nighttime hiking adventure on our nature trails to explore the woods the way nocturnal animals do! Learn about the adaptations of nocturnal animals and enjoy a game of Bat & Moth to test your skills at echolocation. Gaze at the stars, learn a few common constellations, and make your own star wheel to take home.

## **Create Your Own**

Interested in a different nature-related party theme for your child? Custom programs are available. Let us know your theme of choice and we will develop a special birthday party tailored to your needs. Allow for scheduling three to four weeks in advance. Additional fees may apply.

Indoor alternatives are available for all Naturally Wild Birthday Parties. Just ask!

