Naturally WILD Birthday Parties
At the Boardman River Nature Center

Take a walk on the WILD side for your child’s birthday!

Naturally Wild Birthday Parties include one hour of guided instruction by a GTCD naturalist, which combines hands-on activities in the Boardman River Nature Center and outdoor adventures in our 500-acre 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. Check out our birthday themes on the back!

Whether you choose to just rent our spacious Community Room or enlist the help of our trained educators and party experts, hosting your child’s next birthday party at the Boardman River Nature Center is sure to create memories that last a lifetime. Let’s Party!

Birthday Rates

We offer a spacious, high-capacity room with a full kitchen, tables and chairs, and access to a 500-acre natural reserve for games, hiking, and exploration, literally right out the back door.

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<th>Facility Rental &amp; Program</th>
<th>Est. Capacity</th>
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<td>2 Hour Program with Educator* (Community room rental with full kitchen included in price)</td>
<td>Up to 12 Children</td>
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<td>*Ages 6-9 only: an educator will join in on the festivities and provide 1 full hour of educational fun!</td>
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<td>2 Hour Community Room with Full Kitchen Rental, no Educator</td>
<td>Up to 60 Children</td>
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<td>2-4 Hour Oleson Pavilion Rental, no Educator</td>
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*Please note that an additional fee of $10/hr will be charged for bookings outside of our normal business hours of Tuesday-Friday, 10am-4pm, as well as for each additional hour needed for set-up and take-down.

Payments & Cancellations

Payment is asked at the time of registration in order to reserve your desired time and use of the facilities. Cancellations with full reimbursement may be made up to two weeks prior to the date of the party.
Choose one of our 10 naturally wild birthday themes!

**Beautiful Butterfly Party**
Flutter over to the Boardman River Nature Center for a beautiful butterfly party! Borrow a butterfly net and follow us on a hike through our butterfly habitat. Hatch out of your own chrysalis, and make your own butterfly to take home! **Suggested time of year:** Summer.

**Wilderness Survival Party**
Come to the Boardman River Nature Center and see if you have what it takes to survive in the wild! Hike down to Jack’s Creek to build lean to shelters, learn to tell the time by the sun, and collect fresh water from a tree. Create bird calls, and learn how local wildlife survives in northern Michigan. **Suggested time of year:** Spring through fall.

**Hoppy Birthday Party**
Celebrate your birthday at the Boardman River Nature Center, reptile and amphibian style! Hike through the wetlands in search of Michigan’s 56 reptiles and amphibians. Learn to identify frog calls, and paint your own turtle shells! **Suggested time of year:** Late spring through early fall.

**5 Senses Exploration Party**
Use your senses to discover the Boardman River Nature Center through our 5 Senses Exploration Party! Learn and experience how animals use their senses in nature. Use your own senses of sight and sound on a guided hike with binoculars. **Suggested time of year:** All year round.

**Magnificent Mammal Party**
Follow the animal track to the Boardman River Nature Center for a magnificent mammal party! Go on a guided hike to search for signs of animals, and learn about our local mammals big and small. Create your own animal tracks to take home, and play an exciting game of predator vs. prey tag. **Suggested time of year:** All year round.

**Perfect Plant Party**
Grow another year older with the trees and flowers at the Boardman River Nature Center! Take a guided hike through the forest and learn to identify local trees and wildflowers. Play a game of “nature twister,” and decorate your own tree ring craft! **Suggested time of year:** Late spring through early fall.

**River Rendezvous Party**
Rendezvous at the Boardman River Nature Center for a river party! Borrow some waders and a net, and head down to Jack’s Creek in search of fish and aquatic insects. Learn all about Michigan’s fish, and make your own fish prints, or play a game of “salmon run!” **Suggested time of year:** All year round (outdoor water activities for late spring through early fall).

For more information or to book your party today, call 231.941.0960 or email info@gtcd.org!