

Birthday Party Guidelines



ARE YOU A MEMBER?

Birthday parties at the Museum are a benefit of the Household level of membership. To become a member, please visit our website or call our Membership Department at 361.825.3509.



ACTIVITIES

All parties include a one hour hands-on art activity led by an art instructor. We have a selection of activities to choose from. Some of these may be able to be adjusted to fit the birthday child's interests or party theme.



FOOD AND DRINKS

Food such as sandwich trays, cookies, cake, and juice are allowed for your celebration. Anything beyond this must be cleared by the Education Department in advance. All food trash must be disposed of in the trash can provided; counters and tables must be left clean.

No food or drink is allowed in the galleries. All food and drink must stay in the Kellar Classroom or Heldenfels art studio.

Please bring plates, napkins, and utensils. There will not be access to a refrigerator or stove.

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PRICING

Parties cost \$175 and last 2 hours (1 hour for art activity, 1 hour for cake and presents). This price includes up to 18 guests (ages 6 and over) or 12 guests (ages 5 and under). More guests may be invited for a \$35 fee. Full payment must be received to reserve your party date.



GUESTS AND CHAPERONES

Adult supervision is required during the party. One adult chaperone is required for every 7 children; additional adults may attend the party free of admission, however, maximum occupancy of the party room is 50 people (including children).



DECORATIONS

You may display freestanding decorations and use tablecloths. Banners and streamers are difficult to adhere to the stone walls and therefore, not suggested. Party host is responsible for setting up and taking down any decorations, as well as throwing away all garbage.

We do not allow helium balloons or any glitter, confetti or other decorations smaller than 2 inches in diameter.



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CANCELLATIONS

No fees will be refunded for cancellations made less than 10 business days prior to the party. In case of emergency, the museum will reschedule the party to a day and time convenient for both the customer and the museum. A \$50 administrative fee will be deducted from all cancellations made prior to the 10 business day period. Should an emergency arise for the Art Museum, a full refund will be returned to the customer.

PARTY SET UP AND CLEAN UP

Party host will have access to birthday party spaces for any decorations/setup 30 minutes prior to party time. Rooms must be vacated 30 minutes after the end of the scheduled 2 hours and must be left in the same condition prior to party. Late departures (15 minutes +) will be assessed a \$50 fee. You are responsible for disposing of your trash in the trash receptacles provided in the room.

Art instructors are only responsible for directing the art project and cleaning up the art studio area. They are not responsible for assisting in any other capacity (i.e. setting up the decorations, playing party games, serving food, cleaning). The adult hosting the party must facilitate the party.

To ensure that party attendees are appropriately dressed for art projects, the party host is responsible for notifying attendees prior to party date that children may be working with paint and permanent ink. The Art Museum of South Texas cannot be held liable for stained clothing.

ALL PARTIES INCLUDE:

- All day admission for you and your guests.
- Tables and chairs to accommodate guests (you may rearrange to suit your needs)
- Party room rental for a specified time
- Trash bags and trash receptacles for clean-up
- Art teacher, art supplies (excluding t-shirts) and activity
- A gift for the birthday boy or girl.

ART PROJECT OPTIONS

Animal Masks(ages 2-5): Create colorful fun foam masks of favorite animals.

Cut Paper Animals (ages 2-5): Create cute geometric shaped animals using colorful paper, chalk and paint

Mosaic Madness (ages 2 - 12): Create impressive pictures with colorful bits of paper and found objects! Younger children will use bigger shapes and create simpler designs.

Princess or Pirate Parade (ages 5-12): Create crowns, eye patches, hats, and noisemakers to celebrate in style!

Fabulous Fish Prints (ages 6-12): Create an island-style beach shirt with brightly-colored fabric paints and life-like rubber fish replicas. Party host or participants will need to bring a white pre-washed t-shirt or other material suitable for printing (pillow-case, canvas bag, etc.). Prints can also be made on paper.

Paper Cut Aliens (ages 6-12): Create out-of-this-world symmetrical alien characters using colorful paper, googly eyes and other found objects.

Under the Sea Collage (ages 6 -12): Take an underwater voyage into the deep blue sea with paint and other materials to create a shimmering mixed media collage