What to Bring / How to Dress Guests
- Rain or shine, outdoor exploration is a part of each program.
- Guests should dress for the conditions. Everyone should wear shoes that completely enclose the foot, long pants, and a coat and hat, as the weather warrants.
- NO sandals, crocs, or water shoes/socks allowed. Shirt and shoes required.

Guidelines & Responsibilities
You supply:
- Food, drinks and ice
- Tablecloths, napkins, cups (no Styrofoam), plates, utensils
- Decorations and party favors
- Supervision of your guests. A representative from your group should be at the Nature Center entrance to direct arriving guests.

Safety:
- Participants shall comply with Sanctuary rules, safety laws and fire laws.
- Tobacco, firearms and weapons are not permitted on Sanctuary premises.
- Flammable materials for decoration are not permitted.

Rules:
- The room must be left in the condition you found it or a cleaning charge will be assessed.
- The following are not permitted: running inside, ball playing, or bat piñatas.
- Your event must take place only in the library and other areas as directed by staff.

Liability:
Person holding event is responsible for behavior of all participants, and assumes full responsibility for personal injury to participants within the building and for property damage. MLTNS assumes no responsibility for possessions left on premises. MLTNS reserves the right to terminate your event for non-compliance with these regulations.

Birthday Parties
Martha Lafite Thompson
Nature Sanctuary
Membership Levels
As a member, you will receive benefits such as:
- The Sanctuary, our quarterly newsletter
- discounts on all public programs
- 10% off gift shop items
- member-only gift shop sales
- special member-only events

Individual Privileges
Ladybug ........................................... $20 - 34
Coneflower .................................... $35 - 49

Family Privileges
Bluebird ............................................ $50 - 74
Bluestem ........................................ $75 - 124
Monarch ** ...................................... $125 - 249
Kingfisher ....................................... $250 - 499
Sycamore ....................................... $500 - 749
Bobcat ............................................ $750 - 999
Martha’s Circle ................................ $1000+

** To optimize your donation and assistance to the Sanctuary, please consider a Monarch membership level.

Take a look at our other programs!
Scout Programs
Preschool Programs
Home-school Programs
Special Events
Adult Lecture Series
School Programs
E.G.A.D.S. Summer Camp

Dino-riffic

Prepare for some prehistoric fun as we learn about the reptiles that once walked the earth! This birthday includes making a plaster fossil to take home, exploding a volcano, meeting a distant relative of these amazing giants, and a trail hike to search for dinosaur relatives.

This birthday party that is positively prehistoric!

Science Magic

Ages 7 - 10 only

The world around us is magical and full of surprises. At this party guests will learn some amazing spectacles of science! Partiers will also explore some magical science factoids and will meet a live animal. Plus, the party goers will make a magical craft.

You’ll have a magically marvelous birthday!

Insect Excitement

Note: Party offered only May - October

The Nature Sanctuary is filled with amazing insects such as dragonflies, katydids, beetles and more! Spend your party figuring out differences between insects and their friends. We’ll head outside and everyone will have a chance to catch and release some insects and then come inside to make a bug craft.

It’ll definitely be a buggy birthday!

Tracks & Trails

Ages 6 - 10 only

Partiers will become wildlife detectives and explore the tracks and traces left by our resident wildlife. They will then use models of tracks to decorate a t-shirt or other item (parents provide) with our fabric paints. The party also includes a fun predator and prey game and meeting a live animal.

This party promises to be one fun adventure!

Snakes Alive!

Dive into this fascinating group of reptiles and learn what makes them so intriguing. Find out which snakes call Nature Sanctuary home, and enjoy a guided hike in search of REPTILES.

Schedule this party for the snake lover in your family. Children will meet some MLTNS snakes, go on a snake search, and make their own reptile craft.

Your party will be a slithering hit!

Bird Bonanza

Partiers will soar above and beyond any normal party to learn about the world of birds. We’ll learn what makes a bird a bird and then head outdoors in search of hawks, cardinals, bluebirds and more! Every child will also make their very own birdfeeder to take home.

Have a Happy Bird-day!

Description

Have a birthday party on the WILD side!

Martha Lafite Thompson Nature Sanctuary hosts fun-filled nature themed birthday parties all year long. Our parties provide a variety of hands on activities that are guaranteed to please. The parties are age appropriate and exciting, full of fun nature facts, crafts, games and more!

With Each Party You Will Get …

- Birthday Party Program led by an MLTNS Naturalist
- MLTNS Library Reserved:
  - 15 minutes prior to party (for decorating)
  - 30 minutes following party (cake, presents)
  - Times include set up and clean up time
- Access to refrigerator / freezer

For More Information & to Register

- We recommend registering your party at least 2 months in advance to secure the date you want.
- Parties can be held Tuesday through Saturday, all year long.
- Call (816) 781-8598 and ask to speak with a naturalist to register.
- Please have the following information when you call:
  - Several possible dates & preferred times
  - Average group age & number of children
  - Program title

Cost / Length of Parties

Preschool Age Parties (ages 3 - 6) 60 minutes
- $90 non-member, $75 MLTNS members

School Age Parties (ages 7 - 10) 90 minutes
- $110 non-member, $90 MLTNS members

For quality programming, parties are limited to 12 children and 7 adults.

Ask about our overnight birthday options! See our overnight program brochure, ask a naturalist, or give the nature center a call (816) 781-8598 for details and pricing.