McWane Science Center
BIRTHDAY LAB
we have birthdays down to a science.

Terms & Conditions

1. RESERVATION AND PAYMENT

Reservations of parties, including additional options, must be confirmed and paid in full by McWane Science Center at least one (1) week before the party date.

2. ADMISSION AND PARTY TIMES

All party guests' admissions require paid admission through the party reservations.

Birthday party guests who are members of McWane Science Center must be included and paid for through the reservation. Members may arrive separately to attend the party but will not be included in any birthday supply count for the party.

Guests arriving after a sale is finalized must pay the full day admission price.

Party contact must check in to Visitor Services to pick up the Birthday Party Packet. Included in the pack will be stickers for each purchased admission, itinerary and room information. You will be responsible for meeting your guests and handing out admission stickers. Any additional guests can be added to your party before you finalize your sale for the day.

- You will meet with the Birthday Party host and be escorted to your party room for the day.
- Party Contact/Parent must greet party guests and ensure admission stickers are distributed to all guests.
- Rooms are reserved for two (2) hour time periods. Time is determined at the time of the reservation.
- All items must be removed from the reserved room at the end of the two (2) hour reserved time limit.
- McWane Science Center will provide basic paper products (plates, spoons, napkins) for chosen themed party packages. Supplies will be provided to meet the needs of the number of paid guests included in the reservation. The party family is responsible for providing all paper product needs that exceed paid guests or that exceed basic party package expectations. Please note that McWane cannot store any party-related items including food, plates, and decorations.
- Full-day admission is included for all birthday party guests.
- Party Contact will be responsible for coordinating party guests' arrival.
- All parties will begin and end at their scheduled time regardless of late arrivals. Parties will last a maximum of 120 minutes (about 2 hours). No extra time will be given regardless of late arrivals.
- Your group is welcome to spend the remainder of the day at McWane Science Center after the party is over.

3. SCIENCE PROGRAMS

Party Science Programs are not included in the reservation. Science engagement activities are scheduled daily in the Adventure Halls.

4. PARTY CONCLUSION

At the end of your 120-minute party, all gifts and personal items must be removed from the party room and taken to a vehicle prior to entering the Adventure Halls. Your Birthday Host will accompany you to provide any help you may need loading tabletop decorations, gifts, and left-over cake into your car. Any birthday party carts used to transport personal items must be returned to the lobby. McWane Science Center does not have a secure place to store gifts and is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

5. RESERVATION AND PAYMENT:

NO OUTSIDE FOOD, DRINKS, OR GUM beyond traditional celebratory cakes or cookie cakes. Rice Krispies, doughnuts, cookies, etc. are permitted inside McWane Science Center.

CATERING OPTIONS

Pizza or sandwich platters may be purchased and coordinated through Bean Sprouts café located in the facility. A catering menu and contact information are attached to the agreement.

- All catering orders must be placed at least two weeks before the party date.
- Party guests will be responsible for placing orders with Beansprouts.

6. ADMISSION AND PARTY TIMES

McWane Science Center offers three standard themed party decorations which are included in the price of the party. The following items are provided: paper products (plates, cups, napkins) tableware, table coverings and coordinating backdrop. The three standard themes are:

- Dinosaur Theme
- Pastel/Rainbow Theme
- McWane Science Theme

If Party Contact would like to have a personal theme different than what is provided in the standard party package, Party contact is responsible for communicating with Birthday Staff at least 72 hours before the day of the party and coordinating the set-up. All personal decoration must take place within the party room availability. Any additional time must and must be approved and coordinated prior to the day of the party.

Items not permitted inside McWane Science Center include, but are not limited to, Helium balloons, balloon arches, rice, birdseed, glitter, coconut shavings, confetti, hanging objects (piñatas, etc.). No open flames are permitted except for birthday candles under the supervision of the Event Host.

7. CANCELLATION OR DATE CHANGE

Cancellation of your party will result in a 50% cancellation fee. Should your party be cancelled within 7 days prior to the event, no refunds will be issued. If the party date needs to change due to any reason including, but not limited to, illness, a 50% cancellation fee will apply, and the remaining payment may be applied to a rescheduled party if scheduled within 1 month of the originally scheduled party date.

8. HOURS OF OPERATION

McWane Science Center Hours of Operations for weekends are Saturday 10:00AM-5:00PM and Sunday 12:00PM-5:00PM. Itty Bitty Magic City will close at 4:45PM each day. McWane Science Center will occasionally close areas of the museum early in preparation for evening events. Additionally, Itty Bitty Magic City will have a “5-10-minute rest period” each hour where all guests will be asked to vacate Itty Bitty Magic City and will be readmitted based on available occupancy.

9. EMERGENCY WEATHER POLICY

If weather conditions become threatening, parents are encouraged to check in with Events staff at 205-714-8491 periodically prior to the event. If McWane Science Center is closed due to an act of war or nature, all efforts will be made to contact the party host/parent as named above. Parties will have an opportunity to reschedule within 1 month of the originally scheduled party date, or a refund minus any actual expenses incurred by McWane Science Center will be issued. Rescheduled dates are based on availability.

10. GOODIE BAGS, ETC.

Items not permitted at McWane Science Center include, but are not limited to, food, candy, gum, confetti, glitter, and balloons of any kind. Goodie Bag items must be approved before your party.

11. RESPONSIBILITY

The Party Host/Parrent is responsible for ensuring that all guests have a paid admission or is a member of McWane Science Center and displays proper guests’ identification.

11. RESPONSIBILITY (CONTINUED)

The Party Host/Parent as named above, (collectively " Responsible Parties") agrees to assume all responsibility for any injury to persons attending the McWane Science Center Birthday Party or loss of their property and agrees to assume responsibility for damage to the McWane Science Center and its contents caused by anyone of the group attending the party, to the extent that such occurrence is not caused by negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct by the McWane Science Center, its representatives, and its contents.

12. INDEMNITY

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, all Responsible Parties shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the McWane Science Center and each and all of its officers, directors, employees and representatives (collectively "Indemnitees") from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, judgments, settlements costs (including attorneys' fees), and expenses (collectively "Claims") arising out of or relating to the McWane Science Center Birthday Party (or participation therein), including, but not limited to, those Claims that are attributable to bodily injury, death, damage to and/or destruction of property, whether or not caused by or contributed to by the active, passive, affirmative, sole or concurrent negligence, or breach of any statutory duty on the part of any Indemnitee or its agents, employees, or representatives.

13. CONDUCT

All guests shall follow all reasonable requests of the McWane Science Center representatives, as well as all applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations.

At least one adult chaperone for every five children is required. Adult chaperones are responsible for the behavior of the group and must always accompany children.

The adults must read and follow all emergencies-related directions and regulatory signs.

If the McWane Science Center determines that a violation has occurred or is likely to occur in your use of our premises and our equipment, we reserve the right to cancel your Birthday Party, including while it is in progress. Any such determination shall be at the McWane Science Center's sole discretion.

No alcohol, illegal drugs, or smoking is permitted inside the building. Any chaperone found to be under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol will be required to leave the building immediately.

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