

indoor room rental

Indoor Birthday Party Package Fees

Skokie Resident.....\$260.00
 Non-resident\$325.00
 Damage Deposit.....\$100.00

Birthday party rentals are available on weekends from **10 a.m.-1 p.m.** or **3-6 p.m.**, with the exception of campfire parties that may be scheduled near sunset. Alcohol is not permitted.



A leader-guided activity is scheduled within the three-hour rental time. Rental includes use of program room, tables and chairs; bring food, utensils and decorations to suit your group. Activity participation is limited to **25 children (Treasure Hunt is 15)**.

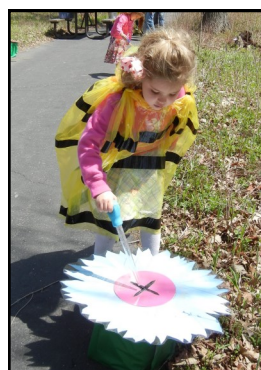
Please note that all activities take place outdoors. In the event of rain or inclement weather, however, alternative indoor activities will be available.

outdoor shelter rental

Shelter Birthday Party Package Fees

Skokie Resident.....\$185.00
 Non-resident\$230.00
 Damage Deposit.....\$100.00

Birthday party rentals are available on weekends from **10 a.m.-12 p.m.** or **2-4 p.m.** with the exception of campfire upgrades that may require an extra 1/2 hour of activity time. Alcohol is not permitted.



A leader-guided activity is scheduled within the two-hour rental time. Rental includes use of the shelter and tables, campfires are available for an extra fee. Full meals are not allowed in the shelters, but snacks, drinks and birthday treats are allowed. Activity participation is limited to **25 children (Treasure Hunt is 15)**.

Please note outdoor shelter rentals have no indoor alternative and will be refunded if no reschedule date is available.

party planning

Reservations are required for all groups. Dates are subject to availability. The package fee is required at the time of reservation, and the damage deposit is due one week prior to rental. **Parties are only considered booked after payment in full is received.**

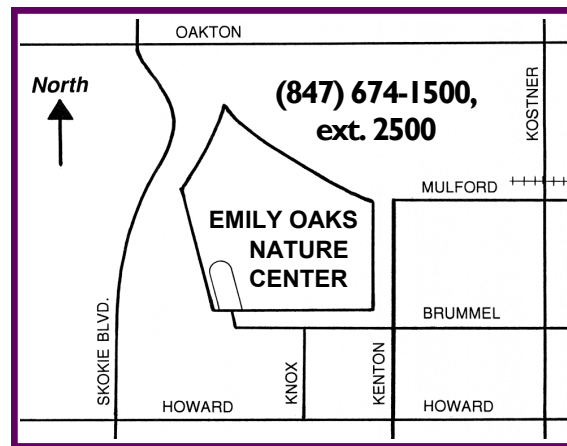
Available Upgrades (Outdoor Shelter Parties Only)

Add on a campfire to your party after the activity! A staff member will build and maintain the fire. Includes marshmallows and roasting sticks.

Skokie Resident.....\$50
 Non-resident.....\$65

Add on s'mores fixin's to your campfire. Supplies for one s'more for up to 25 children and up to 5 additional guests will be provided. Kosher and vegan marshmallows are available.

S'mores Add-on.....\$25



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nature fun & games party activities

MOUSE WALK

ages 3-4

Spring, Summer & Fall

Explore and play outdoors, after being transformed into a mouse! We will be busy making a mouse house, finding mouse food and hiding from foxes—just like the real animals living in the woodland.

¾ hour



WINTER MOUSE WALK

ages 3-4

Winter

Explore and play through abbreviated outdoor Mouse Walk activities listed above. Then come inside to create mouse masks to take home. Expect to spend half of the party time outdoors.

1 hour

BUSY BEES

ages 4-5

Spring, Summer & Fall



Buzz around the Nature Center, to find out what it's like to be a bee! Play group games to search for flowers, collect pollen, perform bee dances, and bring nectar to the hive. The birthday child will receive a "Birthday Bee" pin to take home.

1 hour

FAIRIES AND GNOMES

ages 4-7

Spring, Summer & Fall

Create a special place for the fairies and gnomes to gather in the woodland. Use special tools to show off the natural wonders in your fairy or gnome home and then take a tour of everyone's special place!

1 hour

ANIMAL CARNIVAL I

ages 5-6

Year-round

Enjoy classic group party games that feature favorite Emily Oaks critters! Play "Hot Potato" like an owl, freeze dance with a rabbit, leap like a frog in "Musical Lily Pads," and catch insects in a spider web parachute. The birthday child will take home a big carnival ticket that guides the games.

1 hour



BIRD BUDDIES

ages 5-7

Winter

Become a bird in an outdoor migration tag game, and experience some of the challenges that go along with flying south! Then come indoors to make a pinecone bird feeder to take home. Expect to spend half of the party time outdoors.

1 hour

GOING BUGGY

ages 6-7

Spring, Summer & Fall

Visit the places where tiny critters like crickets, ants, dragonflies and pill bugs live at Emily Oaks. At each location, play a game that highlights their amazing "buggy" senses and skills. Along the way, create a poster for the birthday child to keep.

1 hour

TREASURE HUNT

ages 6-8

Year-round

Some treasure has been lost and we need your help to find it! Follow the map and the nature clues all around the nature center to find the hidden treasure at each location. The birthday child gets a special nature treasure to take home. **Maximum 15.**

1 hour

ANIMAL CARNIVAL II

ages 7-8

Year-round

Enjoy classic group party games that feature favorite Emily Oaks critters! Test your memory like a blue jay, pin the nose on a coyote, play animal charades, and try "Marco Polo" like a bat catching moths. The birthday child will take home a big carnival ticket that guides the games.

1¼ hours

EARTH STUDIOS

ages 7-9

Spring, Summer & Fall

Join the great artist who works outside in the Earth Studio at Emily Oaks!

You are invited into this special studio to create your own masterpieces, using natural materials and

inspiration from the outdoor world. Conclude with a gallery tour of all the artwork.

1 hour



WOODLAND BINGO

ages 7-10

Year-round

Explore outdoors while searching for specific natural items. After filling blank Bingo cards with pictures of the items found, the game begins. Sticker prizes provided. "Something green... a bird in a tree... BINGO!"

1¼ hours

COYOTE CHALLENGE

ages 8-9

Winter

Test your animal instincts as you play games outside to represent the daily survival strategies of coyotes. Then come inside to create a Coyote Collage for the birthday child to take home. Expect to spend half of the party time outdoors.

1¼ hours

MICRO-PARKS

ages 8-10

hours

Spring, Summer & Fall

Using a special park building kit, set up your own park (2'x2') with flags marking the amazing, tiny, natural wonders found there. Tour other parks and invite visitors into your Micro-Park!

1-1¼

campfire party activities

BEAR SNORES ON

ages 6-7

Spring & Fall

Get to know Bear and his woodland friends who gather for a special meal in a story based on the popular book, *Bear Snores On* by Karma Wilson. Enjoy a trail walk and interactive storytelling, followed by campfire songs and marshmallows.

1 hour

THE LORAX

ages 7-9

Spring & Fall

Take part in the telling of this famous Dr. Seuss story, seated around a cozy campfire. Become a Brown-Bar-Ba-Loot, a Humming Fish, or the Lorax himself. Storytelling will be accompanied by a trail walk and marshmallow roasting.

1¼ hours

S'MORES OPTION

¼ hour

Make a classic snack at the close of your campfire! We'll provide all supplies for one s'more for each child plus up to 5 additional guests. **Additional fee: \$25.**

