



## **Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium Carousel Birthday Parties**

Celebrate your child's birthday in the **Paul Titus Carousel** at Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium. Carousel hours of operation: 10:00am-seasonal

### **Carousel Party Package I - \$285.00 ~ Includes:**

- Two hour use of a private carousel party room
- Unlimited carousel rides for each child during party
- Souvenir sipper cup per child
- Child's meal of Hot dog, Hamburger or PB&J, chips and lemonade  
(Choose one type sandwich for entire group):  
(15 children max.)
- Party paper products (table cover, napkin, plates, and plastic utensils)  
Add Birthday cake and Ice Cream-\$3.50 per person
- Zoo admission fees are not included in package price.

### **Carousel Party Package II - \$200.00 ~ Includes:**

- Two hour use of a private carousel party room
- Unlimited carousel rides for each child during party
- Birthday Cake, Ice Cream, drink
- Party paper products (table cover, napkin, plates, and plastic utensils)  
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A discounted admission rate of: \$7.50 per person (age 5 and older); \$4.00 per child (age 3 and 4 years) will apply; advance payment is required. Admission tickets are required for entrance into the zoo.

### **SPECIAL ADDITIONS:**

- SPECIAL THEMED BIRTHDAY CAKES & PARTY FAVORS - contact catering.
- PRIVATE ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS-based on availability-see listing

Outside Food and Beverage are not allowed in party rooms with exception of commercial birthday cake.

## PDZA BIRTHDAY PARTY POLICIES

### **Party Size and Scheduling**

- Two weeks notice is required to confirm party arrangements.
- Parties are scheduled during carousel operating hours; 10:00am to 1 hour before the carousel closing time (based on seasonal hours).
- Parties must start and end at their designated party times; the party time will not be extended for late party guests.
- Party guests must exit party room at designated end time, so the room may be prepared for the next party.
- Additional party time may be allowed at \$50 per each additional half hour; arrangements must be made in advance.
- Additional party room may be rented for \$75.00/2 hour party time, based on availability; arrangements must be made in advance.
- Party packages require a minimum of 5 and maximum of 15 children (ages 3-10).
- Meals for adults are not included in the package price.
- Due to limited space in the party room, please limit the number of adults to 10 per room.

### **Deposit and Payment**

- A non-refundable \$105 deposit is required to reserve a date and is due two weeks in advance of party date.
- The remaining package balance is due to SSA (catering) with your final guest count one week prior to your scheduled party date. Payment can be made by cash and check. Credit cards are also accepted (VISA, MC, and Discover).

### **Guest Admissions (zoo admission fee is required)**

- All groups hosting private events (incl. birthday parties) must purchase zoo tickets in advance for: \$7.50 per person (age 5 and older); \$4.00 per child (age 3 and 4 years) and no charge for children 2 and younger. Party guests include children and adults attending the party.
- Tickets are mailed to you upon receipt of payment or may be picked up at admission gate.
- You are responsible for distributing tickets to party guests; the zoo will not hold tickets for individual pick up. Please contact Group Sales-(253) 404-3805 / [heidir@tacomaparks.com](mailto:heidir@tacomaparks.com) to finalize your admission arrangements.
- Please instruct parents dropping off children for the party, to do so at the admission gate where **you or your representative** will be waiting for them. **You must have an adult outside the admission gate to wait for unescorted children.**

### **Final Guest Count**

- The final guest count must be called or e-mailed into the catering manager at 253/404-3805 or [franciscohen@kmssa.com](mailto:franciscohen@kmssa.com) **one week prior** to the party date. The final guest count must include all children and adults attending the party.
- No outside food and beverage is allowed in private event rooms and carousel party rooms.
- **The zoo is not responsible for storage of decorations, gifts or refrigeration for commercial birthday cakes.**

### **Decorations**

- Please refrain from bringing in *balloons, Styrofoam products, straws, glitter, confetti, or Mylar ribbon* into the Zoo and party rooms.
- No taping or tacking on party room walls.
- Decorating may take place during your scheduled party time and all decorations must be removed promptly at end of designated party time.
- Costumed animal characters are prohibited.

### **Carousel Rules**

- All visitors in the carousel building and/or riding the carousel are required to follow the carousel safety rules and the carousel operator's direction.
- Birthday parties have private use of their assigned party room only; carousel rides are open to all zoo visitors.
- Party guests have unlimited rides on the carousel during their designated party time only; party guests are expected to take turns with all carousel customers.
- Riders not following the carousel rules may be asked to sit out a ride or leave the Carousel building.

## PDZA Animal Appearances:

Enhance your event with a private animal encounter! An expert staff biologist will introduce your group to one of the Zoo's resident animals and beautiful birds of prey and discuss their impressive adaptations for survival.

Presentations are approximately 15 minutes in length and are subject to animal and staff availability. Many of these animals are sensitive to inclement weather conditions-your cooperation is appreciated.

### Animals for Appearances:

Armadillo*	Monitor lizard*
Bald eagle (2 staff)	Opossum- <i>touchable</i>
Barn owl	Porcupine
Beaver	Radiated tortoise*
Corn Snake	Rat- <i>touchable</i>
Duck-touchable	Raven
Eagle owl	Prehensile-tailed skink (small lizard)*
Gopher Snake	Sloth*
Harris' hawk	Tarantula*
Hornbill	Tawny frogmouth (bird)
Kookaburra	Giant Indian fruit bat* (indoors only)
Lynx (2 staff)	Kinkajou*
Green-winged macaw	Aardvark* (limited areas)
Giant Millipede*	

\* temperature restrictions

### Fees:

\$100 per animal appearance (includes 1 staff person)

\$200 per animal appearance that require an additional staff person.

\$225 for appearances scheduled after zoo hours or evening events.

Contact Group Sales to book an animal appearance for your special event.

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