



An exciting event for your growing scientists!

Experience a birthday party celebration that your child (and you!) will never forget. Leave the entertaining and activities to us while you relax and enjoy your child's special day. Two Ontario Science Centre "Party Pros" will deliver an exciting and educational two-hour birthday party in a private party room, full of concocting, examining, and experimenting! Children will engage in fantastic hands-on, interactive science activities based on your selected science theme. Choose from: *Biology* – Examine bones and dissect an owl pellet to uncover an animal skeleton; *Space* – Explore rocketry and build and test a planetary Lander; or *Chemistry* – Experiment with chemical reactions and create concoctions of slime and “ooblick”! When the party is over, you and your guests can enjoy the rest of the day exploring all the exhibits at the Ontario Science Centre!

We have **fun** down to a science!

Your two-hour birthday party package includes:

- Decorated private party room for up to 11 children and 11 adults (Optional Extra: add up to 9 children at \$22 per child)
- Two dedicated Ontario Science Centre “Party Pros” to facilitate your party
- Hands-on interactive science activities
- Admission to the Ontario Science Centre for your guests
- Pizza lunch with juice beverage for the children
- Coffee and tea for the adults
- Disposable partyware (napkins, plates and utensils)
- Special T-shirt for the Birthday Child
- Discounted parking for you and your guests

What you can bring

- Birthday cake, candles and loot bags

Cost

Members: \$425 Non-Members: \$475

Flat Fee includes

- 11 children total (including Birthday Child)
- up to 11 adults (including Birthday Child’s Party Parent)

Optional Extras

\$22/child	Additional children up to a maximum of nine
\$40	Cheese or Pepperoni pizza for adults

How to book

- By phone: 416-696-3256
- By fax: 416-696-3139
- Credit Card payments only

Birthday Parties are available for children (ages 5 to 9) on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

General Information

- Bookings are limited and will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Full payment by Credit Card only is due at the time of booking.
- All Birthday Party costs include GST.
- Party offerings and costs are subject to change without notice.
- The Birthday Child must be between 5 and 9 years old.
- All Birthday Parties must be booked at least 2 weeks in advance.
- Final guest numbers are due on the Wednesday prior to the Birthday Party.
- A minimum of one adult must attend the party.

Cancellation/Refund Policy

- Cancellations received 14 days or more prior to the Birthday Party date are refundable less a \$30 administration fee. There are no refunds for cancellations with less than 14 days notice.

Party bookings are limited. Book NOW!



What dates are available for the Birthday Party package?

Birthday Parties are offered on Saturdays and Sundays, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. For future program offerings, check back on our website at www.OntarioScienceCentre.ca for the most up-to-date information.

Do you have parties for children under 5-years or over 9-years of age?

At the current time, our Birthday Party package is geared to children ages 5-9. Please check our website in the future for updates on program offerings.

What kind of meal is included in the Birthday Party package?

The Birthday Party package includes 2 slices of pizza and an individual juice beverage per child, plus coffee and tea for adults. Pizza can be purchased in advance for all the adults for an additional charge of \$40 which includes 3 slices of pizza per adult. Although we recognize the need for food restrictions, we cannot guarantee the food items will be free of specific allergens. However, we may be able to provide refrigeration for special food brought from home for those with allergies.

Do you provide birthday cakes?

We do not provide birthday cakes. As we realize the importance of a birthday cake for a child's birthday, you may provide your own personalized birthday cake and candles.

What candles are not allowed, e.g., sparklers, trick candles?

Please do not bring sparklers or trick candles, as these may cause the fire alarm to activate.

Can I bring an ice cream cake? I want to bring a flat cake – what is the max size?

A standard-sized fridge or freezer is available to store your birthday cake for your party. Upon arrival for your party, the Party Pro will take your cake and store it in the fridge/freezer until the appropriate time.

Do I need to bring room decorations?

No, the party room is already decorated with a cheerful birthday theme decor. Additional decorations are not permitted. For safety reasons, balloons or piñatas are not allowed at the Ontario Science Centre.

Do you provide loot bags?

We do not provide loot bags. Should you choose to provide loot bags, you can bring your own, or create your own loot bags by purchasing items from the Mastermind Gift Shop, located inside the Ontario Science Centre. Please call Mastermind at 416-422-0434 for more information.

In which science activities will the children participate during the Birthday Party?

The science activities relate to the selected science theme. Choose from: *Biology* – Examine bones and dissect an owl pellet; *Space* – Explore rocketry and build and test a planetary Lander; or *Chemistry* – Experiment with chemical reactions and create concoctions of slime and “ooblick”!

Is admission to the Shoppers Drug Mart® OMNIMAX® Theatre included in the Birthday Party package?

Admission to the OMNIMAX® Theatre is not included in the Birthday Party package. If you wish to purchase tickets for a film, you can do so in person the day of the party or, to be sure you have tickets, you can purchase tickets in advance on our website at www.OntarioScienceCentre.ca/imax or by calling 416-696-1000. Remember not to schedule your IMAX® film during the times when you will be at the Birthday Party.

Is parking included with the Birthday Party package?

Discounted Parking at a rate of \$4 per vehicle is available for you and your Birthday Party guests. Vehicles may pull into the drop-off loop to drop off party-goers (children and their chaperones).



Do you have a sample agenda and a description of the games and activities? Please also let me know when the food and cake is served (timing of everything).

The basic outline for the party schedule is as follows:

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	2-4 p.m.	Activity
9:40	1:40	Welcome at Party Welcome Centre (North entrance doors)
10:00	2:00	Move to Birthday Party Room
10:10	2:10	Introductory game
10:15	2:15	Hands-on Science Program
11:00	3:00	Pizza
11:15	3:15	Cake
11:30	3:30	Open presents
11:45	3:45	Games
12:00	4:00	Party ends

The Birthday Party package that you offer doesn't meet my needs. Are there any alternatives?

At the current time, the Birthday Party package described is the only one available. Please check our website in the future for updates on program offerings. Alternatively, you can contact our Facility Rentals department at 416-696-3146 to discuss customizing an event. Note that not all components of the Birthday Party package may be available for a custom event.

What time should I arrive and where do I meet the 'Party Pro'?

Please have your group assemble at the designated Birthday Party gathering area, indicated by the large sign, located inside the north entrance doors of the Science Centre, **20 minutes prior to your party time**. Your 'Party Pro' will be awaiting your arrival. Please note: all parties start and end on time.

Can I add extra people to my birthday party booking?

Extra children can be added to the Birthday Party package, up to a maximum group size of 20 children, at an additional cost of \$22 per child. The maximum number of adults allowed per party is eleven, which are included free of charge with the Birthday Party package. Call 416-696-3256 to add additional children to your booking. Please provide confirmed final numbers for attendance and food orders (if applicable) by calling 416-696-3256 by 4 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the Birthday Party.

How many adults are required to attend?

We require a minimum of one adult per party. Up to eleven free adults are included in the Birthday Party package. Please keep in mind the group size and age of children when determining how many adults should attend to safely manage your group.

What if an extra person shows up that I didn't originally include in my original party numbers?

Party resources and activities are prepared based on the confirmed number of expected party guests, so it is important to provide an accurate count when booking your party. However, in the unexpected event that an extra child(ren) show(s) up, we will do our best to accommodate them as long as the group size does not exceed the maximum of 20 children. The credit card used to book your party will be charged the appropriate amount. The maximum number of adults allowed per party is eleven, which are included free of charge with the Birthday Party package. Extra adults are welcome to purchase a general admission ticket and explore the Science Centre until the Birthday Party is over.



What happens with late arrivals?

Guests arriving late must check in at the Membership Desk in the front lobby. They should mention that they are guests at a Birthday Party and give the Birthday Child's name. We will arrange to have them escorted to the appropriate party room.

Can my guests get early admission to the Science Centre before the party?

Admission to the Science Centre is included in the Birthday Party package for your guests. If they choose to explore the Science Centre before the party, they need to go to the Membership Desk in the front lobby and indicate that they are guests of your Birthday Party. They will receive a hand-stamp which will grant them admission to the exhibits. Accompanying adults or children who are not guests of the party will need to buy admission to the Science Centre.

What else can we do at the Ontario Science Centre that day?

Please consult the "What's On" section of our website at www.OntarioScienceCentre.ca for more details on our many demonstrations and exhibits.

Do we receive a guided tour?

Exploration of our Exhibit Halls is self-guided; therefore we do not offer guided tours. A staff person will host your party in the party room. If you choose to spend time before or after your party in the Science Centre, you must provide adequate supervision for the children in your group.

What phone number should I call for last-minute changes, requests or cancellations on weekends?

Confirmed numbers must be submitted by 4 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to your party. If any last minute additions or changes are required, please inform your Party Pro in person at the start of your party. We will do our best to accommodate any changes.

Can we store our belongings in the party room while we explore the Exhibit Halls?

No, all personal belongings must be removed from the party room at the end of your designated party time as other activities may be scheduled in the same room later that day. There are lockers available for \$1 each at the main entrance which can be used to store your belongings. We do not recommend storing valuables in the lockers.

Is my payment refundable if I cancel my booking? What if my child is sick and I have to cancel?

Cancellations received 14 days or more prior to the Birthday Party date are refundable less a \$30 administration fee. There are no refunds for cancellations with less than 14 days notice. If your child is sick and you have to cancel the party, you may reschedule it for an alternate date at no additional cost based on availability.

Do I need to clean up afterwards?

Leave the party preparation and clean-up to us! Relax and enjoy the party with your child and guests.