

# Go Wild for Your Birthday!



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## About Tamarack Nature Center

Tamarack Nature Center is a 320-acre Ramsey County nature preserve located within Bald Eagle - Otter Lake Regional Park in White Bear Township, MN. Tamarack Nature Center is dedicated to increasing awareness and understanding of our natural resources for future generations. We provide opportunities for outdoor recreation in a natural setting, as well as quality, environmental education experiences. The park contains extensive woodlands, wetlands and restored prairies for exploration.

## Reservation Process

Birthday parties are led by professional environmental educators. Parties are held on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Sundays 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. For weekday availability, please call (651) 407-5350. Please have tentative dates and times in mind. A minimum of 6 weeks advance reservation is recommended, as space is limited.

## Party Options

Two party options are available. You may choose a naturalist instructed themed party or a do-it-yourself birthday box party. Do-it-yourself parties are detailed on inside back cover.

### Parties include:

- Exclusive use of a classroom for 2 hours for birthday child and 11 guests
- A naturalist led program for 1.25 hours on the theme of your choice. Indoor and outdoor activities are included
- Goodie bags for each participant
- Tables, chairs and tablecloths
- Access to kitchen facilities (sink, refrigerator, oven, microwave). Please request upon booking.
- Downloadable and printable invitation

### You provide:

- Birthday cake, refreshments, paper products and decorations
- Adult supervision (1 adult per 6 children)

## Fees

The full party fee is due at least 30 days prior to your party date. Check, cash, Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted. Parties that exceed the booked time, up to 30 minutes, will incur a \$25.00 additional rental fee per space booked.

Additional party time and/or space may be available. Please inquire with the scheduling coordinator during booking.

Total number of guests needs to be confirmed 2 weeks prior to date of party. Confirmed guests cannot exceed room capacity.

## Cancellations and Refunds

Tamarack Nature Center will refund the party fee, minus a \$25.00 processing fee, for cancellations at least 30 days prior to the date of party. Refunds can't be made if cancelled less than 30 days prior to party.

## Weather Policy

Nature doesn't stop when it rains and neither do we! Some of our best memories are shared during those unexpected moments. We will be outside for a major portion of the party.

- Dress appropriately for the weather:
- Wear clothes that can get wet or dirty.
- Wear sturdy shoes for hiking.
- Wear insect repellent/sunscreen as necessary.

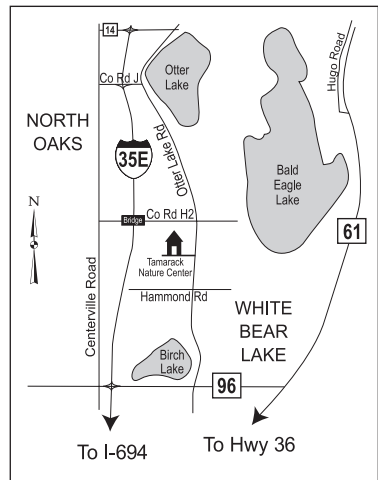
## Contact Us

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# Birthday Party Themes

Ages **3+**

*Offered Year Round*

## Goin' on a Bear Hunt

Bring your favorite bear along to join us in our hunt for bears and bear signs on Tamarack's trails. Touch a bear fur, examine a bear skull and learn all about Minnesota bears.

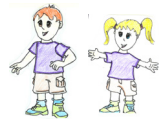
## I Spy!

I spy with my little eye something... wild! Hone your observation skills and look for hidden objects in the woods. Can you figure out what doesn't belong?



## Nico and Nora's Birthday Adventure

C'mon Vamonos! Explore Tamarack like Nico and Nora — make a spotting scope, follow a map and meet a live animal from Nico's field journal.



Ages **4+**

*Offered May-September*

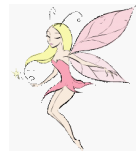
## Dinosaurs

Explore the prehistoric world with this fun, interactive party. Activities include dino dress-up, felt board activities, fossil excavation, dino action figures, books to read and more.



## Fairy Gardens and Gnome Homes

Discover the magical world of the fairy folk and explore the woodland in search of these secretive creatures. Create your own fairy garden, gnome home or small stepping stone.



# Birthday Party Themes

Ages **5+**

*Offered Year Round*

## Americana Tea Party

Bring along your friends to take a step back in time. We will make scones and play some games while we wait for the scones to bake. Then, the birthday child can host their own tea party to round out their party. Tamarack will provide scone supplies and juice, but feel free to provide your own finger sandwiches or other tea party add-ons. If you prefer, you may choose a candle dipping activity instead of baking scones.

## Backyard Wildlife

Lions and tigers and bears, oh my! Not at Tamarack. Pick a category and learn about the animals in your backyard. Go on a hike to discover the habitat where we find different animals and see if you can spot their signs. We will round out our program with an up-close and personal look at one of Tamarack's live or mounted critters.

*Choices: mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds*

## Buggy Bash *(Offered June-October)*



Crawl into the world of bugs as we sweep the field in search of insects. Play buggy games or make a craft. Options may include pond dipping or log rolling, so prepare to be outside.

## Go Wild!

Make masks and transform into wild things! We will read *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak and hike the trails in search of your own wild things. Back inside, we will meet a Tamarack "wild thing" of your choice.

## Party Pirates

Aaaarrgh, is it a birthday adventure ye be seeking? The pirates of Tamarack have hidden a treasure and you need to lead the way. First, make a treasure box, then decipher the clues that will help you find the map. Once you find the map, you need to figure out where the treasure is. Can you put it all together before your time runs out?



# Birthday Party Themes

Ages **7+**

*Offered Year Round*



## Camp-It, Survive-It

Bring out the Daniel Boone in you! Hone your woodland survival skills while having fun at the same time. Set trail signs for your friends to follow, test your shelter building skills and see if you can spark a fire without a match. If you can get the fire going, we may even toast a treat.

*Offered January-March*

## Winter Recreation (snow dependent)



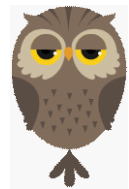
Parties include a brief ski or snowshoe lesson, games and a chance to explore part of the trail, looking for animal signs along the way. If poor trail conditions exist, tracking and winter survival activities are planned.

Ages **9+**

*Offered September-March*

## Night Owls

Experience the night sky through our telescope or track down Tamarack's night life on a hike through the woods. Activities vary with the seasons and conditions. *(Available Fridays and Saturdays only, 2 hour time slot dependent on sunset times).*



**Go Wild at Tamarack!**

Call 651-407-5350 to book your party.



# Birthday Box *(for do-it-yourself-ers)*

Want a do-it-yourself party? Birthday boxes come with all supplies needed to guide your own birthday party activities (supplies for cake and ice cream are not included). Birthday boxes are designed to be used at the Nature Center but may be checked out by making prior arrangements a few days ahead of your party date.

## **Parties include:**

- Exclusive use of a classroom for 2 hours for birthday child and 11 guests. (Preschool room not available for birthday box parties.)
- Birthday box with party activities and instructions
- Use of *The Wild Place* natural play area
- Tables, chairs and tablecloths
- Access to kitchen facilities (sink, refrigerator, oven, microwave)

## **You provide:**

- Birthday cake, refreshments, paper products and decorations
- Adult supervision (1 adult per 6 children)

Ages **4+**

*Offered Year Round*

## **Dino Mite**

Prepare for prehistoric play! Activities include dino dress up tails, felt board activities, fossil making, dino action figures, books and more.

Ages **5+**

*Offered June-September*

## **Buggy Fun**



Pair a trunk full of bug activities with a sweep netting adventure and you have a successful party. Birthday Box activities include insect lotto, bean bag toss, buggy headband craft and more.



## **Scavenger Hunt**

*Offered Year Round*

We provide track stampers, ink and paint and you create a masterpiece. Have kids create their own tracking journal or bring along t-shirts, hats or pillow cases for each child to personalize. While you are waiting for your masterpieces to dry, take a hike along the trails with our photo scavenger hunt.



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