



Birthday Party FAQ's

Does the minimum guest count include the free Birthday Child and 2 parents? No, FREE admission for the birthday guest, Mom & Dad is not part of the minimum guest count.

What is the check in process for party hosts and guests?

Party hosts may arrive up to 30-minutes prior to your scheduled party time. One (1) Party Car will park in the designated Birthday Parking Spot in the Parking Lot. The Birthday Party Person's name will be indicated on the Parking spot. If you have any guests that may require assistance to our party area please let us know 48 hours ahead of time.

Your picnic table reservation is for two-hours, but you are welcome to stay and enjoy our barnyard and playground during our normal hours. You may also arrive to play before your scheduled party time, but will not be able to access your reserved tables or setup that area until 30 minutes before your time slot.

You will check-in at the admissions window located in the Silo to the right of the Big Red Barn. Please remember to bring a credit card which will be kept on hold until you check-out for the day.

Upon checking in, our staff will review details regarding your package, issue a wagon and direct you to your reserved party location. Please have your tables cleared and area free from trash 30 minutes after the end of your two-hour reservation as we will need to promptly begin preparations for our next party.

Guests will also check-in at the Silo Check in Window to the right of the Big Red Barn. Each guest (adults and children ages 2+) will receive a wristband for entry and will be directed to your party site. We keep a running tally of all guests for your event. Party guests that are season pass members will check-in as normal so they are not counted towards your guest total. Should you opt to not cover admission for your adult guests or tag-a-long siblings, please advise them in advance of **our admission policy**.

If you've ordered food from our menu then it will be served to your group 30-minutes after your party starts. Animal feed will be provided to you upon check-in for your guests.

Parties at Patterson Farm Market & Tours, Inc. are self-guided. It's up to you what activities to do and when to do them. You will be given a Birthday Party Scavenger Hunt Card to assist in covering your activities. Most guests will start with the animals, make their way through the playgrounds and then come back to their tables for cake and ice cream. Because there is so much to do, it's nearly impossible to do it all in just 2-hours. We advise opening gifts at home to make the best use of your time with family and friends at the farm. And remember you and your guests are welcome to stay for unlimited play even after your reserved table time has ended.

After your big day comes to a close, go back to the Silo at the Big Red Barn where staff will assist you with closing out your party. We look forward to your visit!

If we have guests with season passes, can they use them for entry to our birthday party?

Yes. Season passes may be used when attending a birthday party and those guests do not count towards your package guest total as long as minimum guest requirements are met.

I don't know how many guests I may have. Can I add guests later?

When scheduling your party, we do not require an exact guest count. As your guests arrive the day of your event, they must check-in at admissions to receive a wristband allowing entry to the Farm. We keep a running tally of all guests (adults and children) that have checked in for your party. We will make adjustments to reflect the appropriate number of guests when closing out your party the day of your event. You will be required to meet any minimum guest requirements.

Why do I need to pay for adults to attend my child's party?

Patterson Farm Market & Tours, Inc. is a family destination with activities for all ages. Our facility requires admission for both adults and children and unlike other venues that encourage parents to sit on the side-lines and only watch; Patterson Farm Market & Tours, Inc. stresses the importance of family interaction and play by offering many activities that parents and children can enjoy together creating memories that will last a lifetime. Additionally, with recent Covid guidelines, we must keep track of how many people are at the farm.

What time can I arrive to setup for our party?

You may check-in 30 minutes before your scheduled party time.

Can I decorate my tables?

Yes. You may decorate as much or as little as you like. Your reservation includes six (6) 6 foot picnic tables and one 8 Foot Serving table for two-hours. Should you think you will need additional space for food, decorations or extra guests, you may reserve additional tables at the time of booking.

We do not allow any decorations to be taped, stapled or nailed to any of our tables, buildings or trees. Also, silly string, confetti, piñatas, streamers, shredded stuffing, glass containers and whistles are prohibited as they all pose choking hazards to our animals should the debris end up in our pastures.

What happens if it rains or rain is in forecast for the day of our party?

Patterson Farm Market & Tours, Inc. generally remains open during periods of light rain. Should it become necessary to close after your party has started due to lightening or prolonged periods of heavy downpours lasting more than 30-minutes, each paid party guest will receive a rain-check to visit the farm another day at their convenience during the same season.

If there is a high probability of heavy storms on the day of your party, then you may request to reschedule your party for another day up to 24-hours in advance of your event. Please [email us](#) with weather related requests to reschedule.

How long will my party last?

Your picnic table reservation is for two-hours, but you are welcome to stay and play at our barnyard and playground until we close at the end of the day. You may also arrive to play before your scheduled party time, but will not be able to access your reserved tables or setup that area until 30 minutes before your time slot.

Can we extend our party time?

Yes, if space is available. You may request to extend your table reservation time at the time of booking by making the request in the comments field. We cannot guarantee extensions to be available at all times and will notify you of approval. Additional fees will apply. Additional hours at our picnic shelter are \$50 per hour.

Food & Beverage

You are welcome to bring in a birthday cake and/or ice cream and refreshments when having a scheduled party at Patterson Farm Market & Tours, Inc.

If you are ordering Kettle Corn or Lemonade please let us know at least **48 hours** in advance of your party. All food and drinks are **served 30-minutes after** your party's scheduled start time.