

Birthday Party Information

Come celebrate your birthday at the Baker Outdoor Learning Center!

Choose from a wide variety of naturalist-led activities for up to 15 children. Party includes 1 1/2 hour program and 1 hour Lodge rental to open gifts and serve your own refreshments. Fee: \$175.00

Year Round Programs

- ▶ **DIGITAL NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY (8+)**
Discover the fun of nature photography! After a lesson on how to use our digital cameras, head into the woods and meadows of Baker Park looking for the perfect photo opportunity. Print, edit, and mount a photo to take home.
- ▶ **GPS (9+)**
Discover the fun and power of Global Positioning System (G.P.S.) technology! Through hands-on instruction learn to operate the buttons and perform basic G.P.S. functions. Use the G.P.S. to find hidden treasures throughout the park.
- ▶ **MINNESOTA ANIMALS (5+)**
Furs, skulls, and other natural objects are used to help examine Minnesota's many animals and their amazing adaptations. Become "critter detectives" and hike to discover various animal signs (tracks, nests, scat, etc).
- ▶ **PREHISTORIC SKILLS (6+)**
A hands-on experience of various aspects of prehistoric wilderness skills: bow drills (fire by friction), atlatls (prehistoric spear-type hunting weapon), active games, and Minnesota history. Waiver required for throwing atlatls.
- ▶ **SURVIVAL (8+)**
An active, fun and challenging way to learn about survival skills. We review such needs as shelter, water, warmth, food, a positive attitude, and signaling. Then, your plane crashes! What items are most valuable to have? Can your group build a fire? Work together and survive?



Seasonal Programs

- ▶ **ARCHERY (8+) APRIL – NOVEMBER**
Learn the basics of shooting a bow, elements of safety and styles of equipment. Children have an opportunity to shoot compound bows at our archery range. All equipment provided, fits all sizes and is in excellent condition. No experience necessary. Most staff are National Archery in the Schools Program certified instructors. Waiver required.
- ▶ **INSECTS (5+) MAY – SEPTEMBER**
Catch the buzz on Earth's most abundant creature. Use sweep nets, collecting jars and magnifying lenses to catch and examine insects. Explore the field and forest to get close-up to insects. Compare and contrast insects with spiders (arachnids).



- ▶ **ROCK CLIMBING (7+) APRIL – OCTOBER**
Attempt to scale our 25-foot wall and sound the buzzer at the top! All equipment and trained instructors provided. Waivers for each climber must be signed by parents or guardians ahead of time and brought with when you arrive. Must be over 40 pounds to climb.
- ▶ **SNOWSHOEING (5+) DECEMBER – MARCH**
A great way to explore nature in winter! A quick introduction to the history of snowshoes and how they work prepares us for the hike. We stop few times for some nature interpretation (and a breather!) No experience required. Must select a back-up program.

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Amenities

► THE LODGE

The beautiful William M. Baker lodge features a stone fire-place, grill, wrap around porch, and a full kitchen that includes an electric range, refrigerator, freezer, microwave, and coffee makers.

► THE KITCHEN

There are no kitchen use fees. The kitchen includes a convection oven, two refrigerators, a freezer, pots/pans/cooking equipment, plates/cups silverware for 80 people, three coffee pots, and serving utensils. A kitchen orientation is required before any group can use the kitchen. Groups using the kitchen must clean all dishes when done. The Outdoor Learning Center is committed to reducing the amount of waste produced. Please do not bring disposable dishes.

► FOOD OPTIONS

- **Kitchen Use:** You provide the food. We provide the kitchen and all kitchen supplies.
- Your event can be catered by one of our approved caterers.



Contact Information

► PHONE

Reservations/Billing	763.694.7724
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Important Things to Note

► ARRIVAL

No staff are onsite except during times when the Outdoor Learning Center is reserved. Please arrive on time.

► CANCELLATIONS

Cancellations made more than 30 days before the event date will receive a full refund. Cancellations made less than 30 days before the event date are not refundable. Efforts will be made to reschedule.

► CLEAN UP & DECORATIONS

Set up and clean up must be accomplished within your party time period. The lodge and kitchen must be left in the condition and arrangement they were upon arrival.

- No Balloons or Confetti allowed
- Walls, Ceiling & Tables: Nothing (tacks, pins, nails, etc.) can be pushed into the wood. Do not block the smoke alarm beam.

► ZERO WASTE

Reduce the amount of natural resources that are used by making careful choices before, during, and after your event.

- Recycle: All aluminum cans, glass, and plastic bottles should be recycled.
- Compost: All organics (all foods, paper towels, paper plates, etc.) are collected and sent to a commercial composting facility where it is turned into soil.

► PETS

Pets are not allowed at Baker Outdoor Learning Center.

► PARTY SIZE

Max number of children is 15.

► RESERVATION AND PAYMENT

Call 763.694.7724 to obtain date availability and reservation information. Reservations can be made up to one year in advance if date is available. The \$175.00 fee is required as a deposit and due at the time of reservation.

► SMOKING

Smoking is not allowed in any building. All smoking must occur at least 25 feet from any entrance door. Please smoke outside the back of the Lodge and discard all ciga-rette butts into the small metal cans.

Fee Structure

► PARTY FEE

\$175.00 for 1.5 hour naturalist led activity and 1 hour Lodge rental.

► ADDITIONAL TIME

\$75.00 for each additional Lodge rental hour reserved.