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: $150.00

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.

FOR RESERVATIONS AND INFORMATION:
763.694.7724 or 763.694.7856
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Amenities

➤ **THE LODGE**
The beautiful William M. Baker lodge features a stone fireplace, 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.
- **Catered:** Your event can be catered by one of our approved caterers. See the enclosed list.

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.

➤ **LEAVE NO TRACE**
Help us reduce our footprint through composting and recycling.
- **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 $150.00 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 cigarette butts into the small metal cans.

Contact Information

➤ **PHONE**
- Reservations/Billing: 763.694.7724
- BNWS Lodge Phone: 763.694.7856
- BNWS Supervisor: 763.479.0163
- BNWS Lead Naturalist: 763.694.7727

➤ **EMAIL**
BakerNWS@threeiversparkdistrict.org
Ryan.Barth@threeiversparks.org

➤ **FIND US ONLINE**

Fee Structure

➤ **PARTY FEE**
$150.00 for 1.5 hour naturalist led activity and 1 hour Lodge rental.

➤ **ADDITIONAL TIME**
$75.00 for each additional Lodge rental hour reserved.

FOR RESERVATIONS AND INFORMATION: 763.694.7724 or 763.694.7856
Where We Are: 4001 County Road 24, Maple Plain, MN 55359.

From the East: For the least number of turns, exit off I-494 onto County Road 9/Rockford Road, going west. When you cross Highway 55, you are then on County Road 24. 6 miles after passing Highway 55 and 1/2 mile after you pass County Road 201 South, we are on your left.

For less stoplights, take Highway 12 West from I-494. 8 miles west of I-494, go right on County Road29. Follow the sharp curves and you are soon on County Road 19 and within Baker Park. Turn right on County Road 24 (2 miles north of Highway 12). We are 1/2 mile on your right.

From the West: From County Road 19, go east on County Road 24. We are 1/2 mile on your right.

Arrival: Park in the paved parking lot. Signs from the office and our kiosk lead you to the Lodge.
### Appliances & Cooking Equipment

**APPLIANCES**
- 6 burner electric stove
- Convection oven with 3 shelves
- 23 ft³ Refrigerator
- Sanitizer
- Microwave
- Bunn Commercial Coffee Maker with 2-10 cup pots
- Coffee Percolators- 55 cup and 35 cup
- 55 cup Percolator used for hot water only
- 2 Counter top warmers
- 1-4 Quart soup warmer
- Pancake griddle
- 4 Slot toaster

**COOKING EQUIPMENT**
- Non-stick frying pans (please use nylon / rubber utensils)
- Stock pots- various sizes with covers
- 3 smaller sauce pans
- Full sheet pans- 10 (1 plastic cover)
- 2” deep full sheet cake pans- 2
- Half Sheet pans- 4 (2 plastic covers)
- Steam table pans- full size (fits in warmer) with covers, 6” deep (2); 4” (2); 2” (4)
- Steam Table pans- ½ size- fit 2 in warmer side by side, 6”deep (4); 4”(2); 2”(2)- with covers
- Cast iron- Dutch ovens, griddles and frying pans (request from staff)

### Serving Equipment & Utensils

**SERVING EQUIPMENT**
- Plates- 100+
- Dessert plates- 65-(35 more available, ask staff)
- Bowls- 45 ceramic/ 45 melamine
- Cups- 100
- Mugs- 90
- Mixing/Serving bowls- lots of sizes from 1 qt to huge!
- Cutting boards- large & small
- Serving trays- 2-13” round non-slip, 1-12x15” rectangle
- Colander- several small and one large
- Pitchers (with covers) - 5 half gallon, 2 gallon
- Insulated water jugs- 3-5 gallon, 1-3 gallon
- 5 gallon Insulated hot beverage server
- 3-1 qt. insulated beverage carafes
- 1-1 gallon insulated coffee server

**UTENSILS**
- Forks- 90 / Knives- 90 / Spoons- 90/ Soup spoons- 90
- Tongs- large metal for cooking and serving & small plastic for serving
- Spoons and ladles- selection of sizes, slotted, solid, plastic and metal
- Spatulas- Heat resistant rubber, plus several sizes of metal & nylon pancake turner style
- Knives - selection of paring, chef’s, serrated
- Can openers, bottle openers, cork-screws
- 3 Apple Wedgers
- Peelers
- Basting brush
- Whisks- 1 large 14”, 1 small
- Selection of plastic and metal measuring spoons and cups
- Box Graters
- 30 long marshmallow toasting forks (2 prong)
- Barbeque tongs and spatulas (request from staff)

### Cleaning Equipment

Please use provided equipment and solutions.
- Blue Dish Soap (other soaps create too much suds for effective rinsing in the machine.)
- Sanitizer Machine Detergent
- Stearamine Tablets for eating and food prep tables (ask staff for proper mixing directions)
- Kitchen Only mop & bucket and Lodge & Bathroom only mop & bucket
- Brooms, dust mops, dust pans
- Organics, Recyclables and Trash receptacles and bags
Approved Catering

January 1, 2016–December 31, 2020

When having your event professionally catered, all food and beverages (with the sole exception of wedding cakes and desserts) must be provided by one of these nineteen approved caterers.

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**Big Ten Catering**
4703 Highway 10
Arden Hills, MN 55112
651.216.4929
bigtencatering@gmail.com
bigtencatering.com

**Atlas Grill**
200 South Sixth Street
Minneapolis, MN 55402
612.338.4700
ken@atlasgrill.com
atlasgrill.com

**B’s on the River**
1455 County Road 27
Watertown, MN 55388
952.955.2223
Info@bontheriver.com
Bontheriver.com

**Common Roots Catering**
2558 Lyndale Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55405
612.353.4261
Catering@commonrootscatering.com
Commonrootscatering.com

**Create Catering**
1121 Jackson Street NE Studio #145
Minneapolis, MN 55413
612.331.3310
nicky@createcaters.com
Createcaters.com

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**Features**
- A all meals available (breakfast, brunch, lunch, appetizers, dinner and desserts)
- C custom menu
- E authentic ethnic food
- B bar services
- G gluten-free
- K kosher-friendly
- V vegan
- O on-site grilling
- F food truck
- S$ $0-$20
- $ $20 - $35
- $$ $35 - $50
- $$$ $50+

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D’Amico Catering
275 Market Street Suite 117
Minneapolis, MN 55405
612.238.4444
Eventmanagers@damico.com
Damico Catering.com

Divine Swine Catering
23840 Pillsbury Avenue
Lakeville, MN 55044
952.469.2635
myevent@divineswinecatering.com
Divineswinecatering.com

Famous Dave’s Catering
12701 Whitewater Drive #200
Minnetonka, MN 55343
952.593.5050
howard.polski@famousdaves.com
Famousdaves.com

Marnas Catering
4150 West Broadway Ave
Robbinsdale, MN 55422
612.715.0193
sabor@marnascatering.com
marnascatering.com

Chowgirls Killer Catering
336 Hoover Street North East
Minneapolis, MN 55413
612.203.0786
info@chowgirls.net
chowgirls.net

Mintahoe Catering & Events
2850 Anthony Lane South
Minneapolis, MN 55418
612.253.0255
events@mintahoe.com
mintahoe.com

The Lookout Catering
8672 Pineview Lane North
Maple Grove, MN 55369
763.424.4365
Brenda@lookoutcatering.com
LookoutCatering.com

Pinstripes Catering
3849 Gallagher Drive
Edina, MN 55435
612.323.4109
amanda@pinstripes.com
pinstripes.com/catering

We Cater To You
4159 Thomas Avenue North
Minneapolis, MN 55412
612.315.2981
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