



Hayward Area Recreation and Park District
Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center
4901 Breakwater Avenue, Hayward, CA 94545
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Birthday Program General Information

Thank you for choosing the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center for your child's birthday celebration. Once you book your program the naturalist conducting your presentation will contact you to discuss program details.

Your Birthday Party Package Includes

- An hour-long presentation from the Naturalist designed around an animal or theme of your choice
- Materials for 15 children
- A large private room ("Mud Lab") and access to Habitat Room, outdoor deck and trails
- One-half hour for set-up and one-half hour for clean-up
- An additional two hours for opening presents and serving food
- Two 12-foot long tables and 40 chairs, two 4 foot tables

Additional Costs

- \$5 fee per each additional child (25 children maximum)
- \$50 fee for an additional half-hour Naturalist presentation

Naturalist's Presentation

The naturalist will spend an hour with you and your guests. The presentation will be scheduled to begin 15 minutes after your guests arrive. Please choose two activities from the following list or create a custom activity with the naturalist.

- **Dip netting** – fishing in the channel with small nets looking for fish and other aquatic animals.
- **Feeding Frenzy** – Feed the aquaria in our Habitat Room including our leopard shark pups and other Habitat Room residents.
- **Touch Tank** – An opportunity to touch and handle some of our resident snails, crabs, and other aquatic animals (excluding the sharks).
- **Craft Activity** – The naturalist will lead a craft activity that your guests can take home.
- **Trail hike** – Hike the trail and explore the salt marsh with a professional naturalist guide. Learn fun facts about the plants and animals that live here.
- **Scavenger Hunt** – Your guests will follow clues in the building or on the trail while learning about salt marsh animals.
- **Custom Activity** – (to be developed with the naturalist)

Amenities

The “Mud Lab” fits 40 people comfortably. There is plenty of counter space for presents and food. We have a small kitchenette with serving utensils, a refrigerator and microwave. The microwave is suitable for reheating, not cooking.

Payment

Advance payment is required and due immediately upon reserving your date. Checks can be mailed to “HSIC”, 4901 Breakwater Avenue, Hayward, CA 94545. Payment by check is acceptable no later than 3 weeks before your reservation. Credit cards are accepted in person or on the phone. Cancellation is required two weeks in advance.

Responsibilities

- Parents are asked to monitor the behavior of their guests.
- Many programs involve live animals that need to be handled carefully.
- Make sure that no paper products, candy wrappers, party favors or balloons end up outside the facility or in the salt marsh.
- Children should be fed in the “Mud Lab” and should not be allowed to walk around with food.
- Please be mindful of the instructor’s time. The presentation will start no later than 10 minutes after scheduled time if guests are late.
- There is no smoking permitted in the Interpretive Center and surrounding trails.

GO GREEN with a Zero Waste Party!

The Interpretive Center has reusable crab and shell themed plates and cups for your use, free of charge. We encourage you to use reusable or compostable plates, cups and tablecloths for your party. All food waste and recyclables must be disposed of appropriately. We will provide you with recycle bins and receptacles for food scraps and compostable green waste. Recyclables, compostables and garbage must be properly separated. Ask the Naturalist if you would like to use our reusable supplies.



Thank you!

The Interpretive Center is a great place to have a birthday party. Our goal is to make your child’s day special and distinctive. While your guests are enjoying and celebrating they are also learning about our vitally important salt marsh habitat.

Questions? Contact us at 510-670-7270 or shoreline@haywardrec.org



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