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• At which facilities can I have my party?

- Buck Recreation Center
- o Goodson Recreation Center
- Lone Tree Recreation Center
- o Sheridan Recreation Center hosts our Creativity Lab
- The Lone Tree Hub

• What days and times are parties available?

- \circ Saturdays, 11 am -1 pm, 1 3 pm, and 3 5 pm
- \circ Sundays, 11 am 1 pm, 1 3 pm, and 3 5 pm

• What is the cost of Art & Enrichment parties?

- o \$156 Resident, \$180 Nonresident
- <u>Adults</u> can book art parties, too.
- We also book Boy/Girl Scout badge lessons (weekday afternoons may be available)

• What is the maximum number of participants?

o 15 is the **maximum**. This is to ensure a quality birthday party experience for everyone.

• What happens in the 2-hour party?

- One hour is spent with a professional instructor on the activity of your choice. See party descriptions on page 2 for each party type.
- The second hour is <u>your</u> party in a room that we provide. You can bring cake, decorations, open gifts, and play games of your own. NO GLASS, please.
- You may begin decorating and setting up your party room only at 11:30 am, 1:30 pm, or 3:30 pm within your 2-hour party time slot (to allow time for the cleanup of the previous party room occupants).

• What is the minimum age for Art & Enrichment parties?

- Ages four and up only, please. Kiddos younger than four must each have an adult present to assist during the lesson.
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• Do you decorate the party room?

- No, we only provide materials for the art or enrichment lesson, tables, and chairs.
- Feel free to bring your own decorations. There are typically four to six, 6 ft. long rectangular tables provided if you wish to bring table cloths.
- We prefer that you do not bring helium balloons as they can get stuck in our ceiling fans.

• Do you provide a party host?

- No, we only provide an instructor during the art or enrichment lesson.
- Feel free to bring anything of your own to entertain the group during your one-hour room rental. Cake, food, and games are common items that families usually bring.

• Can we go swimming after the art party?

• With the additional cost of admission to the facility for each guest, you may go swimming afterward. Remember to check the open swim schedule online or by calling the facility you've chosen before you make the decision.

> We can create art or dance birthday parties for grown-ups too! We can also help your SCOUT group fulfill badge requirements.

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- The first step is to submit your request form in an email along with your questions to Monique Keohane <u>mkeohane@ssprd.org</u>.
- Our party request form is found online at ssprd.org/Birthdays.
- We recommend starting this process no less than 3 weeks before your requested party.
- Monique will contact you for your payment information and to confirm your party location/activity and date, and you will receive an emailed confirmation of your payment with details of location, time, and date.
- For the Creativity Lab parties, please assemble your guests in the Sheridan lobby 15 minutes prior to your party start time. Then bring them all to the activity room together, which ensures you receive the entire 1-hour of art experience.
- Parents are more than welcome to stay for Art Parties.

<u>Clay:</u> Our instructor will guide your child and guests through the process of creating an animal of your choice, silly monster, or coil or pinch flower pot. The children will glaze the piece, and we will fire it (you'll pick up one box with all items, ready in 7 - 10 days following the party).

Available at Goodson, Lone Tree, and Buck recreation centers.

Paintings on canvas: The birthday boy or girl selects a subject, and our instructor walks the group through the painting project. Popular themes: Cupcakes, Landscapes, abstract art with special colors. **Available** at Goodson, Lone Tree, Buck, Sheridan recreation centers, and The Lone Tree Hub.

<u>Dance:</u> Our Academy of Dance instructors guide the children through some basic steps to create a special birthday dance. A theme chosen by the parent is encouraged, i.e., princess, hip hop, movie or character themed, etc. You are welcome to bring props or have the children "dress up." **Available** at Goodson, Lone Tree, Buck, Sheridan recreation centers, and The Lone Tree Hub.

<u>Cupcake Baking:</u> We offer a party for creating cupcakes and decorating them for your party. All supplies for creating the cupcakes are included. You may provide theme cupcake toppers that you purchase. <u>The minimum age for this activity for all participants is 7 years old</u>. **Available** at Lone Tree Recreation Center only.

<u>Creativity Lab</u>: Parties at the Sheridan Recreation Center's Creativity Lab are highly creative, making art from new and repurposed items. The birthday child can choose a theme of their liking, and the instructor will lead the group in painting on canvas or creating a 3-D project related to that theme. **Available** at Sheridan Recreation Center only.