



Frequently Asked Questions

What times can I have my child's birthday party at MOSI?

Saturday and Sunday Party times*:

10am to 11:30am
11am to 12:30pm
12:30pm to 2pm
1:30pm to 3pm
3pm to 4:30pm
4pm to 5:30pm

* Times are subject to change based on special events held at the museum.

How do I reserve a date for my child's birthday party?

MOSI birthday party reservations can be made by phone or in person and are based on space and time availability. The base price of the birthday party is required to make the reservation (\$225 for members, \$300 for non-members). We require reservations be made within at least 2 weeks in advance. We accept Mastercard, Visa, American Express, Discover, check or cash. Party extra selections of goody bags and food trays are due 3 days before your scheduled party.

To book a party, contact our reservation office at 813.987.6000

After your reservation is booked, all additional questions can be answered by MOSI's Birthday Coordinator.

What if I need to cancel my party reservation?

Late party arrivals risk a compromised time schedule. No refunds are available for late arrivals. A party will be considered cancelled if the Birthday family doesn't arrive within 25 minutes of the designated party time. If your party begins after your scheduled time due to waiting for late guests, you will have less time in your party room.

What happens at a MOSI Birthday party?

At MOSI, we have birthday parties down to a science! Our parties are designed to take the hassle out of party planning so you can relax and enjoy your child's big day. The experience begins with you and your guests celebrating in one of our private party rooms for 90 minutes. This will include activities according to your chosen theme, beverages, ice cream, and decorations. You guests will receive group stickers that will allow them to enjoy the museum including Kids In Charge! for the whole day! Each Party includes:

- Enthusiastic party host
- Choice of party theme with fun and educational hands on activity
- Admission to exhibit galleries for you and your guests
- Decorated party room includes: tables, table cloths, plates, cups, balloons and utensils in primary colors: red, blue and yellow or green. You may choose to bring a small amount of your own themed decorations and the party host will gladly help decorate the room for you.
- Vanilla Ice Cream
- Drinks- Punch, soda, and water (Pepsi Products-Pepsi, Sierra Mist and Diet Pepsi)
- Party room for 90 minutes- Please note parties with 30 or more guests will be using our larger room that is not decorated for birthday parties

What does the party host do?

Your party begins with our host that will greet your guests at the Gladys Kashdin Welcome Center at the entrance to Kids In Charge! Once all your guests have arrived, our host will lead you to your party room. The host will then lead the children in an age appropriate activity related to your party theme. The host will lead in serving food and drinks, lead in singing once its time for cake and cut and serve it with ice cream. Lastly, the party host will take care of the set-up and clean-up of the party, leaving you peace of mind and more time to enjoy the day with family and friends!



Can I bring my own food and cake?

MOSI does not permit outside food to be brought in under any circumstances. Outside birthday cake is allowed. Additional Food are additional costs and must be selected from the MOSI Café party tray menu. *Please note: all alcohol including beer and wine is prohibited.*

Does the Museum supply paper goods and utensils?

Plastic and paper goods (plates, cups, napkins, forks, table covers, etc.) will be provided, but you may bring your own, if you wish. However, no credit is given for bringing your own supplies.

Can I bring in my own decorations?

If you are planning to bring added decorations, please inform our reservations team when making your booking so our staff is made aware. Since several parties are booked in a single day, the earliest you may enter the party room to set up is 15 minutes prior to your party's start time.

Can I have a guided tour?

The Museum does not currently offer guided tours. Guests can enjoy more than 250 hands-on, interactive exhibits at their own pace. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by a parent or adult chaperone while exploring the Museum.

How many guests can attend? Our party room comfortably holds a maximum of 30 guests (children and adults). If the number of guests exceeds the number of guests reserved, you will be billed for the extra guests at a charge of \$8.50 per guest.

Where can my guests park?

Parking is free at MOSI; because of this, we ask that guests arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the party time to park. There are 3 parking lots located behind the museum.

What if I want to invite my guests prior to my designated party room time?

Not a problem! Your party rate fee includes all day admission to MOSI. Have your guests go to the MOSI Box Office for stickers. Make sure to let our staff know that they are here for a birthday party. You and your guests can enjoy three floors and two buildings of exhibits while you wait for your party room to be available. Special engagement exhibits are not included, but may be purchased at a MOSI group rate.

What if I need to cancel my party?

There is a \$15.00 cancellation fee for canceled parties before their scheduled date. If something has come up and you need to move your date, you can for no fee. If you need to cancel or reschedule, but the sooner the better for our parties book rather quickly every weekend.

Can I bring in balloons or a piñata?

Balloons can be brought into the party room, but balloons are not allowed outside of the party room for safety reasons. This also goes for the balloons decorated in the party room. The only type of piñata allowed is the "pull-string" variety. Piñatas that require being hit to open are prohibited.