



## Birthday Party Program

Make your birthday boy or girl feel extra special by throwing them a birthday party they will remember for years to come while fostering their natural curiosity for the ocean. Spend the afternoon as a Marine Biologist! Educational and fun, your birthday boy or girl and their closest friends will be able to get their hands wet with local marine life, peer through the microscopes at tiny creatures, dissect a squid or herring and help us feed the animals!

### Times and Dates

Two (2) hour party includes:

- One (1) hour program in the Mini Aquarium with a private staff host.
- One (1) hour for birthday shindigs in the party room.

Party start times are 10:00am or 2:00pm, offered Saturday and Sunday's and holiday Mondays until September 8<sup>th</sup>. Bookings are first come first serve.

To check availability, please email [bookingsminiaqua@gmail.com](mailto:bookingsminiaqua@gmail.com) or call 709.330.3474. To gather the important info about your birthday boy or girl, please fill out our birthday form online.

### Group size

Up to 29 other special kids will get a chance to join your birthday boy or girl on their special day to the Mini Aquarium. There is a minimum of 15 children due to the size of the party room and staff capacity.

### Party Program Includes

- Labcoat for the birthday boy or girl to wear for the duration of the party
- Personalized Marine Biologist lanyard for the birthday boy or girl
- Birthday guest lanyards for the rest of the birthday crew
- Privately hosted tour through the Mini Aquarium
- Guided hands-on touch tank exploration
- Dissection of a squid or herring
- Feeding of aquarium animals
- Hands-on science experiments

Greeted warmly by your private aquarium staff host, the birthday star will be transformed into a Marine Biologist for the day! With a lab coat and personalized ID card, watch out for guests asking YOU the questions! The rest of the children will receive a birthday badge, identifying them as part of the birthday group. Children and parents will be informed of safety for both the animals and each other before heading inside. Staff will then guide the children to roll up your sleeves and explore the touch tanks with all your senses. Since we've now got an extra marine biologist on hand, help us with some simple yet exciting science experiments! Staff will then dissect a (gross and awesome) squid, explaining more about how their bodies are specially designed for the environment they live in. Finally, help the staff feed the aquarium their lunch before having yours!

Head upstairs to wash up before singing "Happy Fish-Day to you"! Dig into lunch and/or cake (if you wish to provide). Staff supervision will be provided during this time.

Before getting picked up, each child will receive some Mini Aquarium activity sheets on their way out to remember their special day.

## Food and Cake

Parents are encouraged to make their own food arrangements. A party room is available upstairs above the Mini Aquarium with chairs, long tables, and a sink.

**Please think green!** We encourage a waste-free environment. We ask that you keep this in mind when planning your party and **use the plates, cups and silverware provided by us.**

Please consider allergies of the children in the group.

## What we supply

We will supply silverware, small plates, cups, a large knife for cutting cake and a lighter for the candles.

## Safety

For safety reasons, we ask for a ratio of 10:1 children to adults be present for the educational component. For children under age 5 we ask for a 5:1 ratio.

We will ask kids to make the pinky-promise, to use their pinky finger to touch the animals gently and to ask before picking up or handling animals. We will ask for your support in enforcing this gentle animal handling policy.

## Rates and Payment

\$12/child (tax included)

One free parent per child (2 for the birthday child), additional adults are \$6 each, tax included.

A ratio of 10:1 children to parents/supervisors are required to be present throughout the two hour program.

Payment can be taken following the birthday party at the admissions desk. We accept Visa, Mastercard, debit, cash and cheque.

## Special Notes

- Decorations and food set up in the party room can be done during the first hour tour component.
- Aquarium will still open for public access and may be crowded with general public visitors.
- Wheelchair accessible.
- Washrooms are available.
- We ask that you leave the room as you found it and place the dirty dishes that we provide in the sink.
- Cancellations must be made at least 24 hours in advance.

We look forward to hearing from you! For all questions, please email [bookingsminiaqua@gmail.com](mailto:bookingsminiaqua@gmail.com). Please submit your inquiry through the online form.

For directions, parking and general Petty Harbour information, please check our [Visit Us](#) page.

The following items are provided to you. In an effort of reducing waste, we ask that you do not bring in Styrofoam or paper plates. We take care of washing the following items after your party.



**Thank you for considering spending your special day at the  
Petty Harbour Mini Aquarium!**