BIRTHDAY PARTIES AT MOTE

Available on Saturdays & Sundays
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Price: $360 members, $400 non-members

All birthday parties include:
- Two-hour private venue rental
- Ocean-themed games & activities
- Mote Educator to facilitate party activities
- Admission to Mote Aquarium after party

Optional Add-Ons ($75 each)

TURTLE TALES
Meet one of our education ambassador turtles and spend a little time getting to know their story.

SCIENCE SPOTLIGHT
Enjoy a chat from one of our biologists about your favorite sea creatures and touch real biofacts.

ARTSEA CREATIONS
Party guests create a unique ocean art piece to take home and remember your Mote birthday forever.

Important Details:
- Maximum 30 party guests (including children and adults)
- All children must be accompanied by an adult chaperone (no drop offs)
- Parties are recommended for children 4 - 12 years old
- Birthdays must be booked & paid for 2 weeks before the party date, though we recommend booking reservations at least 4 weeks in advance
PARTY VENUES

CHICKEE HUT
Mote’s Chickee Hut is a beautiful outdoor venue with picnic table seating adjacent to a small grassy field.

CORAL ROOM
Can’t stand the heat? The Coral Classroom is an air conditioned indoor venue with ocean décor and a scenic view of the bay.

Important Details:
- Party venues are not guaranteed until a deposit is paid
- In the event of inclement weather, outdoor parties will be moved to an indoor venue
- Swimming is not allowed during Mote birthday parties
BOOKING INFORMATION

READY TO PARTY? Follow these simple steps to plan your #PartyWithMote!

Visit mote.org/birthday

Complete the Birthday Party Request Form

Mote will check availability and see if your requested date is available

If confirmed, you will receive a link to make payment

Pay the deposit & receive your confirmation email

Get ready to PARTY!

IMPORTANT DETAILS (the fine print):

Birthdays must be booked & paid for at least 2 weeks before the party date. Availability is limited, so we highly recommend submitting your request at least 4 weeks in advance. To secure your reservation we require a 50% non-refundable deposit. Birthday requests are not confirmed until the deposit is paid. Upon payment, you will receive a confirmation email containing important information regarding your party including recommendations and restrictions. Please review this information carefully. The remaining balance is due 2 weeks before the party date. Instructions to make the online payment are included in your confirmation email. If your final balance is not received by its due date, we reserve the right to cancel your party and retain your deposit.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Please note that party deposits are non-refundable. If you provide notice of cancellation 15 days or more before the date of your scheduled birthday party, we will credit your deposit for use at a later date. Your final balance is due 2 weeks prior to your party, and no refunds will be made after that time unless Mote cancels your event.

ALCOHOL/TOBACCO POLICY

Mote is a smoke-free facility and the use of alcohol or drugs is prohibited onsite during these family events.
**PRE-PARTY PLANNING**

This guide will help kick off your party brainstorming and familiarize you with Mote’s birthday party policies so you can plan a fin-tastic day! An additional planning guide with details including what to expect on party day, parking, and more will be included in your confirmation email.

**INVITATIONS**

You will receive a digital invitation to share with your guests. Simply fill in the name, date and time and it’s ready to print or email.

**FOOD**

You are welcome to bring your own food or snacks for the party. Here are a few nearby catering options to make life easier:

- **Mote’s Deep Sea Diner**
  email mancini4411@verizon.net for details
  *contact at least 30 days in advance

- **Publix Catering**
  publix.com/publix-catering

- **Rico’s Pizza (St. Armands Circle)**
  ricospizzapie.com/rico-s-st-armands-circle

- **Tijuana Flats**
  tijuanaflats.com/catering

  *(If arranging for delivery, please inform the driver of the specific party venue.)*

**CAKE**

Whether you’re team cake or team cupcake, a refrigerator will be available to keep your goodies cold during the party.

**DECORATIONS/SUPPLIES**

You are welcome to bring decorations to make the day more special, however, we do NOT allow balloons or piñatas since we are directly next to Sarasota Bay and have had sea turtles in our hospital with ingested balloons & other plastic trash. We encourage families to use eco-friendly decorations, paper products, cutlery and party favors whenever possible.

**VENUE SPECIFICATIONS**

The Chickee Hut includes 7 - 48” round picnic tables with bench style seating as well as a wrap around bar for food, drinks & presents.

The Coral Classroom includes 5 - 30” X 72” rectangular banquet tables and cushioned chairs as well as 2-3 additional tables for food, drinks and presents.