

Birthday Party Tour Options

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Glass-Bottom Boat Ride*

Length: 30 minutes (can be extended to 45 minutes on request)

Age Appropriate for: All Ages

As you glide across Spring Lake in Glass Bottom Boats, you have a rare opportunity to see underwater life from a different perspective. View over 1,000 springs that bubble up 150 million gallons a day of clear water from the Edwards Aquifer to form Spring Lake, the headwaters of the San Marcos River. Declared a Critical Habitat by the Federal Government in 1980, Spring Lake is the home of five endangered species. Tour time is approximately 30 minutes.

Birthday Banner and Face Painting*

Length: 15 min

Age Appropriate for: All Ages

You party guests will color a fun birthday banner for the birthday boy or girl. During this time our tour guide will provide face painting!

Bug Picking*

Length: 30 minutes

Age Appropriate for: Modifications available for Pre-K through High School

Choose from 2 different versions: Water Quality or Food Chains

Enjoy Spring Lake's most popular interactive activity! Students can explore the interesting world of bugs through the Spring Lake Bug Picking Activity! Students will conduct an experiment in order to test the quality of the water at Spring Lake based on the bugs they find or in order to discover the water food chain or food web of invertebrates! This is a fun interactive activity that really allows students to get a bugs eye view!

Wetlands Bug Bingo

Length: 15 minutes

Age Appropriate for: 6 years and up (need to be able to read)

This activity goes hand in hand with Bug Picking. Students will learn what different aquatic bugs look like and how to identify them while playing a fun game of "Wetlands Bug Bingo".

Frog Food Chain*

Length: 15 minutes

Age Appropriate for: 3rd-high school

Activity Level High (running game)

During this interactive game your guests will pretend to be Frogs competing with each other for prey while avoiding the predator herons in our Wetlands food chain. What our Frogs don't know is that there is a twist to this game... this Wetlands Habitat has been polluted! How will the Frogs survive...?

The Great Frog Race*

Length: 15 minutes

Age Appropriate for: PreK-4th

Activity Level High (running game)

Oh No! Our pretend wetlands habitat has before polluted with trash. We must race against time to save our frogs one by one. This fun obstacle course is sure to be a hit at your party.

Flubber*

Length: 15 minutes – 30 minutes

Age Appropriate for: All ages (with help from adults)

Warning: Messy Fun!

Ooey, Gooey, Slimy Fun! Your party guests will have a great time making Flubber from our slimy recipe. You'll even get to take a baggy home to play with! (Makes a great party favor).

Spring Lake Scavenger Hunt*

Length: 1 hour

Age Appropriate for: 3rd and up

Guests will go on a fun Scavenger Hunt hike on the preserve next to Spring Lake.

The Water Conservation Game

Length: 15 minutes

Age Appropriate for: 3rd-high school

This trivia game explores the theme of conserving water. Teams compete to see who can successfully save the most water!

All the Water in the World

Length: 15 minutes

Age Appropriate for: 2nd-8th

During this interactive activity, students learn how little fresh water is available for use by all living things.

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Length: 15 minutes

Age Appropriate for: 3rd-high school

TEKS Curriculum Unit Connections: Native American Life

Have you ever wondered what the Native Americans used to hunt for food? During this activity students will practice the Tonkawa Indian skill of Atlatl Spear Throwing.

Teepee

Length: 15 minutes

Age Appropriate for: 2nd-high school

TEKS Curriculum Unit Connections: Native American Life

You have probably seen Teepee's in the movies, but have you ever built one? During this activity students will build teepee. Be sure to bring your camera and take your picture inside.

Pokeon

Length: 30 minutes

Age Appropriate for: 3rd-high school

TEKS Curriculum Unit Connections: Native American Life

Native Americans sure knew how to have fun! Students will learn how to make their own Pokeon ball and play a game similar to Hot Potato.

Wetlands Walk

Length: 30 minutes

Age Appropriate: All Ages

Journey over a 1/10 mile floating boardwalk through our wetlands habitat. You will learn about what wetlands are and what species live in them. Stroll by "Turtle Island" where turtles often sunbathe and birds migrate through. (You are welcome to self-guide through this exhibit before or after your party).

Endangered Species Exhibit

Length: 15 minutes

Age Appropriate for: All Ages

TEKS Curriculum Unit Connections: Endangered Species, Water, Edwards Aquifer, Adaptations, Living Systems, Aquatic Plants and Animals, Habitat, Aquifer and Springs, Native vs. Exotic Species, Water Conservation

Students will see live endangered species on display in this new aquarium exhibit.