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**Birthday Party Contract 2010**

Party Name \_\_\_\_\_ Party Date \_\_\_\_\_ Party Time \_\_\_\_\_

Our goal is to provide you with a great place to hold your child's Birthday Party. This document will give you most of the information you will need. If you have additional questions, please call us.

**Please Read Carefully:** Plan to arrive at the farm 20 minutes before the start of your party. Go to the business office located in the main barn. If you have already paid and received your tickets, just check in and that will get your food started. If you did not pay in advance, you will pay by cash or credit card (Visa, Master Card & Discover) and receive your packet of tickets. You will set your mealtime with the coordinator.

**YOU MUST CHECK IN AT THE OFFICE TO ASSURE YOUR FOOD IS READY ON TIME.**

You may then go to the Greenhouse and set up your party. Signs on the tables will let you know which tables are yours. We suggest you plan fifteen minutes for late arrivals and then get started with your party. Your time at the tables will go very quickly.

You and your guests are free to stay as long as you like, but you must leave the birthday party table area after two hours. Our party schedule is very full especially on the weekends and your cooperation is appreciated.

**DEPOSITS** All deposits are non-refundable. We accept cash or personal checks for deposits. We cannot accept phone deposits.

**MINIMUMS** We have a minimum of ten (12) children per party. You will be charged for ten (12) even if your party is smaller than 12.

**COSTUMES** It's a great idea to ask your guests to come in costume. We ask that you remind your guest not to bring weapons or accessories that could be dangerous to them or our animals. Wands, whips, guns, nun chucks, pitch forks etc. You will have more fun without this added stress.

**DO NOT BRING** We prohibit noise makers, sparkler candles, latex balloons (Mylar are OK), costume accessories that are dangerous, piñatas, party games, gum, pets, outside food other than birthday cake.

**WHAT TO BRING** Candles, matches, knife, hand wipes, large bags for gifts, wagon to get to car, camera, rain coats & umbrellas, extra gloves & hats.

STAFF Goebbert's does not provide staffing to be at your party. We are providing you with the space, food and activities to host your party. For help with questions of problems during your party, go to the office or the café. Your contacts are:

Birthdays Party Coordinators

Dee or Debbie	Mon – Fri	Office
Dee or Judy	Sat – Sun	Office

Managers

Sue	Office
Diane	Café

**WEATHER** Our farm runs rain or shine. Most of your party is under cover but you will be out in the elements at times. If your party is rained out, we will make every effort to reschedule. If you have added a wagon ride to your party, please understand that if the field is muddy and unsafe, the wagon will not run and we will adjust or refund your tickets accordingly.

**GIFTS** Just as a suggestion, we have found that opening gifts at the farm takes up a lot of your time and the other children are not very patient when there is so much fun stuff to do.

**PERSONAL PROPERTY** We are not responsible for lost or stolen personal belongings or gifts. It is recommended that gifts be taken to the car before you go to do the activities.

**ITINERARY** We recommend that you start your party with your food as you only have two hours reserved for the use of the tables. You can take as long as you like with the attractions, we just ask that you vacate the party area so it can be set up for the next party. Please remember that our attractions close at 6pm daily.

**TABLES** We will have tables reserved for you at the north end of the greenhouse. Tables will be labeled with the birthday child's name. The tables are 8 ft. long and we allow 10 people per table. Each table will have a Halloween tablecloth. If you feel you need more tables than allotted, a charge of \$15.00 per extra table will be added to your bill. We book very full on weekends so please consider how much space you will need now. If you find you need an extra table after you book, we will reserve additional space if it is available. We will also supply each party with a straight table for gifts, cake etc.

**DECORATIONS & SUPPLIES** We will supply plain white small paper plates, plastic tableware as needed, condiments, and napkins. You may bring in your own tableware if you wish, but it is not necessary.

**BIRTHDAY CAKES** We do not supply birthday cakes. You may bring in your own birthday cake or cup cakes. **THIS IS THE ONLY OUTSIDE FOOD ALLOWED.** Please remember to bring candles, matches, knife &/or cake server. When you arrive at the farm, you may want to take your cake to the café to keep cool until you are ready for it.

**FOOD** There will be one Happy Jack Meal ticket for each paid child in your party plus one no-charge ticket for the Birthday child. These are not refundable. When you pick up your tickets in the office, you must let them know what time you would like to eat. At your requested meal time, your food will be brought to you. Please be at the tables and have your meal tickets ready.

**ADULT FOOD** If you would like to provide food for the parents staying for the party, you can do that by purchasing food dollars in advance with your party package. Your guests can then go to the Café and order their own food. We recommend approx. \$8.00 to \$10.00 for lunch or dinner. They will need to stand in the general public line. Food Dollars are good in our Red Barn Café, snack shop, corn roast and kettle corn. Because of our corporate groups, we cannot give back change on food dollars. Any unused dollars may be refunded in the office during business hours Mon.–Fri.

**ADULT DRINK TICKETS** Drink tickets are part of the Adult option 2 and should be passed out to your adult guests. They should go to the Café and order what they want. They will need to stand in the general public line. Tickets are good in our Red Barn Cafe.

**ACTIVITY TICKETS** Every person over the age of 1yr & 1 day, must have a ticket to get into Animal land and to ride on the wagon. All persons must have a ticket to ride a pony or camel and enter the haunted house. Our pony rides are set up so that parents may walk with small child if necessary. Tickets are not needed to walk with ponies.

**CHAPERONS** You will receive two (2) Animal Land tickets and two (2) Haunted House tickets if chosen, at no charge to be used by yourself and another adult for the sole purpose of chaperoning the party in these activities. If you feel that you need more help chaperoning your party, it is your responsibility to purchase additional tickets.

**LATE ARRIVALS** If a guest is late arriving to your party and you have started the activities, please have someone wait at the tables for them with their tickets. The ticket booth will not let **anyone** enter Animal Land or the Haunted House without a ticket.

**ACTIVITIES** During the week, we are not overly busy so it is easy to get all your party on the pony rides together. On weekends, when we are very busy it is harder to do. There is no priority loading for Birthday Parties, but if you let the pony handlers know you are a party, they will make every effort to get your party on at the same time.

**ACTIVITIES** Animal Land is the best value in your party package. We have about 45 different animals, plus the Corn Stalk Maze, Straw Town Maze and pumpkin eating dinosaur. On weekends, we have pig racing as well. When you check in the day of your party, we can tell you what time the races run. The races are a good meeting place for the parties that go out on their own. Remind your guest to have their hand stamped for re-entry Animal Land.

**PUMPKINS** In your packet you will receive coupons for each child to pick out a pumpkin. The pumpkins are signed "Pie Pumpkins" and are the size of a 14" softball. They are located east of the Gazebo in the railroad tie bin. Your group should pick your pumpkins and turn in your coupons at the market cash registers in the red barn on your way home. Also in your packet will be a no-charge red pumpkin coupon that is for the Birthday Child's pumpkin. This is a larger pumpkin (approx the size of a basketball) that can be found in the yard. Any pumpkin with a red mark will qualify for the red coupon.

**SPECIAL ARRANGMENTS** Our goal is to provide you with a great place to hold your Child's Birthday Party. If you are asking for special arrangements, please understand that we at Goebbert's know what we can and cannot deliver well. We will not promise any service that we feel we cannot deliver properly.

I have read the above information about Children's Birthday Party's and understand the program Goebbert's offer. I agree to pay the amount listed for food and services as described and that all additional food and services will be subject to an additional charge.

Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this signed copy with your deposit and keep the second copy for your reference.

Thank you for choosing Goebbert's for your Celebration. Please let us know if we can help you in any way.

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