Farmer Duck Party

Recommended for children 5 and under.
This party is based on the wonderful children's story "Farmer Duck" by Martin Waddell. Your little one will be our guest of honor for story-time, then participate in several fun farm chores, such as feeding the chickens, milking our pretend milking cow, planting and plowing, and washing clothes. Wagon rides can be added for an additional cost.

Pioneer Party

Recommended for children 6 and up.
Ever wonder what it was like to be a pioneer living life in Texas? The birthday child and their friends will take on the role of pioneers as they dress up and experience life on the Blackland Prairie in the 1890s. Children will take part in farm chores and experience life as a brave pioneer. Wagon rides can be added for an additional cost.

Outlaw Party

Recommended for children 6 and up.
The year is 1910. There's just been a train robbery at the Interurban Electric Railway Station in downtown Plano, roughly 2 miles directly east via 15th Street. The outlaws made their getaway and hid the loot somewhere on the Farmstead. Along with the help of our party facilitator, the birthday child and their friends will hunt clues to find the hidden treasure. After the treasure has been located, guests can celebrate by playing some fun games of the past. Wagon rides and chicken feeding can be added for an additional cost.

Note: The facilitated portion of each party typically lasts about one hour. We recommend half an hour of wagon rides, which leaves 30 minutes for snacks, lunch, cake etc. Please reach out if we can help tailor your party experience to what you have in mind!
**Available party times**
Birthday parties are available on Saturdays and Sundays year-round at 11am or 2pm. Parties last two hours, with 30 minutes allotted for set up and 30 minutes for clean up.

Saturdays and Sundays year round:

- **11am party**  
  Set up anytime after 10:30am  
  Party runs from 11am to 1pm  
  Clean up complete and all guests clear no later than 1:30pm

- **2pm party**  
  Set up anytime after 1:30pm  
  Party runs from 2pm to 4pm  
  Clean up complete and all guests clear no later than 4:30pm

*We recommend that you book 60 days in advance to secure your preferred time and date!*

**Party pricing**
Our pricing is based on the number of staff required to facilitate your party. We like to keep a ratio of 1 facilitator per 10 children at most, with the idea being that parents can relax and let our facilitators run the party for everyone’s maximum enjoyment.

- Party for up to 10 children (includes two adults free per child) $175
- Party for up to 20 children (includes two adults free per child) $225
- Party for up to 30 children (includes two adults free per child) $500

**Extras**
- Wagon Rides $50 per half hour
- Chicken Feeding add-on for Outlaw Party $10 per 10 children
- Paperback copy of “Farmer Duck” book for birthday child $15 per book

**Payment**
To confirm your reservation, we ask for a 50% deposit of the total party fee at the time of booking. About a week prior to the party, we will reach out to confirm your party details and collect the remaining balance. We can accept payment with a credit card by phone or can share a PayPal link for online payment if you prefer (3% service charge for latter option).

**Ready to make your reservation?**
Contact Michelle at michelle@heritagefarmstead.org to book your child’s birthday party today!
Birthday Party Guidelines

A Note on Masks
We ask that all guests, volunteers and staff wear masks over the age of 5 whenever inside any of our buildings, as well as outdoors when interacting with others outside of their own group. During the facilitated portion of the party, we encourage all guests, including children, to wear a mask. When your group is on their own, please make the choice that you feel is best there. For children under the age of 5, it is up to the parents’ discretion whether the child will tolerate a mask. Gaiters and bandanas are acceptable. Thank you for respecting our desire to protect our staff, volunteers and guests as much as possible.

COVID Protocols
We have modified our protocols for birthday parties in the wake of the pandemic. We minimize sharing of supplies where possible, and we provide sanitizer as well as opportunities for hand-washing throughout the farm. We want our families to feel comfortable spending time at the Farmstead, so if you have a special request, such as no hands-on stations, or perhaps an individually bagged craft in lieu of those activities, please let us know. We are happy to work together for the comfort and safety of all.

Set up and Decorations
Please plan to arrive 30 minutes prior to the party start time to decorate and set up. Upon your arrival, please let a facilitator know if you would like to borrow a wagon to help bring in supplies. When planning decorations, please be mindful of our historic property (no staples, heavy duty tape or other potentially damaging substance) and livestock (no latex balloons or pinatas, for example, as these items can be harmful to our animals if bits blow into their pen). All decorations must be removed at the end of the event.

Food
Food is not provided by the Farmstead, however you are welcome to bring in your own food and refreshments as you like. Cake, cupcakes, pizza, snacks and coolers are all ok. We have picnic tables and a large buffet table in the Pole Barn for you to use. Please avoid bringing in juice boxes with straws, as the straws pose a hazard for our livestock.

Animals
Our Farmstead includes a variety of livestock, including free-ranging chickens and other wonderful farm animals. We are not a petting zoo, and ask that our guests do not touch our animals, for the safety of all involved.

Clean up
The party host is responsible for party clean up. This includes decorations, litter and leftover food. Trash should be placed in the trash cans provided, and if there is overflow, please use the dumpster on our property to dispose of any larger items. If any tables or other items are moved inside the Pole Barn or in surrounding areas, it is the responsibility of the party host to return them to their original locations.
Smoking and Pets
The Heritage Farmstead Museum is a smoke-free facility and smoking is prohibited on museum grounds. Pets are not allowed on the property at any time unless prior permission is granted.

Bad Weather and Refunds
We do not offer refunds for birthday parties. In the case of an emergency, Heritage Farmstead Museum will always attempt to accommodate the renter by finding an alternative date up to one year from the original date. As is life on the farm, our birthday parties go on as scheduled, rain or shine. Please encourage your guests to dress for the elements, and to wear boots or old shoes if there has been recent rain. In the event of severe weather, such as lightning or heavy rain, our facilitators will provide alternate activities that can be accomplished under the cover and protection of our Pole Barn.

Liability
The Heritage Farmstead Museum is not responsible for anyone injured on the premises or for personal property left on this site. Individuals or organizations renting the facilities for children’s birthday parties at the Heritage Farmstead Museum agree to assume all responsibility and liability for any damages done to buildings or to its contents by themselves, members or guests.

Contact Michelle Giltner, Events and Education Manager, at michelle@heritagefarmstead.org or by calling (972) 881-1040 with any questions.