
Prospect Park Alliance

Lefferts Birthday Parties



The Lefferts Historic House in Prospect Park is one of the few surviving Dutch Colonial farmhouses in Brooklyn. Built by a prominent 18th century Flatbush landowner, it was donated to New York City in 1918. Jointly operated by the Prospect Park Alliance and Historic House Trust, this family-oriented museum features a working garden, and historic toys, games and activities.

Birthday parties at the Lefferts Historic House begin with one hour of structured activities led by museum staff. (Please choose from the activities menu on contract.) During the second hour, you may serve your own cake, refreshments, and explore the museum and yard.

Four 6-foot tables, benches and folding chairs will be provided. You will also receive 25 tickets for the Carousel, located just across from Lefferts. The Carousel opens at noon, so it's a great way to end your party. In case of rain, the party will be held indoors or on the porch. Back-up activities will be offered.

Time of Event: You may arrive at Lefferts at 9:30 am to set up. All birthday party materials and food must be cleaned and put away by noon, as the museum and yard open to the public at that time.

Restrictions: Lefferts parties are intended for children turning 4 and up. The house may not be decorated, and balloons are not permitted. Candles may not be lit indoors. A ratio of 1 adult per 4 children is required at Lefferts. For your party, Lefferts can accommodate up to 25 children plus caregivers and adult guests, for a total of no more than 35 people. Adults should supervise children at all times.

Food & Drink: Food and drink (including birthday cake) is not allowed in the house. In case of bad weather, food and drink will be allowed in one room of the house. Birthday candles may not be lit indoors. Please bring your own tablecloth, plates, utensils, cups, and napkins. You are responsible for cleaning up your food and drink at the end of the party.

Restrooms: Please note that there are no restrooms within the Lefferts Historic House. The Willink Comfort Station is located nearby, just past the Carousel. An adult should accompany children to the Willink Comfort Station.

Location and Directions: The public entrance to Lefferts is inside the park across from the Carousel. Your group may also use the front door of the house at 452 Flatbush Avenue, right next to the Prospect Park Zoo and north of Empire Boulevard. There is street parking on Flatbush Avenue. On weekends the Q & S trains stop at the nearby Prospect Park station on Flatbush at Empire Blvd & Ocean Ave. The B-16, B-41, B-43, B-48 buses also stop there. On the day of event you can reach Lefferts staff by calling (347) 992-4732.

Cancellation: If you must cancel, please notify Lefferts staff by 10:00 am on the Thursday before the party at (718) 789-2822 x304. To reschedule, contact the Rentals and Event Planning Office at (646) 393-9031 x1. Fees are non-refundable.

Additional Information: As of May 23, 2011 smoking is prohibited within NYC's parks. Smoking is permitted in the parking lots of all Parks properties.

April 1 – September 30, 2019

Saturdays + Sundays (\$400)

10 am – 12 pm

Ages 4 and up

Please call the Rentals & Event Planning Office (646) 393-9031 x1 to reserve your party date.

Prospect Park Alliance members at the Supporter Family Plus level and above receive a \$25 discount.

Initial _____ Date _____

Prospect Park Alliance Lefferts Historic House Birthday Party Contract

Ways to return form:

**Mail: Prospect Park Alliance, Attn: Visitor Services
95 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, NY 11215**

Email: pkelly@prospectpark.org

**Rentals & Event Planning Office:
646-393-9031 x1 (Monday – Friday, 9 am – 5 pm)**

Fax: 646-393-9034

Your Information

Child's Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Parent or Guardian _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

Email _____

Are you a Prospect Park Alliance member at the Supporter Family Plus level or above? Yes No

How did you hear about us? _____

Event Date (circle one)

Day of Event: Saturday Sunday Date of Event _____

Choose three of the following activities:

- Outdoor races. Potato sack, egg and spoon races, and more. (5 and up)
- Ball and cup toy making. Each visitor makes, decorates, and takes home their own. (6 and up)
- Quill pen and ink writing. (7 and up)
- Scavenger hunt. Search for hidden historic games, tools, and toys. (All ages)
- Herb sachet making. (All ages)
- Felt ball making. Learn how felt is made and make a felt ball to take home. (All ages)
- Whirligig making. Each visitor makes, decorates, and takes home their own. (All ages)

Or choose one of the following, and only two options above:

- Butter churning. Make a pound of butter in a replica stoneware crock seasoned with fresh herbs from our garden. This requires consistent churning for 20 minutes or more and is a good activity with additional help from adults at the party.
- Candle making. Each visitor makes a small birthday candle using wick and wax. (6 and up)
- Outdoor games. Horseshoes, games of graces, nine-pin bowling, and more. (7 and up)
- Nine Men's Morris. Each visitor makes, decorates, and takes home their own. (5 and up)
- Craft of the month. Call (718) 789-2822 x304 for details.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Tag _____ Date _____

Type _____ Amount _____

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Your Payment Information

If you choose to email your contract please leave this form blank and call 646-393-9031 x1 with your credit card information.

Payment method: Check Credit

If credit please choose one: Visa Mastercard Discover American Express

Make all checks payable to Prospect Park Alliance.

To pay by credit card please fill in the information below:

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ Cv2# _____

Card Holder Name (print) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

By signing below I authorize the Prospect Park Alliance to charge \$ _____ for my party at Lefferts Historic House

Signature _____ Date _____