



Birthday Building Parties

Leonardo's Basement offers unique birthday party experiences for children ages 5+, teens and adults. Party guests design and build creative engineering, technology or art projects that they take home. The project is selected by the birthday person after a brief meeting to discuss ideas. The project building portion of the party typically lasts 1.5 hours and is followed by a 30-minute period for food (provided by you).



How It Works

We strive to provide the most exciting, meaningful and appropriate hands-on experience that we can. Prior to the party we meet with the birthday person to ask about interests and ideas for the party, talk about the guests that will be invited and discuss possible projects. Themes may include invention, woodworking, recycled sculpture, painting, jewelry, toy making, electricity, chemistry, rockets or any other idea that results in an imaginative 3-dimensional project or experiment. Each workshop session is designed to be engaging for the age and skill level of the guests. Once a project has been selected we schedule an instructor to guide the experience.

Your Choices

Saturday and Sunday afternoons are the preferred days for parties but we will try to accommodate requests for other days and times. Parties begin early afternoon (12:30 or 1:00) or mid-afternoon (3:00 or 3:30). Times are first-come, first-served.

Parties are held at either our Minneapolis (4301 Nicollet, 55409) or Saint Paul (1188 Hubbard, 55104) workshops. Attendees use a variety of hand tools and choose from an incredible supply of amazing building materials. Most people prefer to build individual projects that spring from their, and their guests, imaginations but we can facilitate a group building activity with a smaller take home project.

After building the party moves to an eating area. We provide tables with plastic tablecloths and you bring food, utensils and decorations. We have an oven and can also provide a list of local pizza restaurants. (You can arrive as early as 30 minutes before the party to decorate.)

Cost

The cost includes instructors and materials for each student to build and take a project home. Most parties cost \$25 per child unless extraordinary materials are required. We can accommodate any size group. The minimum charge is \$200. No deposit is required and you can pay on the day of the party with cash, check or credit card.

Scheduling

Contact Steve Jevning at 612-220-3171 or email stevej@leonardosbasement.org with questions or to schedule the party. Please try to give as much time as possible to arrange your special event. Thank you for considering Leonardo's Basement for your next Birthday Party!