



NATURE CENTER

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FACILITIES RENTAL GUIDE

Get Into Nature



MAKE YOUR NEXT EVENT ONE TO REMEMBER!



Stage Nature Center
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OUTDOOR OR INDOOR WEDDINGS, SHOWERS,
HOLIDAY EVENTS, REUNIONS, PICNICS, BIRTHDAY
PARTIES GRADUATIONS & CORPORATE EVENTS



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For more information or to reserve a rental space please call: 248.688.9703

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About Stage Nature Center



Stage Nature Center is home to 100 acres of sprawling natural landscapes and nearly two miles of winding trails. Visitors will discover towering forests, marshlands and meadows. Scenic bridges overlook babbling streams fed by the headwaters of the Rouge River. The 8,200 sq. foot indoor interpretive building houses several educational nature displays in its large, open lobby which is joined by two large multi-purpose rooms that are used for a variety of programs & events.

GORGEOUS LANDSCAPES IN ANY SEASON



Since 2011, the Troy Nature Society (TNS), a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, has had a working agreement with the City of Troy to conduct educational programming & events at the Stage Nature Center. TNS operates the Stage Nature Center and it relies on the financial support of the City of Troy, private donations and grants to operate at full capacity. Support from the surrounding community through volunteerism and donations is also a strong contributor to the success of the nature center.

Birthday Themes

General Themes (Fees are based on number of attendees)

Event Size: 1 - 12 children | **\$150**

Additional Children (up to 18 max) | **\$12 each**

Parents, adult guests, children under 3 or over 12 | **Free**

Choose from the following options:

- Making Sense of Nature (4 - 7 years)
- Furs, Feathers, and Fins (4 - 7 years)
- Fossils, Mastodons and Dinos (4 - 9 years)
- Whoooo's Having a Party? (4 - 10 years)
- Nature Scavenger Hunt Party (6-12 years)
- Secrets of the Forest (8 - 12 years)
- Wildlife Trackers (8 - 12 years)

Specialty Theme (Limited availability)

- Live Owl Party (5 - 12 years)

Event Size: Up to 18 children (with a max. of 40 persons) | **\$250**



Birthday Party Fees & Conditions

- Room may be used for up to 60 minutes after the nature program is finished for cake & opening of presents.
- Food may be brought on-site. However, we ask that you keep it simple - pizza or sandwiches & cake and ice cream work best!
- Parties should be booked at least 60 days in advance. \$50% deposit required at time of booking.
- Cancellation Fee (if less than 2 weeks from party date) | **\$50.**

Celebrate at the Stage Nature Center!



Enjoy a unique, stress-free birthday celebration for your child and up to 17 of their friends! Each 2-hour birthday party includes a 60 minute nature program packed with activities, games and an outdoor adventure. After the program, the room is yours for one hour to enjoy food or cake that you bring in and time to open gifts. [No alcohol permitted at children's parties.](#)



Each 2-hour party includes the following:

- Choice between 8 different nature themes. (See Birthday Party Contract for info program choices).
- Standard decorations (balloons, signs, table coverings).
- Nature themed invitations.
- A nature-themed gift for each child at the close of the party.
- Guided outdoor adventure walk by one of our naturalists (all seasons).
- Limited refrigerator & freezer space available.

Party host responsibilities:

- Additional set-up (beyond standard decorations), maximum 15 minutes before the start of the party.
- All paper products, serving utensils, eating utensils, cups, matches, beverages, food, cake or cupcakes & ice cream.
- Clean-up after the party and leave area promptly at conclusion of rental.

Indoor Room Rentals



The Stage Nature Center's main building is 8,200 square feet and offers 2 multi-purpose rooms that can be combined into one large room. The main exhibit hall houses nature exhibits, research library, mastodon dig site, children's activity area and aqua wall featuring live animals that can be viewed inside their aquariums.



Indoor Space	Space Size (sq.ft)	Capacity (Up to)*	Non-profit & Community groups	Corporate & Private groups
Room 116	620	50	\$60/hour (3 hr minimum)	\$70/hour (3 hr minimum)
Room 117	630	50	\$60/hour (3 hr minimum)	\$70/hour (3 hr minimum)
Both 116 & 117	1,250	100	\$120/hour (4 hr minimum)	\$140/hour (4 hr minimum)

***Capacity varies based on type of room set-up desired.**



Outdoor Space Rental : Kowalski Pavilion



May through October guests may rent the outdoor pavilion perfect for gatherings of up to 50 seated guests. The rental fee includes 6' tables and chairs, access to electrical outlets and indoor restrooms located inside the nature center building. The adjacent lawn area is included in the rental price and may be used for food set up, additional seating, games or activities. Carry in your own food or hire a caterer - both are welcome. Caterers with a class C liquor license are welcome to serve alcoholic beverages on-site with proper permits.

Our natural landscapes create a perfect backdrop for your next outdoor event!

- **OUTDOOR/INDOOR WEDDING RECEPTIONS**
- **GRADUATION PARTIES**
- **FAMILY & CORPORATE PICNICS**
- **BIRTHDAY PARTIES**
- **RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS**
- **FAMILY REUNIONS**
- **WEDDING OR BABY SHOWERS**



50% deposit required to reserve an event date for the indoor rooms or pavilion. It is the responsibility of the event host(s) to arrange for food, beverages, paper products, table coverings, area set-up and clean-up within the allotted time arranged. All decorations must be removed at the end of the event. No kitchen or staging area available. A city permit is required to serve wine or beer. Spirits require the host to engage a caterer with a Class C Liquor License. Caterer's representative must remain on-site to serve guests during the entire time scheduled for the event. (Please ask for complete details if planning to serve alcohol).

Pavilion Rental	Size	Capacity	Non-Profit & Community Groups	Corporate & Private Groups
(May - October) 6' tables & chairs plus electrical connection & indoor restrooms	20' x 34'	50 seated guests under the pavilion, additional seating in adjacent area	\$135 per hour 4 hour minimum	\$145 per hour 4 hour minimum

Outdoor & Indoor Wedding Ceremonies



Outdoor Weddings & Receptions (April - October):

\$750 for a maximum of 3 hours and \$200 for each additional hour. Let Stage Nature Center be the perfect backdrop for your outdoor wedding ceremony. Our outdoor space can accommodate 50-75 people and includes:

- Outdoor reception space with up to 50 chairs under pavilion and additional seating in adjacent area
- Private indoor bridal suite and groom's quarters during event
- Use of the indoor facilities in the case of inclement weather
- On-site coordinator will assist with venue details of your ceremony

Indoor Weddings & Receptions (November - February):

\$500 for a maximum of 3 hours and \$200 for each additional hour

- Indoor space with up to 65 chairs and use of outdoor grounds for photos
- Private indoor bridal suite and groom's quarters during event
- On-site coordinator will assist with venue details of your ceremony.

Ceremony times may be reserved Friday through Sunday. A **50% deposit** is required at time of booking and is refundable until 30 days prior to the event date with a \$100 cancellation fee.

Wedding Photographers and Brides-to-be

We invite bridal parties and their wedding photographers to use Stage Nature Center as the backdrop for outdoor wedding photos to capture your special day. We do not require a fee to take photos on our grounds, however we ask that one or two images be submitted to Stage Nature Center for marketing purposes. (Photo release documentation is also requested).

Contact Us To Book Today!

For ceremony and rental inquiries please contact Danielle Durham at 248.688.9703 or danielle@troynaturesociety.org.

For photo inquires please contact Neha Saigal at neha@troynaturesociety.org.