

ADVENTURE DAY!

BIRTHDAY BASH AT CAROWINDS!



We are so excited to see your family at the Birthday Bash at Carowinds this Sunday! Please read below for all the information you will need for Adventure Day. We tried to think of everything but if there is a question you still have after reading the information below please don't hesitate to ask!

The Central Carolinas Team

WHAT TIME SHOULD WE ARRIVE ON SUNDAY?

This Adventure begins at 8am on Sunday morning!

Registration will be open from 8am-10am.

Please note that A Kid Again families will have exclusive access to Camp Snoopy and the Afterburn until 10am! **If you have family or friends meeting you at the park they will not be able to enter the park until 10am once it opens to the general public. A Kid Again exclusive elements also include lunch in the Picnic Grove and additional family members will not be able to access this area.**



SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Below is a snapshot of the schedule for Sunday! Please keep reading for more detailed explanations of what to expect on Sunday!

8:00 am- 10:00 am: Park* is exclusively open for A Kid Again families
*Camp Snoopy and Afterburn

8:00 am- 10:00 am: Check in is open for families outside main gate
T-shirts will be handed out at State Line
Cups available at the State Line
Birthday Buttons are available in Camp Snoopy
Plan Your Day (Accessibility program) at Harmony Hall

11:00 am-1:30 pm: Party and Lunch in the Picnic Grove!
If you miss check in, remaining shirts, cups, available as supplies last.

Join us at 2:00 pm: Birthday Moment at the Main Stage

2:00 pm-8:00 pm: Carowinds is open to families for as long as they would like to stay!



PARKING AND PARKING PASS

Parking is free for all A Kid Again families on Adventure Day. Please proceed to the main gate to enter the Carowinds parking lot. You may park anywhere in the main lot.

Here is the address:
14523 Carowinds Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 28273

Your parking pass is a part of your digital ticket. Please show the QR code on your mobile device to the parking booth attendant when you arrive on Sunday.



HOW DO WE RECEIVE OUR TICKETS?

Your family should have already received your tickets electronically by email from Carowinds. If you did not receive tickets please email jprovin@akidagain.org. Please note that we are a small staff with a high volume of emails during Adventure week. We will do our best to respond to you in a timely manner. However, we are also organizing all the last minute details too, so it might take longer than usual for a reply!

SECURITY AND CHECK IN

If your family has a stroller or wheelchair please enter the security line to your right upon entering the park. All other family members will walk directly through the main entrance in the center of the sidewalk. **To expedite the process, please only send ONE person with the wheelchair, stroller, etc. and the rest of the family through the main security entrance.**

We hope that this will help drastically reduce wait times and allow families to quickly get through security.

WE HAVE DIGITAL TICKETS, DO WE STILL NEED TO CHECK IN?

The answer is YES! Please stop by any table right after security, let us know your family has arrived to the Birthday Bash, and grab your A Kid Again bag (ONE PER FAMILY) to put your shirts, cups, etc. in while enjoying the park!

We recommend that our CF families only send one person from your family to the table to check in.

T-SHIRTS

Every child in attendance on Sunday will receive a NEW t-shirt for 2024! This includes enrolled children and their siblings. They will receive their shirt at the state line after check in. Shirts and sizes are available on a 1st come/1st serve basis.



If possible we would love for your child to change into their shirt after receiving it on Sunday! This helps both Carowinds staff and Adventure Guides identify you as an A Kid Again family while at the park. It also helps people who might not know about A Kid Again yet learn more about who we are as they see a giant sea of orange invade the park on Sunday!

At this time we are unable to give t-shirts to adults at our Adventures. If you would like to purchase an A Kid Again t-shirt or other fun A Kid Again gear, please click [HERE](#) to visit our online shop.

PLAN YOUR DAY PASSES

Carowinds has a program for accommodating guests with disabilities through their Ride Admission Policy. To provide equal access for all guests, they have developed a program which allows guests with mobility restrictions or cognitive impairment to access attractions.

Information about where guests access the ride is posted on each attraction's Safety Guide sign. All guests are required to meet all riding requirements for every attraction, including height and health restrictions in order to safely ride/participate.

The guest with a mobility restriction or cognitive impairment can visit Harmony Hall until 10am, Guest Services after 10 am to express their inability to wait in the regular line. Some questions are asked to ensure that the rider has the required physical criteria in order to safely experience attractions.

Please note this is **NOT** a “fast pass” and will not allow you to skip to the front of the line. If you have any questions please click [HERE](#) for details and look for a Carowinds in a yellow polo on site the day of the Adventure.

BIRTHDAY BUDDY BUTTON

After you enter the park on Sunday and grab a t-shirt make your way to Camp Snoopy and pick up your "It's My Birthday" button! Write in your birthdate and then find someone outside your family who shares the same birthday with you in the A Kid Again family!



Once you find your birthday buddy take a picture together and post it on our social media outlets with the hashtag #birthdaybuddy. We will choose a random post to receive \$25 store credit to the A Kid Again store!

VIP BUTTON



We need your help! We want to invite the Carowinds Associates to join in on the party while we are at the Birthday Bash on Sunday! We are asking each family to grab one or two "VIP" Very Important Partner buttons and share them with the associates throughout the park while we are at the Birthday Bash on Sunday.

You can give one to the ride associates, gift shop associates, concessions associates, whoever you see in a Carowinds uniform to thank them for their amazing partnership with us at A Kid Again!

You can pick up the buttons outside of Camp Snoopy until 10 am and at the Picnic Grove during lunch.

FOOD AND DRINK AT BIRTHDAY BASH

Each person will receive an A Kid Again cup that can be used for free refills on fountain drinks throughout the day at Carowinds on Sunday.

Refills are available ONLY at Coca Cola Refresh Stations, Harmony Hall, and at the Picnic Grove.

You will receive your cup after check in on Sunday at the state line. If you arrive after 10am, cups will be available at the Picnic Grove during lunch.



LUNCH IN THE PICNIC GROVE!

Lunch begins at 11am in the Picnic Grove and will be served until 1:30 pm. Please make sure you are wearing your "It's My Birthday!" as you enter the Picnic Grove for lunch. This will serve as your lunch ticket. You may come eat anytime between 11am and 1:30pm.

Here is our menu for Sunday:

- Chicken Tenders
- Mini Corn Dogs
- Creamy Mac & Cheese
- Sweet Kernel Corn
- Chips
- Cookies
- Fruit Salad
- Limited Gluten-Free options available
- Decorate your own birthday cupcake
- If you need to bring outside food due to medical/dietary needs you may do so.



PARTY IN THE PICNIC GROVE!

After lunch make sure you join the party in the Picnic Grove!

We will have face painting, a DJ, stilt walkers, decorate your own cupcakes (gluten free available upon request) and more!

The party will take place from 11:00 am-1:30 pm.

COMMUNITY CORNER

During lunch you will have the opportunity to visit our friends at the Community Corner sponsored by Novant Health.

Victory Junction, Piedmont Music Therapy, Mitchell's House, Ronald McDonald House, and more will be on-site to share with you about their services available to your family.

Please stop by and say hi and ask any questions you may have to our Community Partners!

BIRTHDAY MOMENT AT MAIN STAGE!

Join us at 2:00 pm at the Main Stage as we wish every Central Carolinas A Kid Again member a very special Happy Birthday!

You won't want to miss this special moment as we pop some confetti, sing Happy Birthday, and take a special group photo!



CHANGING & COOL DOWN ROOMS

If you need access to an adult changing area, the Gardenia Room in the Picnic Grove will be open from 8am-8pm for you to use. We will have adult size cots along with pipe and drape for changing and medical needs.

The Gardenia Room will also be open from 8am-8pm if you need a quiet spot to recharge and take a break from the stimuli that is Carowinds! Please feel free to come and go as needed throughout the day.

WHAT IF I NEED TO CANCEL?

If you have a family emergency or illness and are unable to attend Birthday Bash please contact us ASAP!

Please contact jprovin@akidagain.org with your enrolled child's first and last name.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE WE NEED TO KNOW?

- **Social Media:** Help us share the fun and smiles you are having while enjoying your day at Carowinds by using #AKABirthdayBash on your social media pages! Please tag us on the MAIN Facebook and Instagram page and not our family group so others can see the fun that we are having!
- **First Time Families!** We can't wait to welcome our families who will be joining us for their 1st Adventure on Sunday! At registration if it is someone's first Adventure you may hear a cowbell celebrating and welcoming them to A Kid Again! **When you hear a cowbell, we hope that you will help us welcome them by cheering and clapping along to celebrate their first Adventure with A Kid Again!**
- **Backpacks/Bags:** All bags are subject to search and security procedures. If you have specific dietary restrictions that will cause you to need to bring food into the park you are permitted to do so.
- **Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Families:** To accommodate your needs for distancing, you will receive a CF warrior button for your family to wear. If you have one from a previous Adventure, please wear it to Carowinds that day.
- **A Kid Again Staff Onsite:** A Kid Again staff will be on site until 3:00pm on Adventure day. If you need anything we are in navy blue polos with the A Kid Again logo.
- **Carowinds is cashless:** Carowinds only accepts cashless payments throughout the park. Please click [here](#) to learn more.
- **Weather:** Birthday Bash is a go no matter the forecast! Right now they are calling for clear skies and 81 degrees! Pack your sunscreen! :)



**WE WILL SEE YOU
SUNDAY AT 8AM!**