PICNICS AT ZOO KNOXVILLE

Choose your location: Our Event Tent can seat 300 easily per seating and is convenient to Kid's Cove and Carousel while our Conference Center can seat 70, has a balcony overlooking Black Bear Falls and our Main Plaza, not to mention Air Conditioning! For larger groups, timed lunch tickets and multiple seatings can be offered throughout event day to accommodate all guests. Evening Picnics offer more flexibility in location as the exhibit spaces and pathways become private for your group - dinner on our Grasslands Patio or indoors at Tiger Forest’s Tiger Temple. Facility Fees accompany each selection.

Discounted Group Admission & Parking: Picnic groups receive discounted admission and include free parking. Adults $19.95, Children (3-12) & Seniors (65+) $14.95, children under 3 receive free admission. Event organizers will receive 2 tickets per guest, 1 for admission at the gate and 1 for admission into the private picnic location, and may choose to distribute those at the office, or host a welcome table outside the front gate to greet their guests. Hydrated for a Day Outside!

Spice it up: Animal Ambassadors bring the fun to you! Your guests can see our ambassadors up close during a private mingle at your picnic. Behind the Scenes, Private Sunset Tours, Custom Paintings from our Animal Artists, and Training Demonstrations are also available to wow your crowd.

Mouthwatering Meals & Hospitality - Let the Lancer Catering Team curate your menu.
ALL AMERICAN PICNIC

The Main Event
1/4# Angus Beef Patties, All Beef Hotdogs, Vegetarian Black Bean Burgers & Honey Molasses BBQ Chicken Breast all served with soft potato rolls, sliced American cheese, sliced red onion, green leaf lettuce, sliced beefsteak tomatoes, dill pickle slices, ketchup, mustard, and relish

The Sides (select 2)
House Made Kettle Chips, Smokehouse Baked Beans, Classic Picnic Coleslaw, Old Fashioned Potato Salad

The Sweets
Watermelon Wedges, House Made Cookies & Brownie Bites

The Beverages
Unsweetened Iced Tea, Sweet Tea, Lemonade, Pitchers of Still Water

$16.00 Per Person  Available daytime hours only

Serve times are 1 hour for picnics of up to 100 guests, 2 hours for 100+ guests

A portion of your event total directly supports Zoo Knoxville programs.
Food and beverage prices are subject to applicable 9.25% sales tax and 20% service surcharge.

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TENNESSEE DOGS PICNIC

The Main Event
All Beef Hotdogs, Kielbasa, Chicken Sausage, Tofu Dog all served with soft potato rolls, house made chili, house made “kraut”, shredded cheddar, cheese sauce, diced white onion, dill pickles slices, ketchup, mustard, and relish

The Sides (select 2)
House Made Kettle Chips, Smokehouse Baked Beans, Classic Picnic Coleslaw, Old Fashioned Potato Salad

The Sweets
Watermelon Wedges, Soft-Serve Voucher

The Beverages
Unsweetened Iced Tea, Sweet Tea, Lemonade, Pitchers of Still Water

$14.00 Per Person   Available daytime hours only

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SAFARI SMOKEHOUSE PICNIC

The Main Event
Pulled Pork, BBQ Brisket, Honey Molasses BBQ Chicken, Grilled Portobello Mushrooms all served with soft potato rolls, shredded cheddar, diced white onion, green leaf lettuce, sliced beefsteak tomatoes, dill pickles slices, ketchup, mustard, and relish

The Sides (select 2)
House Made Kettle Chips, Smokehouse Baked Beans, Classic Picnic Coleslaw, Old Fashioned Potato Salad, 4 Cheese Mac ‘n Cheese, B.L.T. Chopped Salad, Grilled Buttered Corn on the Cob

The Sweets
Watermelon Wedges, Banana Pudding Parfaits, Peach Cobbler Bake

The Beverages
Unsweetened Iced Tea, Sweet Tea, Lemonade, Pitchers of Still Water

$18.00 Per Person

Serve times are 1 hour for picnics of up to 100 guests, 2 hours for 100+ guests

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CLASSIC SUMMER PICNIC

The Main Event
1/4# Angus Beef Patty, All Beef Hotdogs, Honey Molasses BBQ Chicken, Pulled Pork, Vegetarian Black Bean Burgers all served with soft potato rolls, sliced american & cheddar, diced white onion, sliced red onion, green leaf lettuce, sliced beefsteak tomatoes, dill pickles slices, ketchup, mustard, and relish

The Sides (select 2)
House Made Kettle Chips, Smokehouse Baked Beans, Classic Picnic Coleslaw, Old Fashioned Potato Salad, 4 Cheese Mac ‘n Cheese, B.L.T. Chopped Salad , Grilled Buttered Corn on the Cob

The Sweets
Watermelon Wedges, Ice Cream Cart

The Beverages
Unsweetened Iced Tea, Sweet Tea, Lemonade, Pitchers of Still Water

$22.00 Per Person

Serve times are 1 hour for picnics of up to 100 guests, 2 hours for 100+ guests

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Choose Three Entrees
• 1/4 lb. Angus Beef Patty
• All Beef Hotdog
• Honey Molasses BBQ Chicken Breast
• Pulled BBQ Pork
• BBQ Brisket
• Vegetarian Black Bean Burgers
• All Served with soft potato rolls

Choose Three Sides
• House Made Kettle Chips
• Smokehouse Baked Beans
• Classic Picnic Coleslaw
• Watermelon Slices
• Old-Fashioned Potato Salad
• Fresh Fruit Salad
• Fresh Corn with Butter (seasonal)

Choose One Dessert
• Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Cart with Assorted Ice Cream Novelties (one per person)
• Jumbo Chocolate Chip Cookies
• Cotton Candy Tubs

Beverages
• 16 oz. Soda (one per person)
• Coca-Cola, Diet Coke, Sprite, or Root Beer
• Upgrade to Unlimited Sodas for +$2 per person.
• Unsweetened Iced Tea, Sweet Tea, Lemonade, Pitchers of Water

$22.00 Per Person

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## PICNIC ENHANCEMENTS

Available with picnic packages only, not a la carte

### Entrees /per person
- Elm Hill Hot Dog: 3.00
- Wampler’s Sausage: 5.00
- Hamburger: 6.00
- BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich: 6.00
- Spicy Black Bean Veggie Burger: 6.00
- Chicken Breast Sandwich: 6.00

### Accompaniments /per person
- Watermelon Slices: 2.00
- Potato Chips: 1.00
- Old-Fashioned Potato Salad: 2.00
- Creamy Coleslaw: 1.00
- Baked Beans: 2.00
- Tortilla Chips & Salsa: 3.00
- Mixed Greens Salad: 3.00
- Fresh Corn with Butter (seasonal): 3.00
- Fresh Fruit Salad: 3.00

### Snacks & Treats /per person
- Bomb Pop: 3.00
- Frozen Lemonade: 4.00
- Cotton Candy: 5.00
- Bag (25 person minimum): 3.00

### Popcorn Tubs /per person (25 person minimum)
- Plain Popcorn: 3.00
- Kettle Corn: 5.00

### Soft Pretzels /per person
- Soft Pretzel: 3.00

### Snacks & Treats /dozen
- Jumbo Cookies: 20.00
- Fudge Brownies: 20.00

### Beverages /as listed
- Assorted Canned Soda: 3.00/each
- Bottled Water: 3.00/each

### Beverages /gallon (5 gallon minimum)
- Lemonade: 19.95
- Fruit Punch: 20.95
- Sweet or Unsweetened: 25.95
- Iced Tea: 25.95
- Coffee: 25.95

Alcoholic beverages or bar service packages available on request

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GENERAL INFORMATION

We have created these sample menus for your consideration featuring a variety of our favorite picnic fare and treats.

Please let us know if you have any special menu or beverage requests and we would be happy to customize a menu proposal to exceed your expectations. We also love a good theme and are happy to put our creative culinarians to work to customize a menu to align with your picnic vision.

Complementary Amenities
All menu pricing includes the following at no extra charge:

• Menu & Event planning Services
• Attentive Service & Warm Hospitality by Uniformed Staff
• Full Event Set Up and Clean Up
• Day-of-Event Coordination
• Classic Picnic Buffet Décor & High-Quality Eco-Friendly Disposables for Dining

Food & Beverage

• Menu prices are based on a minimum of 50 meals.
• Please speak with an Event Sales Manager about availability on your preferred date. Picnic reservations are required.
• Children (ages 3-12) are billed at $2.00 less than the listed price.
• Local and state taxes will be added to your event where applicable.
• Length of menu service is determined by group size.
• Please make your menu selections at least two weeks prior to the date of your event.
• Your final guest count is due eight (8) days prior to your event, though we can usually accommodate slight increases.
• Lancer is happy to fulfill all of your food and beverage needs, with the exception of specialty cakes, which should come from a licensed and insured bakery.

Reservations
To reserve your space, a non-refundable 25% deposit & signed event contract is required. The remaining balance of the estimated bill is due eight (8) days prior to your event.

Décor
Balloons are not allowed anywhere in Zoo Knoxville picnic sites or on Zoo grounds.

Special Dietary Needs
We are happy to accommodate any special dietary need. Please let your Event Sales Manager know about any allergies or special menu requests. Additional fees apply for gluten-free buns and veggie burgers.

Sustainability, Green Initiatives, and Local Sourcing
Lancer & Zoo Knoxville are committed to sustainable practices and green initiatives. We source fresh ingredients locally wherever possible, and participate in composting programs at many of our venues.

Picnic Time Slots
We offer picnics at the following times:

• 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
• 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
• 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
• 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Facility Pricing

• Event tent $700
• Conference Room $300
• Tiger Forest $600 - after hours only
• Grasslands Patio $1000 - after hours only
• Treehouse $500 - after hours only
• Main Plaza $500 - after hours only

Non Saturday events save $50

Serve Times
There is an hour serve time for picnics with up to 100 guests. Picnics with more than 100 guests have a two hour serve time.