DAY TIME



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ZOO KNOXVILLE EVENTS | GENERAL INFORMATION

Plan an unforgettable event at the zoo with curated menus and unique wildlife experiences. From casual picnics to private evening gatherings, our team is here to exceed your expectations.

Venue Options

The Event Tent: Seats 350 guests easily; conveniently located near the Carousel and Kid's Cove Petting Yard.

The BARn: Rustic-chic barn, with built in bar and wrap around porch. The attached lawn next fits 150 guests

The Discovery Deck: Located on the west side of the zoo over looking the rhino and ostrich exhibits. This deck fits 100 guests

Large Groups: Timed lunch tickets and multiple seatings are available throughout the day.

Evening Picnics: Private access to exhibit spaces and sections of the zoo after hours. Locations include Grasslands Patio at Smokehouse, Discovery Deck, the BARn, Soaring Eagle Event Lawn, and Tiger Temple (indoors).

Admission & Parking

Discountedrates forpicnic groups:

- Adults: $35
- Children (3-12) & Seniors (65+): $28
- Children under 3: Free

Parking: Complimentary for all picnic guests.

Evening Events: General zoo admission is not required for after-hours events.

Experience Enhancements

Bringyourcrowdtogetherwith interactive zoo activities:

Animal Ambassadors: Private mingles where guests can see our animals up close.

Behind the Scenes: Private sunset tours, training demonstrations, and custom paintings by animal artists.

Group Fun: Cornhole competitions, scavenger hunts, conservation craft stations, and team-building games.

Policies & Planning

ComplimentaryAmenities: All menu pricing includes the following at no extra charge:

- Professional menu and event planning services
- Attentive hospitality by uniformed staff
- Full event set-up and clean-up
- Day-of-event coordination
- Classic picnic buffet decor and eco-friendly disposables

Food & Beverage Guidelines

Customization: Weoffer themed menus and can tailorproposalstoyour picnic vision.

Deadlines: Menuselections and final guest counts arerequiredtendays prior to the event.

Children's Pricing: Entrees for children (ages 3-12) are$2.00 lessthanthe listed price.

Outside Food: Lancer provides all catering; the only exception isspecialty cakes from a licensed/insured bakery.

After-Hour Requests: Daytime picnic menu options for evening events add $2.00 per person (dessert not included).

Safety & Dietary Notes

Balloons: Foranimal safety, balloons are strictly prohibited anywhere on zoo grounds.

Special Requests: We accommodate allergies and dietary needs; additional fees apply for veggie burgers and gluten-free buns.

Allergen Disclaimer: While we strive to avoid cross-contact, our kitchens are not allergen-free facilities.

Reservations & Logistics

Booking:A signed contract and a non-refundable 25% deposit are required to reserve your space.

Final Payment: The balance is due eight days prior to the event (Corporate picnics are billed at the conclusion).

Serve Times: 1-hour serve time for up to 100 guests; 2-hour serve time for groups over 100.

BREAKFAST

Breakfasts are accompanied with regular coffee and ice water
12 guest minimum

Sweet Morning $15 pp

mini danish & assortedbreakfastsconeswith sweet butter milk, egg, wheat
fresh fruit tray vegan

Breakfast Sandwich Buffet $24 pp

Build Your Own Breakfast Sandwich milkegg, wheat
scrambled egg & cheese
choice of bagel or buttermilk biscuits
choice of bacon or sausage
fresh fruit, yogurt & granola

Sunrise Breakfast Buffet $23 pp

scrambledeggs egg ,baconor sausage,potatoes vegan
assortedpastries milk egg wheat , fresh fruit tray vegan

Breakfast Add-Ons

orange juice $4pp
greek vanilla yogurt milk $5 pp



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SNACKS & TREATS

Novelty IceCream milk,tree nut	$6 pp
Frozen Banana milk, tree nut	$7 pp
Fresh-Baked Cookies milk, egg, wheat, soy	$16 doz
Fresh-Baked Jumbo Triple Chocolate Cookies milk,egg, wheat, soy	$4 pp
Chocolate Chip Brownie Bites milk, egg, wheat, soy	$3 pp
Assorted Scones milk, egg, wheat	$23 doz
Assorted Mini Danish milk, wheat, soy	$24 doz
Warm Pretzel Bites with Cheese Dipping Sauce milk, wheat	$7 pp
Kettle Chips and Housemade Ranch Dip milk,egg,soy,	$6 pp
Housemade Tortilla Chips and Salsa vegan	$6 pp
Popcorn vegan	$5 pp



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LUNCH SANDWICHES

Build Your Own Sandwich Buffet $12 pp

chooseyour sandwichwithsoup,salad,or chips
10 person minimum

Grilled Vegetable Wrap

eggplant,zucchini,yellowsquash,
red bell pepper vegan · wheat

Crispy Chick'n Wrap

vegan chick'n tenders, lettuce, tomato,
cheddar jack cheese, ranch dressing,
flour tortilla vegetarian · milk, egg, wheat, soy

Roasted Turkey & Gouda

green leaf lettuce, tomato, croissant
milk wheat

Grilled Rosemary Chicken

lettuce,tomato, pickled redonion,
provolone, pesto mayo, baguette
milk egg wheat soy ,

Ham & Swiss

lettuce,tomato,ciabatta milk, wheat

Grilled Flank Steak +$2 pp

lettuce, tomato, horseradish aioli, baguette
egg wheat



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SOUP & SALADS

Soup $7 pp

10guestminimumper soup

Broccoli & Cheese vegetarian · milk

Classic Chicken Noodle wheat

Tomato Basil vegetarian · milk

Loaded Baked Potato milk

Salads $10 pp

10 guest minimum per salad

Caesar Salad

choppedromaine, croutons,
creamy caesar dressing milkegg, fish [anchovy]
add chicken +$3

Strawberry Bliss Salad

micro greens,cucumber,toasted almonds,
feta, strawberry vinaigrette
vegetarian·milk, tree nut
add chicken +$3

Garden Salad

chopped greenleaf lettuce, red onion,
radish, grape tomato, cucumber, croutons,
choice of dressing vegetarian · milk, wheat, soy
add chicken +$3

Mediterranean Salad

romaine, red onions, cucumbers, tomatoes,
red pepper, feta, kalamata olives,
greek oil & vinegar dressing vegetarian · milk
add chicken +$3



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BUILD-YOUR-OWN PICNIC

$22 Per Person, 25 Guest Minimum
selection of2entrées, 2 sides,and1dessert
all menus include sweet tea, lemonade, and ice water

Choose Your Entrée

select 2

1/3 Pound Angus Beef Burgers
sliced american cheese,green leaflettuce, sliced tomatoes, red onion, dill pickle chips, ketchup, mustard, brioche buns milk, wheat

All Beef Hot Dog
dicedwhiteonion, dillpickles chips, ketchup, mustard, relish, hot dog buns wheat

Black Bean Burger vegan
greenleaf lettuce,redonion,sliced tomatoes, dill pickle chips, ketchup, mustard, brioche buns milk, wheat

Smoked Pulled BBQ Pork
ourkansascity bbqsauce, brioche buns milk, wheat

Honey BBQ Grilled Chicken Breast
greenleaf lettuce,sliced tomato, dill pickle chips, brioche buns milk wheat

Pulled BBQ Chicken
our sweet honey bbq sauce, brioche buns milk, wheat

add additional entrée +$5 pp
gluten-free hamburger buns are available upon request



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Choose Your Sides

select 2

House Made Ranch Chips milk

Smokehouse Baked Beans

Three Cheese Mac & Cheese

milk, wheat

Creamy Coleslaw vegetarian · milk egg

Old Fashioned Potato Salad

vegetarian · egg

Garden Salad vegan

BLT Chopped Salad milk

Buttered Sweet Corn vegetarian · milk

add additional side +$3 pp

Choose Your Dessert

select 1

Watermelon Wedges vegan

Mixed Fresh Fruit vegan

Chocolate Smore's Pudding

milk, wheat, soy

Banana Pudding milk, egg

Rice Krispies Bites milk

Fresh Baked Cookies milk egg wheat, soy

Chocolate Chip Brownie Bites

milk egg wheat soy

add additional dessert +$3 pp





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BAR PACKAGES

Non-Alcoholic Beverages

Canned PepsiProducts $3 ea

Aquafina Bottled Water $5 ea

Starbucks Cold Brew Can $7 ea
vanillasweetcream,chocolatecream milk

$7 ea

Starbucks Nitro Cold Brew Can $7 ea
milk

Lemonade $3 pp
milk

Starbucks Double Shot Can $4 pp

Hot Cocoa $4 pp
white chocolate, caramel, vanilla, mocha
marshamallows&whippedtopping milk

Unsweetened or Sweet Iced Tea $3 pp

Warm Mulled Apple Cider

Coffee
half& half, sweeteners
decaf upon request

Specialty Cocktails upon request, including Champagne toasts.

Alcoholic Beverages

Domestic Beer $7 ea

Premium Beer $8 ea

Truly Seltzers $8 ea

House Wine per glass $9 ea
cabernetsauvignon, chardonnay,
pinot grigio

Mixed Cocktails $11 ea

Beer, Wine & Soda Package

$32 pp for 3hours
$10 pp for each additional hour

domestic & premium beers, truly seltzers, cabernet sauvignon, chardonnay, pino grigio, assorted pepsibrand sodas, juices,water

Standard Bar Package

$35 pp for 3hours
$12 pp for each additional hour

domestic and premium beers, truly seltzers, cabernet sauvignon, chardonnay, pinot grigio, house brand spirits (vodka, gin, tequila, rum, whiskey, bourbon), cocktail mixers, fresh garnishes, assorted pepsi brand sodas, juices, water

Lancer Hospitality is fully licensed to provide and serve alcoholic beverages at your event. All bars must meet $350/per bar, per function minimum. Add an additional bar for $150 per each additional bar. Drink tickets purchased prior to your event may be used to meet bar minimums. Last call is 30 minutes prior to guest departure. Food and beverage prices are subject to applicable sales tax and subject to change. Beer Sales Tax – 9.25%, Wine & Liquor Tax – 24.25%

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