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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

Discounted rates for picnic 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

Bring your crowd together with 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

Complimentary Amenities: 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: We offer themed menus and can tailor proposals to your picnic vision.

Deadlines: Menu selections and final guest counts are required ten days prior to the event.

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

Outside Food: Lancer provides all catering; the only exception is specialty 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: For animal 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 & assorted breakfast scones with sweet butter milk, egg, wheat
fresh fruit tray vegan

Breakfast Sandwich Buffet \$24 pp

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

Sunrise Breakfast Buffet \$23 pp

scrambled eggs egg, bacon or sausage, potatoes vegan
assorted pastries 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

choose your sandwich with soup, salad, or chips

10 person minimum

Grilled Vegetable Wrap

eggplant, zucchini, yellow squash,
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 red onion,
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

10 guest minimum per 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

chopped romaine, croutons,
creamy caesar dressing milk, egg, 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 of 2 entrées, 2 sides, and 1 dessert

all menus include sweet tea, lemonade, and ice water

Choose Your Entrée

select 2

1/3 Pound Angus Beef Burgers

sliced american cheese, green leaf lettuce, sliced tomatoes, red onion, dill pickle chips, ketchup, mustard, brioche buns **milk, wheat**

All Beef Hot Dog

diced white onion, dill pickle chips, ketchup, mustard, relish, hot dog buns **wheat**

Black Bean Burger vegan

green leaf lettuce, red onion, sliced tomatoes, dill pickle chips, ketchup, mustard, brioche buns **milk, wheat**

Smoked Pulled BBQ Pork

our kansas city bbq sauce, brioche buns **milk, wheat**

Honey BBQ Grilled Chicken Breast

green leaf 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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BUILD-YOUR-OWN PICNIC

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	\$7 ea
Cold Brew Can milk	\$3 pp
Lemonade	\$4 pp
Starbucks Double Shot Can	\$4 pp
Hot Cocoa	\$4 pp
white chocolate, caramel, vanilla, mocha	\$3 pp
marshmallows&whippedtopping milk	\$3 pp
Unsweetened or	\$3 pp
Sweet Iced Tea	

Warm Mulled Apple Cider Coffee

half& half, sweeteners

Specialty Cocktails upon request, including Champagne toasts.

decaf upon request

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%

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

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