

CORPORATE EVENTS & PICNICS

AN INCREDIBLE ATMOSPHERE FOR EVENTS.



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EVENTS FOR BUSINESS. (AND, MONKEY BUSINESS.)

Elevate your corporate events with the unique atmosphere of Brookfield Zoo Chicago. Conduct productive meetings in our formal conference rooms or hold dynamic breakout sessions by the nature trails. Host networking mixers and team-building activities in our spacious picnic areas or take your team on a tour of the immersive habitats to inspire creativity. Delight your team at this year's company picnic in our Pavilion Plaza with food and entertainment. Whether for an intimate gathering or a grand celebration, Brookfield Zoo Chicago's distinctive spaces make every corporate event exceptional.

- Partial and Full Zoo Buyouts
- All Day and Multi Day Seminars and Trainings
- Scavenger Hunts and Team Building Activities
- Animal and nature themed workshops, crafts and competitions
- Interactive animal experiences and photo ops
- Summer Picnics and Holiday Parties
- Anniversary Celebrations
- Employee Appreciations



OVERVIEW

WHY BROOKFIELD ZOO CHICAGO

When you choose Brookfield Zoo Chicago for your event, you're not just hosting a memorable gathering, you're also making a significant contribution to wildlife conservation and education. A portion of every event goes directly toward supporting the Zoo's mission to inspire and empower our community to engage in wildlife conservation and environmental stewardship.



UNMATCHED LOCATION

- ✓ **Iconic Location:** 235-acre oasis in Chicago, featuring unique wildlife habitats, historic architecture, and scenic landscapes.
- ✓ **Variety of Venues:** Choose from lush garden plazas, tranquil fountains, picnic pavilions, indoor accommodations with audiovisual capabilities, immersive animal habitats, fun attractions, serene nature trails, and picturesque shaded areas.
- ✓ **Stunning Backdrops:** Host your event near Roosevelt Fountain, Swan Lake, with the bears, the giraffes or the dolphins for a one-of-a-kind atmosphere.

EXCEPTIONAL CATERING

- ✓ **Gourmet Selections:** High-quality, locally sourced ingredients with customizable, themed menu options.
- ✓ **Artistic Presentations:** Our chefs craft stunning, flavor-rich creations for an elevated dining experience.
- ✓ **Flexibility and Options:** Catering options for every budget, scale, and dietary preference, with indoor and outdoor setups.
- ✓ **Fun and Casual Offerings:** Enjoy delicious crowd-pleasers like interactive taco stations, build-your-own sundae bars, and creative displays.
- ✓ **Signature Beverages:** Include refreshing cocktails and beverage stations with unique drink choices that complement your menu.



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WHY BROOKFIELD ZOO CHICAGO CONTINUED



FLEXIBLE EVENT SPACES

- ✓ **Indoor and Outdoor Venues:** From formal banquet rooms to open-air plazas and shaded picnic areas, we offer spaces to suit any event type and size.
- ✓ **Event Customization:** Whether for weddings, corporate events, family reunions, or children's parties, we provide tailored setups and décor options to bring your vision to life.
- ✓ **Exclusive Full Zoo Buyout:** For large-scale gatherings, reserve all 235 acres for a truly private, immersive experience.

MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES

- ✓ **Wildlife and Nature Integration:** Create a unique experience with immersive habitats, lush landscapes, and close encounters with diverse wildlife.
- ✓ **Exciting Add-Ons:** Enhance your event with carousel rides, animal experiences, and live entertainment.
- ✓ **Themed Events and Customization:** Add thematic elements, food stations, and creative entertainment options for a distinct and unforgettable event.



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AFFORDABLE EXCELLENCE

- ✓ **Flexible Pricing Options:** We offer a range of pricing structures to accommodate events of all sizes and budgets, ensuring a perfect fit for your needs.
- ✓ **Customizable Packages:** Choose from a variety of catering, décor, and venue options to align with your specific vision and financial plan.
- ✓ **Transparent Pricing:** Our dedicated events team provides clear and upfront pricing, so you know exactly what to expect without any hidden fees or surprises.
- ✓ **Value-Added Services:** Enjoy a variety of included amenities to ensure your event is seamless and stress-free without additional costs.
- ✓ **Seasonal Promotions:** Take advantage of special offers and seasonal packages that provide additional savings and enhance your overall experience.
- ✓ **Group Discounts:** Your group will benefit from a group discount rate on admission tickets, which are required for every birthday party attendee.
- ✓ **Payment Flexibility:** We offer flexible payment options to help you manage your budget comfortably, including deposit schedules and payment plans.

PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT AND SERVICE

- ✓ **Expert Planning Assistance:** Our dedicated events team guides you from planning to execution, ensuring every detail aligns with your vision.
- ✓ **On-Site Staff:** Friendly, professional staff available throughout your event to make sure everything runs seamlessly.
- ✓ **Commitment to Quality:** We combine first-class amenities with an inspiring environment, ensuring each event is executed to perfection.
- ✓ Choosing Brookfield Zoo Chicago for your event means immersing your guests in an extraordinary experience that blends nature, elegance, and excitement, creating memories that will last a lifetime.



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WHY BROOKFIELD ZOO CHICAGO CONTINUED

MAKING AN IMPACT FOR WILDLIFE

- ✓ **Contribute to Conservation:** A portion of every event directly supports Brookfield Zoo Chicago's mission to inspire and empower wildlife conservation and environmental stewardship.
- ✓ **Animal Care Funding:** Your event helps fund comprehensive animal care programs, ensuring that our diverse species receive top-notch care, nutrition, and enrichment.
- ✓ **Environmental Education Programs:** Support our initiatives designed to educate visitors of all ages about biodiversity, ecosystems, and the importance of protecting our planet through engaging, hands-on learning experiences and interactive exhibits.
- ✓ **Global Conservation Efforts:** Your contribution aids vital programs that protect endangered species and restore their habitats, allowing us to participate in impactful global conservation initiatives.
- ✓ **Legacy of Caring:** By choosing to host your event at Brookfield Zoo Chicago, you join a community dedicated to creating a brighter future for wildlife and the natural world.
- ✓ **Inspire Positive Change:** Your gathering is more than just a celebration; it's a commitment to conservation and a chance to inspire others to engage in protecting our planet and its inhabitants.

Together, we can make a significant impact—your event at Brookfield Zoo Chicago helps ensure a thriving world for wildlife for generations to come.





Zoo BUYOUT

UNLEASH EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES.

Host an unforgettable event with a partial or full Zoo buyout, where your guests can immerse themselves in a unique and exclusive experience. Take advantage of engaging keeper chats and up-close animal feedings, offering insights into the fascinating lives of our residents. Enhance the experience by adopting an animal, symbolizing your commitment to wildlife preservation. Each adoption contributes directly to our conservation efforts, making your event not only memorable but also meaningful.

Make the evening even more spectacular with a private dolphin show, showcasing the grace and intelligence of these incredible marine mammals. As you explore the Zoo, you'll discover how your support plays a crucial role in our conservation initiatives, helping protect endangered species and their habitats. By choosing a Zoo buyout, you're not only hosting an extraordinary event but also fostering a deeper connection with wildlife and supporting vital conservation work.





MEETINGS, SEMINARS AND TRAININGS

A UNIQUE BACKDROP TO YOUR NEXT CORPORATE FUNCTION.

Hosting all-day and multi-day seminars and training sessions at our Zoo offers an unparalleled environment that blends learning with the wonders of nature. Our versatile meeting spaces are equipped with state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment to ensure your presentations run smoothly and effectively. From high-definition projectors and large screens to wireless microphones and sound systems, our facilities cater to all your AV needs, allowing you to focus on delivering impactful content. Enjoy the serene and inspiring backdrop of the Zoo, which can enhance creativity and productivity for your attendees.

During breaks, guests can explore the Zoo and experience the diverse array of animals and exhibits, providing a refreshing change of pace from traditional conference settings. Networking opportunities abound as participants engage with each other amidst the natural beauty of our grounds. Additionally, our dedicated staff can assist with event planning and coordination, ensuring that your seminar or training session is seamless and successful. Hosting your event at the Zoo not only offers a unique and memorable experience but also supports our ongoing conservation efforts, making your gathering truly impactful.



MEETINGS, SEMINARS AND TRAININGS

ALL-DAY MEETING PACKAGE.

ALL-DAY MEETING PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Continental breakfast
- Boxed Lunches
- Mid-afternoon snack
- All-day beverages including coffee and tea
- AV access, staff, linen and compostable tableware

Food and Beverage pricing starts at \$75 per person for 50 guests or more, please consult with your Catering Manager for pricing on smaller guest counts. Pricing does not include room rental; rental fee varies depending on space availability.

We also offer upgraded breakfast and lunch options to ensure every meal is memorable. Tailored team-building packages are available, designed to foster collaboration and creativity in a unique environment. For organizations planning extended events, we also accommodate multi-day seminars with customized solutions to suit your goals. Whether you're looking to enjoy a short out-of-the-box meeting or a weeklong retreat, Brookfield Zoo Chicago is the perfect venue!



SERVICE CHARGES AND TAX ARE NOT INCLUDED

Upgrades such as additional menu options, bar packages, and décor enhancements are available to further personalize your event.





EVENT EXTRAS

MIXING BUSINESS WITH PLEASURE.

Enhance your corporate event with a variety of engaging activities at the Zoo, designed to foster teamwork and enjoyment. Start with a thrilling scavenger hunt that takes your team on a journey through the Zoo, encouraging collaboration and problem-solving. Get creative with animal crafts, allowing participants to unleash their artistic talents while connecting with the theme of wildlife conservation. Team-building activities tailored to your group's needs can further strengthen bonds and improve communication skills. Add an element of fun with a trivia challenge, testing everyone's knowledge about the Zoo's inhabitants and conservation efforts.

For a deeper dive into the Zoo experience, offer behind-the-scenes tours where your team can learn about animal care, conservation programs, and the day-to-day operations of the Zoo. Walking our nature trail provides a refreshing break from the hustle and bustle, offering a tranquil setting for reflection and casual conversations. These additional activities ensure that your corporate event is not only productive but also memorable and impactful. By engaging in these unique experiences, your team will leave with a greater appreciation for wildlife and the important role that conservation plays in preserving our planet.

Talk with your Catering Sales Manager for details on available add-ons and pricing.



EVENT INFORMATION

CATERING

Brookfield Zoo Chicago is a full-service catering operation. We do not permit outside food, beverages or alcohol to be brought into your event or to leave your event location. We will do our best to accommodate allergy or dietary preferences as needed. A 21% taxable service charge and the applicable sales tax will be added to all food and beverage prices.

BEVERAGE

We offer a complete selection of beverages to complement your function. Please note that the Illinois State Liquor Commission regulates alcoholic beverage sales and service. The Zoo, as a licensee, is responsible for administration of these regulations. Therefore, no alcohol may be brought into the Zoo from outside.

FOOD GUARANTEES

Final guest count is to be advised no later than 11AM, ten (10) days prior to the event date. The final bill will reflect the guarantee or the number served, whichever is greater. If no final guarantee is received, we will consider the estimated guest count indicated on your contract to be your guaranteed number of guests, the number indicated on the Facility Use and Food Service. The guaranteed guest count is not subject to reduction after the above deadline. If the guest count increases after the final guarantee has been provided and within (48) hours of the event date, a premium of \$4.00 per person will be applied to your final bill for each person above your final guarantee. Please advise us as soon as possible should your guest count be greatly reduced or increased. The Zoo will prepare to serve five percent (5%) over the guaranteed number.

FUNCTION SPACE

Brookfield Zoo Chicago reserves the right to change venues to accommodate changes, and limit or move the location of an event, before or during the event, if in its opinion the event is harmful to the Zoo's animals, image, facilities or other property, or if the facility is unavailable for any reason beyond its control. If attendance increases or decreases dramatically, the Zoo reserves the right to change venues to accommodate such change. Smoking is not permitted in any of our indoor or outdoor private venues and only on Zoo grounds in the 2 designated smoking areas assigned by the Zoo.

PROHIBITED

For the safety of our animals, the following items are strictly forbidden on Zoo grounds and in its facilities: balloons, plastic straws, confetti, centerpieces with fish, fire lit lanterns, glitter, sparklers, open flame candles, amenities containing food or beverage and bird seed. This is not an inclusive list. Please check with your Sales Manager if you have any questions or concerns and to receive approval. For the welfare and safety of our animal collection, we do not allow musical entertainment inside or outside our animal habitats.

CONTRACT AND DEPOSIT

In order to finalize the booking process, your Sales Manager must receive the signed contract and deposit to secure the function space and date. Payment via credit card or ACH transaction via our Triple Seat Guest Portal is preferred. All events with Consumption Bars must have a credit card on file before the date of the event. Consumption Bar totals will be charged after the event. All deposits made are applied to the final invoice.

FINAL PAYMENT

The final balance of all Catered Events is due in full ten (10) days prior to the event by cash, credit card, cashier's or certified check. No personal checks will be accepted.

CANCELLATION

Client must give Company written notice if Client wishes to cancel this Event Contract and the Event. Company will retain all payments and deposits made to Company in the event of cancellation. Written notice must be provided by the party(ies) signing this Event Contract. Cancellation notice given by any other person(s) is not considered a valid cancellation.

AUDIOVISUAL

We will be happy to assist you with any audiovisual requirements. Rental prices will be provided upon request for equipment not currently available at the Zoo.



QUESTIONS?

Contact our Catered Events Team at
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or call us at 708.688.8355.

