




# Events Rental Packet



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# Welcome

Thank you for your interest in hosting your next event at Blank Park Zoo. We offer a variety of spaces and activities to make your event truly unique. Invite animals to be up close and personal with your guests and enjoy reduced admission to Iowa's wildest adventure.

## Rental Details

- Rental packages include setup and tear down of tables and chairs, complimentary parking and an onsite event coordinator.
- Rentals are in four-hour increments. All day rentals are eight hours. Each additional hour is \$100/hour. Rental time includes your event setup and clean up for the event. *(Some of the spaces are equipped with sound systems.)*
- Guests receive reduced admission to the Zoo of \$9/person (compared to the regular rate of \$18/person.)
- After hours, animals go in 30 minutes before sunset. Indoor exhibits close at 8:00 p.m.
- Zoo members and corporate partners receive 10% off the rental cost. Nonprofits receive 15% off rental costs, with proof of 501(C)(3). Only one discount can be applied.
- Linen rentals are available upon request.





140 GUESTS

# Pavilion

With built in speakers and close access to the carousel and snow monkeys, the Pavilion is a perfect location for any event.

PAVILION RENTAL PERIOD	PRICE
Four Hour Daytime Rental	\$550
All Day Rental (8 hours)	\$650
After Hours Sunday to Thursday	\$700
After Hours Friday & Saturday	\$775







**40-50 GUESTS**

## African Pavilion

The African Pavilion overlooks the giraffe habitat. **Perfect for smaller, more intimate events, including baby showers, rehearsal dinners, and birthday parties.**

Nonprofits receive 15% off rental costs, with proof of 501(C)(3).

### AFRICATION PAVILION RENTAL PERIOD

### PRICE

Four Hour Daytime Rental

\$400

All Day Rental (8 hours)

\$500

After Hours Sunday to Thursday

\$550

After Hours Friday & Saturday

\$625

## 15-120 GUESTS

# Discovery Center

The Discovery Center is made up of smaller breakout rooms — Tamarin, Palm and Waterfall. Each room has a view of the indoor free flight aviary and botanical gardens. With the option to customize the size of the space, it is perfect for small gatherings or large dinner parties.

WATERFALL ROOM (15-40 GUESTS)	PRICE	PALM EXPANDED ROOM (40-60 GUESTS)	PRICE
Four Hour Daytime Rental	\$400	Four Hour Daytime Rental	\$450
All Day Rental (8 hours)	\$500	All Day Rental (8 hours)	\$550
After Hours Sunday to Thursday	\$550	After Hours Sunday to Thursday	\$600
After Hours Friday & Saturday	\$625	After Hours Friday & Saturday	\$675

WATERFALL EXPANDED ROOM (60-90 GUESTS)	PRICE	DISCOVERY CENTER ROOM (70-120 GUESTS)	PRICE
Four Hour Daytime Rental	\$525	Four Hour Daytime Rental	\$600
All Day Rental (8 hours)	\$625	All Day Rental (8 hours)	\$700
After Hours Sunday to Thursday	\$675	After Hours Sunday to Thursday	\$750
After Hours Friday & Saturday	\$750	After Hours Friday & Saturday	\$825

\*Add on Discovery Center indoor exhibits for \$250/hour (after-hours)

Nonprofits receive 15% off rental costs, with proof of 501(C)(3).









UP TO 300 GUESTS

# Holmes Foster Event Center

The Holmes Foster Event Center is a large blank canvas that guests can transform to fit the individual style and needs of their event. It is perfect for **large company outings, fundraisers and dances.**

## HOLMES FOSTER EVENTS CENTER

### PRICE

Four Hour Daytime Rental

\$800

All Day Rental (8 hours)

\$1,200

Night Rental

\$1,700



# After-Hours Events

## Rent the Zoo Exclusively for Your Guests

### INDOOR AND OUTDOOR EXHIBITS:

Includes 400 guests and use of our outdoor Pavilion

**Corporate • \$4,500 | Schools • \$3,250**

The use of one rental space is included in your rental fee. Use of additional rental venues will accrue an additional fee. Add on the Holmes Foster Events Center for half the normal evening rental cost – \$850.

*\*Additional guests at reduced rate.*

**Must be booked a minimum of six weeks in advance.**

After hour rentals consist of four consecutive hours.

The animals must go in 30 minutes before sundown.

Contact our events coordinator for the exhibit closing times.



# Packages and Add-Ons

For more information on rental packages call **515.974.2635** or email **[sales@blankparkzoo.org](mailto:sales@blankparkzoo.org)**.

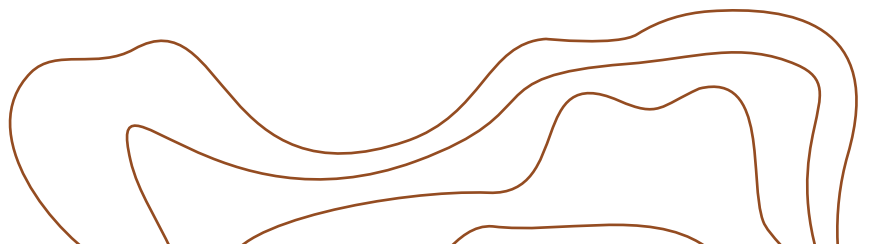
<b>Education Animals</b> Allow guests to interact with unique animals (2-3). Suitable for audiences of 50 or less.	<b>\$65 for 30 min.</b> during public hours <b>\$100 for 1 hr.</b> in Critter Corner after-hours
<b>Unlimited Train and Carousel Rides</b> Carousel is suitable for guests who are 150lbs or less.	<b>\$250</b> • Up to 250 guests <b>\$500</b> • 251-1,000 guests <b>\$1,000</b> • 1000+ guests
<b>Scavenger Hunt</b>	Will be provided upon request. Client responsible for printing all materials.
<b>Feed Bundles</b>	<b>\$2 per ticket</b> • Kids Kingdom <b>\$2 per ticket</b> • Parakeet Feeding <b>\$2 per ticket</b> • Giraffe Feeding
<b>Face Painting</b>	<b>\$75 per hr.</b> for private events <b>\$5 per ticket</b> when booth is open during business hours
<b>Discovery Center Indoor Exhibits</b>	<b>\$250 per hour</b> after-hours

## AV equipment can be rented for an additional fee of \$100

Wireless microphone, projector, projector screen, surround sound speaker, podium and wifi

## Indoor Animal Exhibits in the Winter Months

Indoor rhino, giraffe, aldabra tortoises, penguins and the Discovery Center exhibits are available additions in the winter months. Due to weather conditions, not all animals are viewable in their outdoor habitats at all times, making indoor viewing a rewarding addition to winter events.





# Rental FAQs

## **Is guest event setup and clean up time included?**

Yes, the facilities are available during the times listed in the contract for event setup and clean up of the event. If the event lasts longer than the stated time extra fees will apply.

## **Is admission included in my rental fee?**

No, admission is not included, however guests receive reduced admission to the Zoo of \$9/person. Guests pay on their own or we can tally your guest count and send an invoice of admission cost.

## **How long are your rental timeslots?**

Rental timeslots for events are typically four hours for half day or eight hours for an all-day rental.

If your event requires additional hours or time frame adjustments, please let your event coordinator know.

## **Are extra hours available for events?**

Yes. Additional hours are available upon request and availability. \$100 per hour.

## **Do all rentals include tables and chairs?**

Yes, all rentals include setup of tables and chairs.

## **Can I bring my own linens? Or do you or the caterer provide them?**

Our exclusive caterer provides either black or white linens at no charge. If you would like different colors or sizes, you are welcome to bring your own with notification to your event coordinator.

## **Is there a deposit required to reserve a room?**

A non-refundable deposit (half of the rental fee) is required at the signing of the contract.

## **What happens if we have to cancel our event?**

Should you cancel the event more than six months prior to the scheduled event date, a refund of 50% of the paid rental will be given. Should you cancel the event less than six months prior to the scheduled event, no rental refund will be given.

## **Can we reschedule our event?**

Please contact our rental event coordinators to help you reschedule.

## **Can we decorate the room for our event?**

Yes, with approval from your event coordinator. A licensed florist or wholesaler must provide the floral arrangements. Flowers and plants may not be

brought in from home gardens or farmers markets. Balloons, drones, confetti, glitter, straws, swizzle sticks, silly string, fireworks, plastic stirrers, rice, birdseed, or bubbles are not allowed on Zoo grounds. We also do not permit the use of nails, hooks, tacks, adhesive hooks, tape or screws on the walls of the indoors facilities; we do not permit the use of nails, tacks, or staples to be used anywhere within the outdoor facilities.

## **Are my guests allowed to smoke on the grounds?**

For the health and safety of our animals, we do not allow smoking anywhere on our property. The Zoo is privately owned and prohibits smoking, vaping, chewing, or any consumption of tobacco products and all illegal drugs on Zoo grounds as determined by state law.

## **What is your rain policy?**

Outdoor events cannot be rescheduled in the event of rain. If your event is due to take place outside we offer our indoor facility for 25% of the specified rental space in case of an unwanted weather emergency. The offer is optional and dependent on space availability. Decision must be made 24 hours in advance.

## **Is there a security charge?**

Blank Park Zoo requires the use of a security guard at any event dispensing alcoholic beverages. The security charge is \$35 per hour/per guard. One security guard will be required for each 250 guests.

## **Can we bring our own alcohol or baked goods?**

No. All alcoholic beverages consumed on the premises must be provided by our exclusive caterer in accordance with the Iowa Liquor and Beer Control Act. No homemade food is allowed. Baked goods must be purchased through a certified bakery.

## **Will the animals be out for my entire event?**

Animals are off exhibit 30 minutes before sunset, so depending on your event and the time of year, the animals may or may not be out for the entire duration of your event. Contact your event coordinator for more information. Indoor exhibits are open until 8:00pm year round upon request.



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