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EVENTS & VENUE GUIDE

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NATURAL ENCOUNTERS

Escape with your guests to a tropical rainforest habitat or one of six other ecosystems in our award-winning Natural Encounters building. Sip cocktails while viewing our impressive coral reef, look a piranha in the eye, or try to spot Succotash our sloth high among the branches of the rainforest. These are just a few of the highlights that make this location our most popular.

Whether you're hosting a dinner for 80 or cocktails for 150, Natural Encounters is the perfect backdrop for an evening your guests won't soon forget.

Nothing completes a special event at the Zoo like a feathered, furry or scaly guest of honor. Add an animal experience to your event for an up-close encounter with exotic wild life and have a chance to chat with their keepers.



INDOOR VENUES



KIPP AQUARIUM

Make your next event an underwater adventure by surrounding yourself with serene waters filled with aquatic life from around the world.

The aquarium is perfect for smaller gatherings and is available only in the evenings.



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REPTILE & AMPHIBIAN BUILDING

Looking for something extraordinary and out-of-the-norm? This captivating space is guaranteed to intrigue any guest with a penchant for the wild.

Home to some of the world's largest, longest and rarest reptiles, our Reptile House offers an unforgettable backdrop for a most unique gathering.



BROWN EDUCATION CENTER

Our Brown Education Center Hall is a great spot for lunch, dinner or an all-day meeting. Combine the hall with our auditorium to conduct any presentations you have scheduled. Our auditorium includes all the audio-visual equipment you'll need, so no need to bring your own.



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C O R P O R A T E P I C N I C S



In Swahili, Karamu means “place of joyful gathering,” and that’s exactly where you’ll find yourself when you celebrate in our exotic Karamu Outpost. With a roomy open tent, this is truly the perfect place for an unforgettable company picnic.

Every day at the Houston Zoo we manage a herd of more than 4,500 exotic animals, so just imagine what we can do for your 100 or more employees*. Our picnic packages are truly turnkey, guaranteeing a hassle-free experience. We do all the work so you and your employees can relax and enjoy the day.

Our picnic package includes admission to the Zoo for the entire day and use of the Karamu Outpost for three hours.

You’ll have three delectable picnic menus to choose from, or we can customize a menu to fit your occasion.

To enhance your festivities, we can arrange for a DJ, face painter, cotton candy, snow cones and more for your guests to enjoy.

*Picnic Packages apply only to groups of 100 or more.





THE REFLECTION POOL

Spend your evening under a lush canopy of trees alongside hundreds of koi who call this pool home. Guests may even be serenaded by sea lion barks, exotic bird songs and monkey calls.

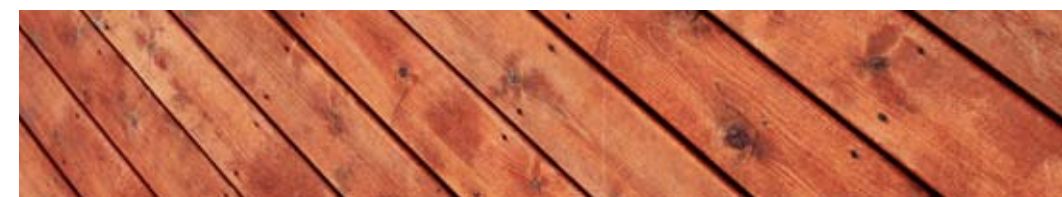
Here you'll find one of the most magnificent settings in the Houston Zoo—a place that will make your guests forget they're in the heart of one of the nation's largest cities.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

SEA LION DECK

It's on-deck dining like you've never experienced. Perfect for smaller gatherings, our sea lion deck offers a bird's-eye view for your guests to watch the playful antics of these endearing creatures.

Want poolside partying with some delightfully wild entertainment? Make your event even more spectacular by adding a sea lion show to the evening.





CATERING AT THE ZOO



ALLOW US TO CREATE YOUR MASTERPIECE

Solarus Catering, the Houston Zoo's preferred caterer, will work with you to make your event come alive by incorporating the latest in culinary trends, presentations and flavors. We accentuate your event by featuring unique elements like authentic ethnic fare, sustainable seafood, locally grown produce, and dishes inspired by the Zoo's picturesque setting.

Our savory hors d'oeuvres, elegant plated entrees, strolling reception stations, interactive cooking stations, and delectable desserts capture the essence of your event—from the most traditional and sophisticated to the most lavish and imaginative.

PACKAGE UPGRADES

There are many possible upgrades that you can make to your event at the Houston Zoo. Some of those items include:

- Decorative Linens & Centerpieces
- Animal Experience
- Team Building Scavenger Hunt
- DJ
- Sea Lion Show
- Palm Reader
- Face Painter
- Specialty Lighting
- Mad Scientist
- And Many More....**



BIRTHDAY PARTIES



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Birthday parties at the Houston Zoo are a TON of fun! Rent out a pavilion in the Children's Zoo for your child's next WILD party! Make it even more memorable by adding an Animal Experience, Face Painter, gift bags or carousel tickets.



OTHER GROUP EVENTS

Exploring the wonders of the Houston Zoo is always more fun with a group of friends, relatives, co-workers or neighbors. When you book your group event, you'll receive great benefits like discounts on tickets, carousel rides, picnics, venue rentals and more. What an economical way to enjoy a day together—outside discovering all 55 acres of the Zoo!

We can even help you create a fundraising opportunity for your group with Houston Zoo tickets and/or Memberships.

GROUPS INCLUDE:

- companies
- associations
- churches
- youth groups
- special occasions
- schools
- reunions
- civic groups
- mom groups
- online groups



ENTIRE ZOO RENTAL

WANT TO HAVE IT ALL?

If you can't choose just one of our extraordinary venues, we're glad to offer the entire Zoo exclusively to you and your guests.

It's a chance to roam around without the daytime crowds, dine at our elegant Reflection Pool, and enjoy keeper chats and animal presentations throughout the evening. This is truly a one-of-a-kind event experience.

If you're still not sure what you're looking for, let our professional coordinators help you decide. They're here to help you customize your experience and give your guests an event they will always remember.

