

NEW YORK ZOOS & AQUARIUM
EVENTS & CATERING

Evening at the Zoo

EVENT GUIDE



Central Park Zoo

Make your green go further! All event proceeds help support the Wildlife Conservation Society's mission to help save wildlife and wild places around the globe.

This tranquil oasis in the heart of Manhattan is one of the most idyllic locations in New York City. Whether sipping cocktails as our sea lions glide gracefully through the water or strolling through our lush gardens taking in the elegant architecture, you and your guests will be inspired by the exotic wildlife and breathtaking city skyline views.

A unique, outdoor event space that is perfect for both cocktail receptions and seated dinners. This open space has the flexibility to accommodate a variety of event layouts. A nearly 200' long, clear-top seasonal tent is included in the site

fee, with options to add-on connecting tents for those events with larger guest counts; up to 700-seated. The moss-covered colonnades also provide for additional covered space, as well as a tranquil backdrop to any photo. Exclusive access to exhibits are available, based on sunset times. The Central Park Zoo is much more than just a zoo, it's a premiere event location!

(Please Note: time of sundown may affect length of time and/or availability of all animal exhibit experiences.)





EVENT SPACE

Set beneath the 59th Street skyline, the Central Garden, moss-covered colonnades, and clear-top tent all make for the perfect blank canvas for any event. With the sea lions always on display, they tend to become the center of attention at most events. Additional exhibits, such as; Tropics, Penguins, Snow Monkeys, Red Pandas, or the Tisch Children’s Zoo, are great enhancements to any event (additional expenses do apply), allowing guests to experience the true nature of the zoo. Whether you’re looking for something formal, or more family-friendly, this event space has everything you need for your dream event!

Rain or shine, events at the Central Park Zoo are truly magical. Leave your guests raving as they experience the most unique event space, not just in Midtown, but all of New York City!

CAPACITY & RENTAL COST

- SEATED:** (Event Tent): 300
- SEATED:**(Additional Tents): 700
- COCKTAIL:** (Event Tent & Colonnades): 500
- COCKTAIL:**(Entire Event Space): 2,000

SITE FEE: Starting at \$20,000
EXHIBIT ACCESS: Starting at \$5,000
 (Exclusive exhibit access available from May-September based on sundown times and require approval)

Events may start as early as 30-minutes after public hours conclude, pending approval

The venue does NOT have tables, chairs, linens, glassware, etc... on-site

Additional exclusive event services provided by Something Different Party Rental, Stamford Tent and Frost Lighting & Productions



Food & Beverage

The Events and Catering Department of the New York Zoos & Aquarium does allow outside catering. Please see below for WCS Pre-Approved catering options. Anyone not on this list must have the required insurance and get approval.

All alcoholic beverage sales & service is regulated by the State of New York Liquor Commission. The Central Park Zoo, as licensee, is responsible for the administration of these regulations.

NO alcoholic beverages may be brought on to the property.

WCS Per Person Pricing for Food & Beverage Does Not Include a 20% Administrative Fee or 8.875% NYC Sales Taxes

General Event Information

- The Central Park Zoo staff is responsible for the event tent, cook tent, filing TPA's and Caterers Permit
- All social events require a fully insured Day of Coordinator or Event Planner
- Host and all vendors must have adequate Liability Insurance to include \$5,000,000 Umbrella, \$1,000,000 Worker's Compensation and \$1,000,000 Automobile for all vehicles making deliveries on property
- All vendors not on pre-approved list (page 6) must be approved by WCS
- All deliveries (tables, chairs, bars, linens, etc.) must be completed by 10:00 am on the day of the event; and, be completely removed that evening, post-event. A representative from the company that ordered the rental items must be present at the time of rental delivery to accept and sign for the items
- TPA floorplan required 45-days prior
- There is no parking available in the Zoo Parking Lot or on East Drive - we recommend planning ahead and reserve parking near the Zoo through SpotHero
- No one-use plastic cups, straws, plates, etc. Please use reusable or recycle paper products
- Rain or shine venue
- Date held maximum of two weeks without deposit
- Exhibit access is sundown dependant and requires approval

Beverage Packages

BEER & WINE

\$25 / Per Person - Up to 2-Hours
Each Additional Hour \$6 per person

BEER:

Amstel Lite & Bronx
Brewery Summer Pale Ale

WHITE WINE:

Peter Yealands Sauvignon Blanc &
Bottega Vinaia Estate Pinot Grigio

RED WINE:

Sterling Vineyards Cabernet Vintner's
Collection & Portillo Pinot Noir

NON-ALCOHOLIC:

Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Ginger Ale,
Sparkling Water & Spring Water

PREMIUM BEER & WINE

\$35 / Per Person - Up to 2-Hours
Each Additional Hour \$6 per person

BEER:

Amstel Lite, Bronx Brewery Summer
Pale Ale, Six Point Bengali IPA
& Lagunitas Sumpin' Easy Ale

WHITE WINE:

Peter Yealands Sauvignon Blanc,
Bottega Vinaia Estate Pinot Grigio, &
Rodney Strong Chalk Hill Chardonnay

RED WINE:

Sterling Vineyards Cabernet Vintner's
Collection, Portillo Pinot Noir,
Marques de Riscal Reserva Rioja &
Bertani Valpolicella Ripasso DOC

OTHER:

Chic Barcelona Cava &
Whispering Angel Rose

NON-ALCOHOLIC:

Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Ginger Ale,
Orange Juice, Cranberry Juice, Sparkling
Water & Spring Water

OPEN BAR

\$40 / Per Person - Up to 2-Hours
Each Additional Hour \$6 per person

BEER:

Amstel Lite & Bronx
Brewery Summer Pale Ale

WHITE WINE:

Peter Yealands Sauvignon Blanc &
Bottega Vinaia Estate Pinot Grigio

RED WINE:

Sterling Vineyards Cabernet Vintner's
Collection & Portillo Pinot Noir

ALCOHOL:

Tito's Vodka, Ketel Vodka, Drumshanbo
Gunpowder Irish Gin, Bribon 100%
Blue Agave Blanco, Brugal Silver Rum,
Captain Morgan Spiced Rum, Malibu
Rum, Gentleman Jack Tennessee Whiskey,

Makers Mark Bourbon, Jameson Irish
Whiskey, Johnnie Walker Black Label
Blended Scotch, Bitters, Triple Sec,
Dry Vermouth & Sweet Vermouth

NON-ALCOHOLIC:

Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Ginger Ale,
Club Soda, Tonic Water, Orange Juice,
Cranberry Juice, Pineapple Juice,
Grapefruit Juice, Sour Mix, Sparkling
Water & Spring Water

PREMIUM OPEN BAR

\$50 / Per Person - Up to 2-Hours
Each Additional Hour \$6 per person

BEER:

Amstel Lite, Bronx Brewery Summer
Pale Ale, Six Point Bengali IPA
& Lagunitas Sumpin' Easy Ale

WHITE WINE:

Peter Yealands Sauvignon Blanc,
Bottega Vinaia Estate Pinot Grigio &
Rodney Strong Chalk Hill Chardonnay

RED WINE:

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OTHER:

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ALCOHOL:

Tito's Vodka, Ketel Vodka, Grey Goose
Vodka, Drumshanbo Gunpowder Irish
Gin, Hendrick's Gin, Bribon 100%
Blue Agave Blanco, Don Julio Blanco,
Brugal Silver Rum, Captain Morgan
Spiced Rum, Malibu Rum, Gentleman
Jack Tennessee Whiskey, Makers Mark
Bourbon, Woodford Reserve Bourbon,
Jameson Irish Whiskey, Johnnie Walker
Black Label Blended Scotch, Macallan
12-Year Single Malt Scotch, Bitters, Triple
Sec, Dry Vermouth & Sweet Vermouth

NON-ALCOHOLIC:

Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Ginger Ale,
Club Soda, Tonic Water, Orange Juice,
Cranberry Juice, Pineapple Juice,
Grapefruit Juice, Sour Mix, Sparkling
Water & Spring Water

BRANDS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

Pre-Approved Vendors

CATERERS

CxRA
jfong@cxra.com
212-755-8300
www.cxra.com

Great Performances
lauren.tregor@greatperformances.com
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Relish Caterers
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Neuman's Kitchen
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Mark David Hospitality (Kosher)
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DESSERTS

Butterfly Bakeshop
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212-686-2253
www.butterflybakeshop.com

By The Way Bakery (Gluten Free)
914-478-0555
www.btwbakery.com

Dolce & Gelato
gino@dolceandgelato.com
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MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

Sterling Strings NYC
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Jarrell Entertainment
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