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# ZOO KNOXVILLE WEDDINGS

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From intimate ceremonies to large celebrations, our planning team here at Zoo Knoxville is here to help you build your perfect wedding day.

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## GRASSLANDS PATIO

An open air green space seating 200 guests with immediate views of the zebra and giraffe exhibit, indoor buffet service, raised dance floor, and bistro lighting. Pairs perfectly with a cocktail hour giraffe feeding. \$8500



## EVENT TENT

Our permanent event tent features a full ivy wall and garden space, closeable walls to heat or cool, seating for up to 400 guests, ideal access to the Carousel, bistro lighting at entrance, and dim-able chandeliers. \$8000



## RHINO DECK

Nestled in the treeline and overlooking several grasslands exhibits, the Rhino Deck seats 100 guests under its romantic bistro lighting. \$7500





Miranda Marie Photos



## TIGER TEMPLE & COURTYARD

Stone floors, lofted wood ceilings, barn doors, and two full windowed walls outfit our indoor Tiger Temple which seats 60 with views of two Malayan Tiger Exhibits. Outdoors, the Tiger Courtyard can seat an additional 40 guests with views of the White-naped Crane Exhibit, Tiger Fountain, and bamboo lined pathway. \$7000



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## WEDDING PACKAGES INCLUDE USE OF ANY ZOO CEREMONY SPACE



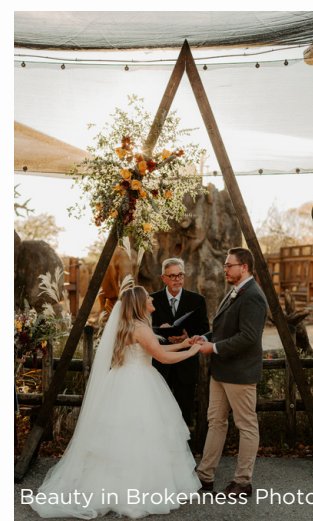
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## ADD A COCKTAIL HOUR OR PRIVATE DINNER



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Cocktail Hour offers your guests time to explore another exhibit while you take photos or have a private dinner, includes 6 high top tables with column linens. \$600

Private Dinners are hidden away from guests and includes a champagne toast. \$400





# Coordinating Your Experience

## ALWAYS INCLUDED

**Venue Tours** - A personal tour of our multiple ceremony, reception, and cocktail hour spaces to find the perfect combination.

**Venue Rental Time** - Dressing room access starts at 9:00am. Weddings can start one hour after the zoo closes, and end at 11:00pm. Vendors and wedding party must be off grounds by midnight.

**Furniture & Decor** - 60" round tables, black folding chairs, solid color floor length linens, and cloth napkins are included in your package. We also have votives, vases, signage, and archway options for decor.

**Rental Meeting** - Visit the All Occasions Showroom with your coordinator to decide linen colors, build a tablescape, plan layouts, and talk preliminary timelines.

**Timeline Building** - Your Wedding Day time is valuable, we'll help you decide how to best budget your time throughout the day.

**Tasting** - Meet our masterful and creative Chef and taste options to build your menu. Buffets range from \$25-36 per guest.

**\*\*Outside catering is not permitted, with the exception of Cake.**

**Final Meeting** - One month before your wedding day, join us for a walk through to confirm all the details of your special occasion.

**Rehearsal Coordination** - Invite your bridal party and family to a rehearsal so we can guide you through your ceremony.

**Set Up and Break Down** - Our crew will set up the chairs, tables, linens, rentals, and décor. All you have to do is show up and get ready!

**Ceremony Coordination** - We will keep you moving on time and down the aisle in the right order and practice it all at your rehearsal.

**Golf Cart Transportation** - Helping escort guests to to Ceremony & Reception.

**Event Oversight** - Your coordinator will oversee outside vendors, zoo setup crew, and event team to ensure everything runs smoothly.

**Photo Coordination** - Coordinating and driving you and your photographer throughout the zoo for a photo tour.

**Cake Cutting Service** - Bamboo Plates, Forks, and cutting expertise.

**Bottle of Champagne for the Couple** - Pour some bubbly at reception. It's time to celebrate!

**Annual Pass for the Couple** - Visit the zoo as many times as you would like for a year. Pass can also get you discounted admission to other AZA reciprocal Zoos & Aquariums.

## A LA CARTE UPGRADES

**Upgraded Table Settings Linens & Chairs** - Check out all the options to find your style during our rental planning meetings. Prices vary.

**Carousel Rental** - Have the carousel turning all night for your guests to enjoy unlimited rides. \$300

**Animal Experiences** - Invite an animal to greet your guests or deliver your rings, take your bridal party behind the scenes to feed a sloth or giraffe, have an animal paint you a custom piece with your last name and wedding date! Prices Vary, Behind the Scenes include a Circle of Friends Membership.

**Appetizers and Stations** - Mix and match between a variety of appetizers and food stations for a custom experience. Appetizers range \$4-\$7 per person. Stations range \$7 - \$15 per person.

**Bar Service** - As a rule of thumb, alcoholic drinks are generally \$7-\$8 each. Guest can purchase their own, or be provided pre paid drink tokens, or give a full open bar experience.

**Sparkler Exit** - Have your guests send you off in style. Sparklers are displayed with a sign and decorative vase. \$1 per guest



# Next Steps

## TO MOVE FORWARD WE'LL NEED:

Written Event Request - Email your Zoo Contact that you are officially ready to get started!

Your Information - Fill out your contract information and style preferences via the google form emailed to you.

Signed Contract - Receive your wedding contract link in your email, follow the link to your event portal, read and scroll all the way to the bottom and both partners e-sign contract.

Deposit Payment - In the top left hand corner of your portal, click on 'pay online.' Follow the instructions to enter your credit card information to submit your deposit to secure your date.

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## PLANNING TIMELINE:

More than 9 months in advance - Now that your venue and date are confirmed with a contract and deposit, look to secure your other vendors, such as Photography, DJ, and Florist, with a deposit.

9 months - Schedule your rental meeting to reserve your linens and other rental pieces, purchase outfits, and send save the dates

5 months - Schedule your tasting to confirm your menu, book honeymoon, send wedding invitations, set RSVP one 1 month prior to wedding date.

3 months - Update any changes to your details, timeline, and estimate guest count and submit 3 month Payment(remainder of your facility fee).

1 month - Final walk though of venue spaces with key vendors, review timeline and décor decisions.

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## FINANCIAL TIMELINE:

Deposit - 25% of package. Due with signed contract within 14 days of receiving your contract link.

3 Month Payment - 75% of package. Due 3 months prior to wedding day.

2 Weeks Prior - Guarantee Guest Count is due via email and invoice is updated to reflect final RSVP.

Final Payment - Catering, animal experiences, and any upgrades make up the remaining balance. Due within 24 hours of receiving the updated invoice.

**\*All Payments are Nonrefundable\***



# Meet Your Zoo Knoxville Event Coordinators

Britney Fields has worked with events at Zoo Knoxville since 2016. She has experience in both fine and casual dining. Creating the reception space is where she really shines. While you're getting ready she is making all the magic happen behind the scenes. Her favorite part about weddings is seeing everything come together and knowing you have made someone's dream day come true.

**"Details are important, I love a good inspiration photo!"**



Miranda Long has been a part of Zoo Knoxville since 2018 and found her love of weddings through her experiences as a Bridal Stylist. She has a servant's heart and loves planning custom weddings that incorporate each couple's story, pieces of their personality, and style throughout their ceremony and reception. She also has an amazing eye for color schemes and layering textures!

**"Let's plan something special!"**

Marie Tipton has been part of the Zoo Knoxville Team Since 2021. She is highly organized, and loves to dig into the details of the event. On wedding day, you can usually find her leading the set up team, and making the vision come to life.

**"We'll make it happen!"**

