



# PRIVATE EVENTS



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When four walls and a ceiling just won't do for your next event, consider a place that knows no boundaries! Whatever the occasion, our beautiful outdoor venues, not to mention our rare and exotic wildlife, will turn your celebration from ordinary to extraordinary!

Fresno Chaffee Zoo offers an assortment of beautiful venues for any type of special event. If you are in need of a semi-casual setting, for a wedding ceremony perhaps, the Winged Wonders Bird Show amphitheater offers tiered bench seating with a decorative backdrop. Just steps from the amphitheater is our Event Garden, a spacious lawn area accommodating our larger parties with space for a band or disc jockey and a dance floor. Your guests will be delighted dancing the night away under

a canopy of stars. Be transported to the California coast with the sound of gentle waves and our beautiful Sea Lion Cove exhibit as your backdrop. You may even have a sea lion join you on the rock as you recite your vows or glide by as you dine on a delicious meal. Our newest exhibit, African Adventure, offers four new venues, each very unique and beautiful. Overlooking the lion exhibit, Simba Room is the perfect space for smaller groups. From the cozy fireplace to the African artifacts decorating the room, it is a wonderful location for meetings and celebrations of any kind. In Canopy Grove, your guests will be surrounded by lush landscaping as well as African wildlife such as rhinos, giraffes, wildebeests, and more. Garlanded with lovely LED market lights, Canopy Grove is available throughout

the day and night. Kopje Lodge is a stunning venue equipped with lighting and sound, where you can also enjoy a delicious dinner while gazing out onto the Savannah. These exclusive venues are unlike any other in the valley. With any venue or attraction you choose, you and your guests will share a wild and enchanted evening strolling the lush and picturesque surroundings of Fresno Chaffee Zoo.

We will be happy to assist you in creating an event that your guests will talk about for years to come!



# SPACES & FEES

## Canopy Grove in African Adventure

Rental Fee: **\$1,000.00 daytime + \$5.00 per guest over 100**  
**\$2,000.00 evening + \$5.00 per guest over 100**

Minimum seating: **75 guests**  
 Maximum seating: **800 guests**

*\*Rental fees include the following standard set up for 100 guests*  
 10 Rectangular 8' Banquet Tables or 72" Round Tables  
 100 Folding Chairs  
 1 Security Personnel (3 hours)

## Kopje Lodge

Rental Fee: **\$5,000.00 evenings only** - limited dates and times.  
 Ask your Event Coordinator for availability.

Minimum Seating: **100 guests**  
 Maximum Seating: **400 guests**

*\*Rental fee includes existing tables and chairs and security personnel*  
*\*Additional \$1,000.00 for custom set up*

## Sea Lion Cove

Rental Fee: **\$2,000.00 evening only**  
 Maximum seating: **50 guests**

*\*Rental fees include the following set up for up to 50 guests*  
 5 Round 60" tables  
 50 Chivari Chairs  
 1 Security Personnel

## Simba Room

Rental Fee: **\$750.00 daytime corporate package or**  
**\$2,500.00 evening event**  
 Maximum Seating: **40 guests**

*\*Rental fee includes tables and chairs for up to 40 guests and security personnel for evening events. Daytime events requires group rate ticket purchase.*

## Event Garden

Rental Fee: **\$1,750.00 evening only + \$5.00 per**  
**guest over 100**  
 Minimum seating: **100 guests**  
 Maximum seating: **800 guests**

*\*Rental fees include the following standard set up for 100 guests*  
 10 Rectangular 8' Banquet Tables or 72" Round Tables  
 100 Folding Chairs  
 1 Security Personnel (3 hours)

## Jungle Bungalow

Rental Fee: **\$1,250.00 evening only + \$5.00 per**  
**guest over 50**  
 Minimum seating: **50 guests**  
 Maximum seating: **75 guests**

*\*Rental fees include the following standard set up for 50 guests*  
 5 Rectangular 8' Banquet Tables  
 50 Folding Chairs  
 1 Security Personnel (3 hours)

**\*Daytime events are held between 7:00am and 3:00pm. Evening events are held between 4:00pm and 10:00pm.**

## The Grove

Rental Fee: **\$950.00 daytime only + \$5.00 per guest over 100**

Minimum seating: **100 guests**

Maximum seating: **700 guests**

*\*Rental fees include the following standard set up for 100 guests*  
*10 Rectangular 8' Banquet Tables or 72" Round Tables*  
*100 Folding Chairs*  
*1 Security Personnel (3 hours)*

## Ziada Room

Rental Fee: **\$2,500.00 evening only**

Maximum Seating: **50 guests**

*\*Rental fee includes tables and chairs for up to 50 guests and security personnel*  
*(Ziada Room can be rented in conjunction with the Simba Room for \$1,000.00 for evening events)*

# GROUP RATE TICKETS

*\* Day Events: Group Rate Tickets must be purchased for daytime events only.*

# of Visitors	Adults (Age 12 and up)	Children (Age 2-11)
1 to 19	\$14.95	\$8.95
20 to 99	\$14.50	\$8.50
100 to 299	\$13.95	\$7.95
300 to 499	\$13.50	\$7.50
500 to 999	\$12.95	\$6.95
1000+	\$12.50	\$6.50

*\* Rates subject change.*

## Additional Event Services and Fees

<b>Amphitheater Fee</b>	\$750	<b>Security Personnel Overtime</b>	\$20.00/ hour
<b>Sales Tax</b>	7.975%	<b>Zoo Keeper</b>	\$75.00/hour per keeper
<b>Security Personnel</b>	\$150.00/3 hour minimum		

## Additional Event Rentals

<b>8' Banquet Rectangular table</b>	\$7.50 over standard set up per area
<b>72" Round Table</b>	\$15.00/table over standard set up per area
<b>Folding Chairs</b>	\$0.95 over standard set up per area
<b>Specialty Chairs</b>	Inquire with event coordinator
<b>Delivery Fees</b>	TBD per rental order
<b>10 x 10 Tents</b>	\$35.00/each
<b>Linens</b>	Inquire with event coordinator



# WILD ACTIVITIES

## Animal Encounters

\$150 per Attraction

Invite an animal to your event! A zoo naturalist will introduce you to one of our amazing creatures and discuss their impressive adaptations for survival. You may enhance your guests' Zoo experience by selecting one or more of the following animal activities: Party Animals, Tropical Rainforest and Valley Farm. Guests can enjoy these interactive and educational presentations as part of their entertainment. Your guests will have a wild time!

The following programs are approximately 45 minutes in length and are subject to availability of animals.



### Party Animals

Add some excitement to your event with the addition of some real Party Animals! Various small animals such as snakes, hedgehogs and tortoises will greet your guests as they enter or visit your party with a docent who will be happy to answer questions and provide information regarding each animal.



### Tropical Rainforest Guide\*

This tropical walk-through rainforest exhibit will be open to your party exclusively with a trained interpreter on site. With animals such as the prehensile-tailed porcupine, the armadillo and a wide assortment of beautiful tropical birds, you're guaranteed to have a great time exploring. (Rainforest is not open after hours unless reserved.)



### Valley Farm\*

Just imagine the fun as your little ones mingle with sheep, goats, and alpacas in our Valley Farm exhibit. Your guests can pet and brush the animals or just catch that once in a lifetime up close and personal photo. (Valley Farm is not open after hours unless reserved.)

*\* Tropical Rainforest and Valley Farm close at dusk. It is recommended that they be scheduled soon after guest arrival and prior to dinner, i.e. 5:30 or 6:00p.m. Your Event Coordinator will coordinate all the details and create a schedule of events to ensure that not only the guests have fun, but the host as well!*



# EXOTIC EVENING OPPORTUNITIES

This is an opportunity to show your guests the evening is truly all about them and having the experience of a lifetime. These special animal options are made available only for you and your guests the evening of your event.\*



## Stingray Bay

A very special touching experience for all ages. Your guests will delight in oceans of fun at Fresno Chaffee Zoo. In addition to the stingrays, there will be two species of small docile sharks and horseshoe crabs. This attraction gets you up-close and personal with exotic sea life. Watch as the graceful rays glide by or dip your hands into the water and touch these captivating creatures. You can even feed these gentle rays, who are as curious about you as you are about them. Discover the underwater world of stingrays. It's the ultimate hands-on adventure.

**\$300 - one hour**  
**\$400 - two hours**  
**\$2 per person for food**



## Giraffe Feeding Station

You and your guests will get the thrill of a lifetime feeding the giraffes. Imagine holding a handful of delicious leaves out for an elegant giraffe to nibble, their 20 inch prehensile tongue folding around them and pulling them in for a tasty treat.

**\$150/hour + \$3 per person for food**

## Sea Lion/Seal Presentation

This is your opportunity to watch Fresno Chaffee Zoo's talented sea lions, Wish, Sur, and Avila and our adorable harbor seals, Ariel and Jetta, as they demonstrate a variety of impressive behaviors in our beautiful Sea Lion Cove exhibit. You will appreciate the grace, playfulness, and intelligence of our seals and sea lions while you watch them with their experienced trainers.

**\$250/20 min**



## Winged Wonder Bird Show

The Winged Wonders Bird Show is available April 1 through mid October. Enjoy this incredible free-flight bird show that is designed to promote awareness of the natural behavior of birds. Entertaining for groups of all ages.

**\$500**

Evening show times are as follows:

April - September 15th	6:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
September 16th - October 14th	5:15 p.m.-5:45 p.m.

*\*Canceled shows due to weather or circumstances beyond our control will be refunded.*



# VENDORS

## APPROVED CATERERS

Taste (in-house caterer)	ask event coordinator for menu options	
Pardini's Catering	559.224.3188	<a href="http://www.pardiniscatering.com">www.pardiniscatering.com</a>
The Painted Table	559.936.5558	<a href="http://www.paintedtablecatering.com">www.paintedtablecatering.com</a>
Classic Catering	ask event coordinator for menu options	

## PREFERRED VENDORS

### Party Rentals

Expo Party Rentals	559.495.3300	<a href="http://www.expopartyrentals.com">www.expopartyrentals.com</a>
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### DJs and Lighting

Light Up the Walls	559.355.0727	<a href="http://www.lightupthewalls.com">www.lightupthewalls.com</a>
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### Décor/Decoration

KSB Company	559.273.3733	<a href="mailto:ksbcompany@aol.com">ksbcompany@aol.com</a>
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### Activities

Smiley Photo Booths	559.549.3356	<a href="mailto:info@smileyphotoboosts.com">info@smileyphotoboosts.com</a>
Fresno Fancy Faces	559.260.4049	<a href="mailto:fresnofancyfaces@yahoo.com">fresnofancyfaces@yahoo.com</a>
Wild Child Adventures	559.352.3667	<a href="mailto:bgray@wildchildadventures.com">bgray@wildchildadventures.com</a>

### Photography

Capture Life Events	559.402.0010	<a href="mailto:capturelifeevents@gmail.com">capturelifeevents@gmail.com</a>
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## Outside Vendors

Your Fresno Chaffee Zoo Event Coordinator will be pleased to assist with recommendations. Any live entertainment at the Zoo (bands, disc jockeys, performers, etc.) must first be approved by the Fresno Chaffee Zoo management. Every effort must be made to contain all noise to the immediate area of the event. For the well-being of our animals, sound levels will be monitored and may be restricted. Loud offensive groups should be avoided.

Vendors must provide proof of insurance and are required to adhere to Zoo rules and regulations.

Vendors are required to remove all items immediately following the event. Fresno Chaffee Zoo is not liable for equipment or decorations deposited prior, during or after an event.

Vendors must arrange delivery times, loading areas, set up locations, and pick up schedules prior to the event with Fresno Chaffee Zoo Event Coordinator.

## Decorations

All decorations must be approved by Zoo staff in advance. Our first concern is to ensure the health and safety of our animals; therefore we do not allow balloons, straws, glitter, confetti, styrofoam products, rice, birdseed, or candy with sticks on site.

## Parking

Event guests are required to pay the Roeding Park entry fee or the current entry fee designated on the day of the event, which is mandated by the City of Fresno. Organization may prepay guests' toll fee in advance. For more information on how to purchase pre-paid parking passes, ask your Event Coordinator.



**Rental Equipment**

Your event site may require the rental of additional equipment, including extra tables, chairs and canopies not included in your site fee. Your Fresno Chaffee Zoo Event Coordinator will determine how much rental equipment is needed and will facilitate the reservation, set-up and removal of this equipment.

**Tables:** Rectangular  
 Square  
 Round  
 Cocktail

**Chairs:** Bistro chairs  
 Wood Resin chairs with padded seat  
 Chiavari chairs with pads

**Linens:** Tablecloths  
 Table drapes  
 Overlays

**Table Settings:** Chargers  
 Plates (dinner, salad, dessert, etc.)  
 Glassware  
 Flatware

**Miscellaneous:** Heaters  
 Dance floor  
 Tents  
 Market umbrellas  
 Archways

**Games:** Corn Hole  
 Giant Jenga

**Unplugged Wedding Sign**

**Lanterns**

*\* Ask for pricing*



### **1. Do you provide tables and chairs?**

Tables and chairs are included in your site fee (see Event Site fee). If additional rentals are needed, we will assist you in acquiring the desired equipment.

### **2. Is linen provided for tables?**

Your caterer can provide basic linens or linens can be rented through your Event Coordinator.

### **3. What forms of payment do you accept?**

We accept personal checks, all major credit cards and money orders.

### **4. When is final guest count and payment due?**

Your estimated guest count and deposit is due at the time of booking. Your guaranteed guest count is due seven (7) working days prior to your event. Your payment in full is due five (5) working days prior to your event.

### **5. If I cancel my event, is my deposit refundable?**

A portion of your deposit may be refundable in the event of a cancellation. (See contract)

### **6. Am I able to have a bar at my event?**

Yes, alcohol is permitted for Group Events. All alcohol must be arranged through our approved caterers.

### **7. Can I use candles to decorate?**

Yes, candles are permitted in any hurricane style container.

### **8. When do I have access to the event site for set up?**

Access is given at the discretion of the Event Coordinator depending on the complexity of the set up and prior events/bookings at the venue site.

### **9. Are my guests allowed to come into the Zoo earlier than my specified event time?**

Guests are allowed to enter the Zoo one hour prior to your event time. If you would like your guests to be allowed to enter the Zoo earlier, additional hours are available at \$300 per hour.

### **10. Is there a minimum charge for food?**

The minimum amount is \$13 per person per event.

### **11. Are there specific times when I can host an event?**

We customize each event to the client's specifications allowing 2 hours for breakfasts or luncheons, 3 hours for dinners, and 4 hours for weddings and receptions. Additional hours are \$300 per hour.