

# Wedding Ceremonies & Receptions

You're celebrating a love that's unparalleled. You deserve a setting that's as unique as you are. From lush tropical surroundings to the beauty of the Sonoran Desert, the Phoenix Zoo offers several distinctive venues — making your dream wedding a reality.

## Wedding Ceremonies

**Ceremony packages start at \$1,700 and include**

- 30-minute ceremony
- Up to 100 white garden chairs
- 30-minute ceremony rehearsal
- Event Facilitator on site throughout entire event

### Add Ons

- Additional ceremony chairs \$10 each plus delivery charges
- PA system rental for ceremony can be added for \$200
- White Lattice Wedding Arch \$175.00 plus delivery charges
- White Carpet Runner (4'x30') \$230 plus delivery charges

### Suggested Sites

- Ruby's House
- Savanna
- Lakeside
- Enchanted Terrace
- Phoenix Bakery
- Doornbos Desert Grove

## Wedding Receptions

**Pricing varies by venue - please see rate sheet**

### Rental includes:

- 4-hour venue rental  
*Event may be extended for an additional hourly fee.*
- Table and Chair Set-up  
*See venue description for included furniture*  
*\*specialty seating will require additional rentals*
- Event Facilitator on site throughout entire event

### Suggested Sites

- C.W. & Modene Neely Education and Event Center
- Stone House Pavilion
- Ruby's House
- Desert Tents
- Phoenix Bakery
- Doornbos Desert Grove



# Rate Sheet

Venue	Available	Rate
Neely Center	Daytime*	\$1,300
	Evening	\$3,900
Stone House Pavilion	Daytime*	\$1,200
	Evening	\$3,800
Lakeside	Daytime*	\$1,000
	Evening	\$3,000
Desert Tents	Daytime*	\$950
	Evening	\$2,300
Ruby's House	Daytime*	\$850
	Evening	\$1,200
Phoenix Bakery	Daytime*	\$900
	Evening	\$1,300
Doornbos Desert Grove	Daytime*	\$850
	Evening	\$1,600
Orang-Hutan: "People of the Forest"	Evening Only	\$1,900
Forest of Uco	Evening Only	\$2,000
Enchanted Terrace	Ceremony Only	\$1,700
Savanna	Evening Ceremony Only	\$1,700

## Weddings

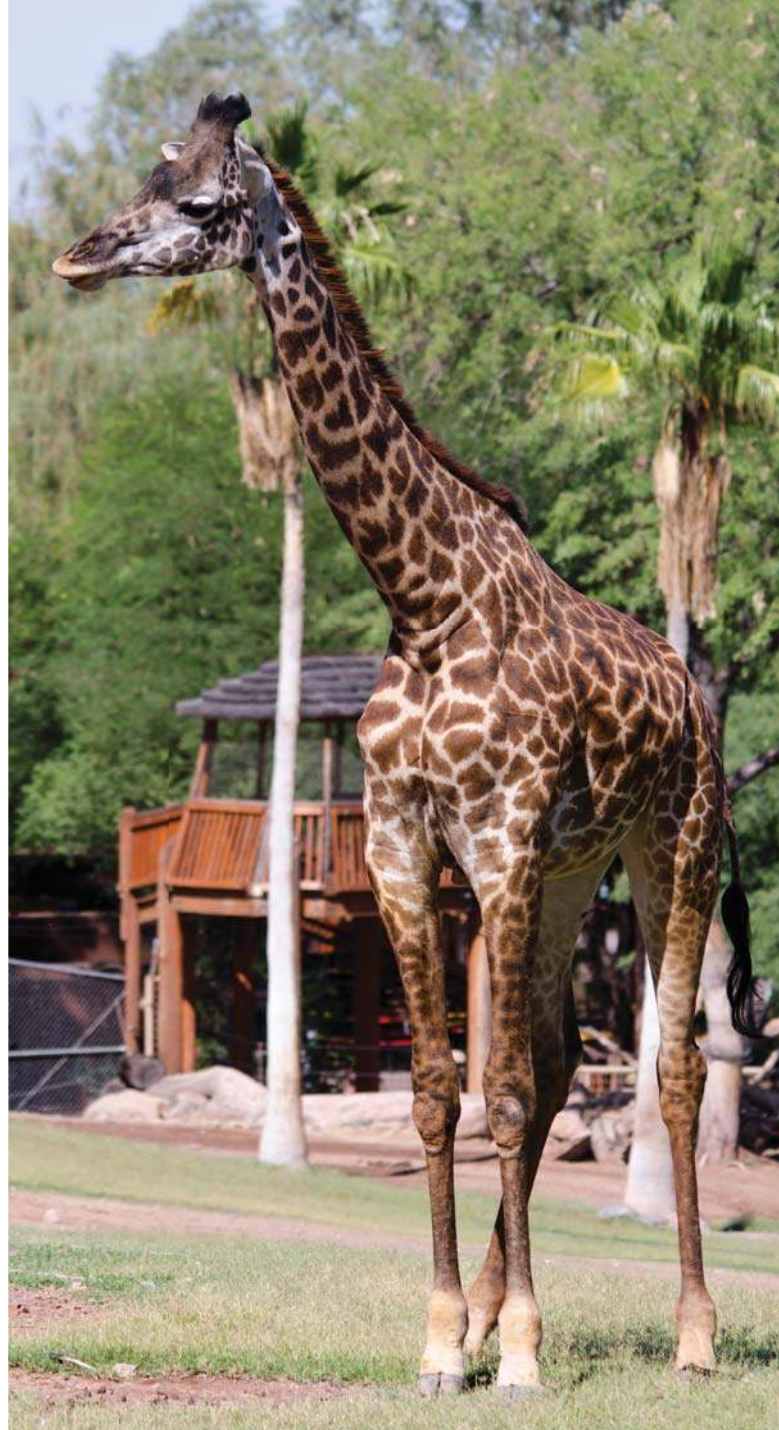
Wedding Ceremonies	Starting At	\$1,700
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## Discounted Daytime Event Admission:

Adult (ages 14 and up) \$20

Child (ages 3-13) \$15

Children 2 And under are free



- Evening rentals must end by 11 p.m.
  - Catering must be provided through the Zoo's Preferred Catering list
  - In-house bar service available (See Beverage Service Menu)
  - Each venue includes standard seating arrangements
- \* *Daytime admission required for all daytime events*

# C.W. & Modene Neely Education and Event Center

Located hilltop adjacent to the Zoo's Tropics Trail, this versatile indoor climate-controlled facility provides a unique and modern setting for weddings. The beautiful outdoor patio, overlooking the main lake and Gibbon Island, is included for evening rentals. Basic in-house audio visual system available for use in this facility.

## Capacity

- Reception set for up to 240  
*and/or*
- Ceremony set for up to 240 on patio or inside  
*(seating for 100 included in ceremony package)*
- Specialty seating requires additional rentals



# Stone House Pavilion

Stone House Pavilion is an upscale indoor meeting and banquet facility that features an outdoor covered terrace. This popular venue is an excellent setting for wedding receptions. Basic in-house audio visual system available for use in this facility.

## Capacity

- Reception set for up to 300  
*and/or*
- Ceremony set for up to 100 on patio / 300 inside  
*(seating for 100 included in ceremony package)*
- Specialty seating requires additional rentals





## Lakeside

Located in the center of the Zoo, this venue provides a peaceful view of the main lake. Under the canopy tent or on the lakeside lawn is a great location for a wedding ceremony, reception or both. Evening rentals include basic lighting package.

### Capacity

- Picnic style reception set for up to 300 under tent *and/or*
- Ceremony set for up to 500 on lawn *(seating for 100 included in ceremony package)*
- Specialty seating requires additional rentals



## Desert Tents

This desert oasis is a Bedouin-style campsite nestled at the base of the Bighorn Buttes, including five permanent tent structures surrounding an open event space and central fire pit. Desert Tents is a unique escape, day or night. Evening rentals include guest transportation to and from venue and basic lighting package.

### Capacity

- Reception set for up to 120 *or*
- Ceremony set for up to 100
- Specialty seating requires additional rentals

# Ruby's House

Built in 1935, Ruby's House is a charming piece of Zoo history, dedicated to Ruby, the Zoo's famous painting elephant. This quaint, garden cottage boasts spectacular sunset views and is ideal for wedding ceremonies, smaller receptions and other intimate events. Evening rentals include basic lighting package.

## Capacity

- Reception set for up to 60  
*and/or*
- Ceremony set for up to 80  
*(stone benches used for majority of seating)*
- Specialty seating requires additional rentals



# Phoenix Bakery

Host your event at the Phoenix Bakery and take a step back in time. Once located in downtown Phoenix, the original bakery has been reconstructed and authentically decorated to provide guests with a historically-themed venue option. Nestled between the collared peccary and coyote exhibits, this one-of-a-kind venue offers guests an indoor/outdoor experience featuring a lighted courtyard and unparalleled ambiance.

*\*animal viewing is not guaranteed*

## Capacity

- Reception set for up to 80 utilizing indoor and outdoor spaces  
*or*
- Ceremony set for up to 100 on front patio
- Specialty seating requires additional rentals





## Doornbos Desert Grove

Surround yourself with the beauty of the Sonoran Desert at Doornbos Desert Grove, the Phoenix Zoo's charmingly reimagined event space. Nestled within the Arizona Trail, this private venue offers a stunning backdrop of native Arizona vegetation and exclusive views of the Zoo's newest exhibit, Big Cats of Arizona. Whether you're hosting a daytime gathering or an elegant evening affair, this unique setting provides a truly unforgettable experience. Evening rentals include basic lighting package.

*\*Animal viewing is not guaranteed*

### Capacity

- Reception set for up to 100  
or
- Ceremony set for up to 100
- Specialty seating requires additional rentals



## Orang-Hutan: "People of the Forest"

This indoor climate-controlled room and lush outdoor courtyard are set in the center of the Zoo's, Orang-Hutan: "People of the Forest." This unique location is unmatched by any other venue in the Valley. Sorry, no daytime rentals available. Evening rentals may not start prior to 6 p.m.

*\*Animal viewing is not guaranteed*

### Capacity

- Reception set for up to 100  
or
- Ceremony set for up to 100
- Specialty seating requires additional rentals

## Forest of Uco

Fiesta in the cobblestone street under special Portofino lighting for a true south-of-the-border feel. Evening rentals include guest transportation to and from venue and basic lighting package. Sorry, no daytime rentals available.

*\*evening events may not start prior to 6 p.m.*

### Capacity

- Reception set for up to 120  
or
- Ceremony set for up to 100
- Specialty seating requires additional rentals



## Enchanted Terrace

Unique. Distinctive. Modern. Located across from the Pavilion, the Enchanted Terrace recently went through a massive upgrade and features new pavers and flagstone. Additionally, brand-new overhead lighting makes this quaint venue perfect for evening and nighttime use!

### Capacity

- Accommodates 100 ceremony at stone benches
- Specialty seating requires additional rentals



## Savanna

Treat your guests to sweeping views of the Zoo's African Savanna exhibit. Evening rentals include basic lighting package. Sorry, no daytime rentals available.

*\*animal viewing is not guaranteed, evening events may not start prior to 6 p.m.*

### Capacity

- Ceremony set for up to 100
- Specialty seating requires additional rentals



# Beverage Services

Selection	Hosted Bar <i>(by consumption)</i>	Cash Bar
Domestic Beer	\$6	\$6
Craft Beer	\$7	\$8
Hard Cider and Seltzer	\$7	\$8
House Liquors*	\$7	\$8
Call Liquors*	\$8	\$9
House Wines*	\$8	\$9
Canned Water	\$3	\$3
Assorted Soda	\$3	\$3
Sparkling Wine	\$32 per bottle	
Sparkling Cider	\$17 per bottle	

\* Premium wines and liquors are available upon request. (Case pricing applies) Prices are subject to change without notice.

## Set-up Fee

\$300 per bar set-up. This includes the bar set-up and bartender. (Recommendation: One bar per every 100 people)

## Service Fee

22 percent will be applied to all final hosted bar balances.

## Bar Minimum Guarantee

A \$16 deposit per person must be paid in advance.

## Hosted Bar

- Deposit will be applied to final balance.
- If a hosted bar exceeds the deposit, the client will be billed for the additional balance due.

## Cash Bar

- If a cash bar exceeds the deposit, the deposit will be applied to the total event balance or refunded.
- If cash sales do not reach the deposit, the Zoo will keep the difference.

## Additional Information

Serving Ware - Plasticware will be provided for all bars. Glassware can be rented through caterer (pending Zoo approval) if client desires.

## Bar Policy

The Phoenix Zoo operates under a State 6 Liquor License. ALL alcohol must be provided by the Zoo. **No alcohol may be brought into the Zoo by clients or guests.** Any alcohol brought into the Zoo by clients or guests will be confiscated. Failure to adhere to this policy could result in expulsion from grounds with no refund.





# Arizona Center for Nature Conservation Preferred Catering List

Events at the Arizona Center for Nature Conservation (ACNC)- which includes the Phoenix Zoo - are professionally serviced by a list of preferred caterers who specialize in quality, customer service and onsite catering. In order to make catering arrangements for your event, please contact the following caterers directly.



## The Phoenix Zoo's Premier Caterer

### Lancer Catering

455 North Galvin Parkway | Phoenix, AZ 85008

Contact: Cassandra Eisenhart | Banquet Manager | 602.914.4306

[lancerhospitality.com/arizona](http://lancerhospitality.com/arizona) | [cassandra.eisenhart@lancercatering.com](mailto:cassandra.eisenhart@lancercatering.com)

Lancer Catering is proud to offer our award-winning, chef-inspired catering for your next event at the Phoenix Zoo. The Zoo provides several beautifully unique spaces to host a variety of events such as wedding receptions at Desert Tents, elegant corporate dinners at the Neely Events Center, fun and festive company picnics at Plaza de Los Niños or at the scenic Lakeside Picnic Pavilion.

We are experts in the hospitality and catering industry with more than 30 years of business, catering thousands of events each year at cultural attractions, zoos and aquariums around the country. Our skilled professionals will help plan and execute your event to perfection. Every detail from selecting the perfect menu for the size and style of your event to the execution of food service will be handled by Lancer Catering's event specialists. As caterers, we are extremely flexible to your needs and offer customized menus for every taste and budget. No matter the event, our catering staff will deliver mouthwatering cuisine and exceptional service to you and your guests.





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## **Andrew's Catering**

730 East Guadalupe Road | Tempe, AZ 85283

Contact: Jodi Deason | 480.491.7115

[andrewcaters.com](http://andrewcaters.com) | [jodi@andrewcaters.com](mailto:jodi@andrewcaters.com)

Andrew's Catering offers the most versatile and exciting catering service in Phoenix with an emphasis on delicious food along with great service and affordability. The unique ability to cook on-site provides food fresh from the grill to the table. Whether it be small, intimate events, large outdoor picnics, or anything in between, let our party planners help you select from our trademark smoked BBQ, traditional hand carved meats, creative sides, innovative appetizers and delicious desserts. Andrew's has been named Top 10 BBQ in the Valley by AZ Republic as well as Valley BBQ and Best East Valley BBQ by Phoenix Magazine. Andrew's is the perfect partner for the perfect event.

## **Atlasta Catering Service**

10021 North 19th Avenue | Phoenix, AZ 85021

Contact: Sales | 602.242.8185

[atlastacatering.com](http://atlastacatering.com) | [cuisine@atlastacatering.com](mailto:cuisine@atlastacatering.com)

Atlasta cares about creating a food experience that fosters connection. We take our job seriously and never lose sight of the profound honor of serving you and your guests. Our hospitality philosophy touches all aspects of the guest experience, beginning when you first contact us. Every step of the way, our dedicated professionals provide exceptional and uncommon personalized service. Simply put, we deliver hospitality, restaurant-quality food and sustainability. We've transcended what catering was and have redefined what it can be.



455 North Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, Arizona 85008

[p 602.914.4301](tel:602.914.4301) | [f 602.286.3845](tel:602.286.3845) | [phoenixzoo.org/events](http://phoenixzoo.org/events)

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## **Creations in Cuisine Catering**

1825 W. Crest Lane | Phoenix, AZ 85027

Contact: Frank Vara & Tony Rea | 602.485.9924

creationsincuisinecatering.com | info@creationsincuisine.com

Known for our commitment to quality and the freshest ingredients, our name speaks for itself. Over the past 28 years, Creations in Cuisine Catering has established a highly-respected reputation for excellent food and outstanding event services in Arizona. Creations in Cuisine Catering provides full-service catering throughout the entire state for special events of all sizes. We specialize in wedding, social and corporate catering, offering pre-selected and custom menu creations. Combine that with our unsurpassed customer service, innovative event design and flawless execution - we promise Creations in Cuisine Catering will make your special event one to be remembered! Imagine the possibilities.....

## **Fabulous Food Fine Catering and Events**

120 South 26th Street | Phoenix, AZ 85034

Contact: Chantal Hause | 602.267.1818

fabulousfood.net | info@fabulousfoodaz.com.

Since 1996, Fabulous Food Fine Catering and Events has been producing exquisite artisan cuisine in the Valley. While Fabulous Food specializes in creating events that are exclusively tailored to be uniquely you, it doesn't stop there. Fabulous Food offers a variety of catering options to fit any occasion's needs. Let the expert team at Fabulous Food cater to you. After all, party is their job!

## **Conceptually Social Catering and Events**

515 E. Grant St. | Phoenix, AZ 85004

Contact: Brianna Schmaltz | 602.571.0549

cscateringaz.com | info@conceptuallysocial.com

Specializing in craft, global cuisine and premier event management, locally-owned Conceptually Social Catering & Events not only serves uncommonly good food, but aims to build meaningful relationships within our community. We have brought together an insanely passionate and talented team that is the best in the business at what they do. Our Downtown Phoenix based catering kitchen serves corporate clients and social event guests across the Valley with varied menus showcasing our modern, diverse cuisine. We strive to make each catering and event experience special at a wide range of budgets and customization levels. We are proud members of Local First Arizona and are thrilled to offer our services to the Phoenix Zoo!



# Activities and Experiences

## Animal Encounters

- Get up close to some of the Zoo's animal ambassadors
- One hour at your event with two animals and one instructor for a casual meet and greet experience

## Lakeside Carousel

- Take a ride on your favorite Zoo animals
- Per person entry available for daytime events
- Private hourly rentals for before or after hour events

## Safari Cruiser Tours

- Offer your guests a narrated tour of the Zoo
- Only available for private after-hour events

## Stingray Bay

- Interactive touch tank exhibit
- Per person entry available for daytime events
- No after hour availability



# Decoration Guidelines

**Our Policy:** Due to the sensitive nature of our organization and for the safety of our animals and guests, all decorations must be approved prior to your event. The Phoenix Zoo prohibits the use of items listed below. If for any reason you have questions regarding your decorations or the use of any items listed below, please contact your sales representative for clarification

## The following items are prohibited:

- Balloons
- Any candles with an exposed flame and dripping wax. Other candles may be used, but they must be in a container that rises above the flame and collects melted wax (*battery powered candles are preferred*).
- Paper lanterns intended to be released (*they may be used as stationary décor with battery powered candles*)
- Confetti, glitter, confetti or streamer poppers, silly string, tinsel, fake snow
- Live animals of any kind
- Bird seed, rice, fake flower petals (*real flower petals and bubbles are okay*)
- Any kind of sparklers or fireworks
- No glass containers at outdoor venues (*okay if used at indoor venues*)
- Straw or hay (loose or baled)
- Fog machines
- Weapons of any kind
- Any kind of color-dyed liquids (*this may stain linens or flooring if spilled*)

Decor may not be hung or attached to/from walls, windows, ceilings, lighting, vegetation or other structures. The use of nails, screws, hooks, adhesive or tape is strictly prohibited.



## Decoration Guidelines



Event clients must appoint a day-of coordinator for their event. This person will be responsible for all décor set-up/tear-down at event locations. Event staff will be on grounds to supervise décor installation and enforce the rules in place.

Client will have access to the event venue two hours prior to event start time for set-up and decoration.

Client will have one hour after the event for tear-down/clean-up of décor items. All decorations must be removed and taken off grounds by a member of the party at the end of the event. The Phoenix Zoo will not be able to store items before or after your event time.



Admission of outside vendors needing access to Zoo grounds for event set-up and décor must be arranged 14 days prior to your event with your designated sales representative. All contracted workers on grounds must be insured. All vehicles on grounds must be licensed and insured. Zoo event staff must escort in and out all vehicles.

