

# Private Event Pricing and Facilities

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Come tour the Virginia Zoo with us and see for yourself.

*So many spectacular venues: one is perfect for you!*

With 53 lush acres, the options are endless – and quite welcoming.

## *Here are some benefits of hosting an event at the Virginia Zoo:*

- Beautiful setting ● Flexibility to hold event during or after operating hours ●
- Zoo admission for guests based on capacity of venue rented ● Free limited parking
- On-site table and chair rental available ● Amusement rentals and other equipment through Zoo's preferred vendor – Big Top Entertainment ●
- Ability to have animal encounter with select docent animals (extra fee applies) ●

### *And more:*

- 10% discount on facility rental fee for 501(c)(3) nonprofits (discount does not apply to catering, equipment, services or Big Top fees)
- One alternate event date in case of weather conditions. Event change notice must be given in writing three (3) days in advance. A 50% refund may be issued if the alternate date cannot be accommodated.
  - For your event to be the success it deserves to be, you need to book at least 8 weeks in advance. Booking early helps ensure you get the venue you want.
  - Rentals are rain or shine – no refunds, admission passes or alternate dates are provided for weather or cancellations by customer.
  - Amusements can be rented from the Zoo's preferred vendor – Big Top Entertainment.
  - For the protection of our animal residents, balloons, balls, straws and confetti are prohibited.
  - For catering information, contact Special Events at (757) 441-2374, ext. 253

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## **What people are saying about private events at the Virginia Zoo:**

*"It was a perfect day, a perfect event! There is nothing we would change! We will definitely be back next year. Thanks to everyone who helped make our event so successful!"*

**Department of Pediatrics EVMS/CHKD in Norfolk**

*"I was pleased with the overall experience and dealing with the Zoo staff."*

**Roanoke College Alumni Association**

*"We will certainly keep the Zoo on our preferred places to hold events. I received nothing but good comments and positive reactions from all of our guests."*

**USS Eisenhower Family Readiness Group**

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*All agreements and arrangements must be booked and confirmed at least eight weeks prior to the desired date of event. Prices and location availability are subject to change.*

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# ZOO FACILITIES

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## Event Pavilion (Accommodates up to 500 guests)

In the heart of the Zoo, the versatility of our brand new, open-air 60'x 120' pavilion makes a delightful staging area for grand-scale events. The paver flooring is perfect for elegant seated dinners, dancing or live entertainment. With full access to power and water, you can enjoy all the amenities of an indoor venue, but with a fresh perspective.

## Event Field (Accommodates up to 2,000 guests)

Adjacent to the Event Pavilion, this spacious field provides additional space for amusements, activities or even additional tents to support your event. Access to power and water is available.

## Africa Overlook (Accommodates up to 100 guests)

Big event? Make Africa your dramatic backdrop. You can actually stage your event on our Boardwalk, an elevated pathway with two covered overlooks that wind through animal habitats some 17 feet above the lush grounds below. The Boardwalk is available for after-hours events only.

## Fountain Plaza (Accommodates up to 300 guests)

Another spacious location for a large event, the Fountain Plaza is a spectacular venue that greets your guests as soon as they enter the Zoo! Located at the Zoo entrance and surrounded by benches and beautiful gardens, this location showcases our Kugel ball and seasonal fountains. Available for after-hours events only.

## New! Orangutan Veranda

(Accommodates up to 300 guests)

Located at the entrance of the new Asia – Trail of the Tiger exhibit, this venue offers a spectacular view of the brand new Orangutan exhibit. Set the mood for your private event at the Zoo with one of the most exotic backdrops in town! Perfect for cocktail parties and receptions, you and your guests can enjoy the view from a central location in the Zoo. The Veranda is available for after-hours events only. (Seating space is limited.)

## New! Burong Passage

(Accommodates up to 300 guests)

Follow the Trail of the Tiger to Burong Passage, the Asia – Trail of the Tiger exit plaza, where you and your guests will be surrounded by the Burong Gateway Statue, the new and scenic Tiger and Asian Otter exhibits, magnificent and sustainable wooden columns and stunning horticultural design. A perfect setting for an evening soirée or reception, this location is available for after-hours events only. (Seating space is limited.)

## Goode Train Station (Accommodates up to 30 guests)

The perfect location for a birthday celebration, this train station is located on the train tracks, with a scenic view of our African Plains exhibits.

## Africa Interpretive Center

(Accommodates up to 45 guests)

Embedded within the Africa exhibit, this out-of-the-ordinary round building is an innovative hot spot for small events or meetings.

## Classrooms and Conference Rooms

We also offer a variety of special rooms for meetings, classes, retreats, training sessions, lectures and conferences.

- *Education Classroom* in the Education and Visitor Center can accommodate up to 50 seated guests.
- *Education Center* near the Zoo's Barnyard is an amphitheater-style room that includes small stage and podium. Bleacher-style seating accommodates up to 75 guests.
- *Visitor Center Large Conference Room* includes a small white board and projection screen. Conference table and chairs can accommodate up to 20 guests.

## New! Siamang Island Overlook

(Accommodates up to 150 guests)

Spend your event overlooking one of the Zoo's most fascinating exhibits – Siamang Island. Enjoy a spacious deck with a scenic view of the Siamang exhibit and the beautiful Fountain Plaza. Located in the heart of the Asia – Trail of the Tiger exhibit, this venue can be combined with the Malayan Grotto venue for an even larger event. This location is available for after-hours events only.

## New! Malayan Grotto

(Accommodates up to 150 guests)

Add some pizzazz to your private event by hosting it in the most unique Zoo location! Designed specifically for the Virginia Zoo, this exclusive replica cave displays stalactites and stalagmites, in-ground lighting and extraordinary views of the new Tiger and Orangutan exhibit. Included with this location is additional space on the boardwalk outside of the Grotto, providing additional space for you and your guests! This location is available for after-hours events only.

# ZOO VENUE PRICING

## Outdoor Venues:

### Event Pavilion (Free admission for 500 guests)

- Monday – Thursday: \$1,000 for three hours
- Additional Time : \$100 per hour
- Friday – Sunday: \$2,500 for the day

### Event Field (add on to Large Event Tent)

- Monday – Thursday: \$500
- Friday – Sunday: \$700

### Africa Overlook\* (Free admission for 50 guests)

- Monday – Thursday: \$800
- Friday – Sunday: \$1,000

### Fountain Plaza\* (Free admission for 150 guests)

- Monday – Thursday: \$1,000
- Friday – Sunday: \$1,200

### Goode Train Station (Free admission & train tokens for 30 guests)

- Sunday – Saturday: \$350

## Indoor Venues:

### Africa Interpretive Center (Free admission for 50 guests)

- Sunday – Saturday: \$200 for three hours
- Additional Time: \$50 per hour

### Education Classroom (Free admission for 50 guests)

- Sunday – Saturday: \$350 for three hours
- Additional Time: \$50 per hour

### Education Center (Free admission for 75 guests)

- Sunday - Saturday: \$200 for three hours
- Additional Time: \$50 per hour

### Visitor Center Large Conference Room (Free admission for 20 guests)

- Sunday - Saturday: \$200 for two hours
- Additional Time: \$25 per hour
- Friday – Sunday: \$1,200

## NEW! Asia – Trail of the Tiger Venues:

(Please note: Asia locations are not available until May 2011.)

### Orangutan Veranda\* (Free admission for 150 guests)

- Monday – Thursday: \$1,000
- Friday – Sunday: \$1,200

### Barong Passage\* (Free admission for 150 guests)

- Monday – Thursday: \$1,000
- Friday – Sunday: \$1,200

### Siamang Island Overlook\*(Free admission for 75 guests)

- Monday – Thursday: \$800
- Friday – Sunday: \$1,000

### Malayan Grotto\* (Free admission for 75 guests)

- Monday – Thursday: \$800
- Friday – Sunday: \$1,000

### Malayan Grotto/Siamang Island Overlook Package

- Monday – Thursday: \$1,250
- Friday – Sunday: \$1,500

\*After Hours Only – 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. (Includes set-up)

## Extras:

In addition to rental fees for specific venues, the following event fees may also apply:

Zoo security .....	\$25/hour
Norfolk Police Department (Required for all functions serving alcohol) .....	\$30/hour/minimum 4 hours
Trash disposal clean/up .....	\$150-\$250 (Depending on venue & group size)
Additional event staff .....	\$20/hour (Depending on venue & group size)
Zoo admission for extra guests .....	\$2 each
Animal Encounter fees quoted separately	

For more information about rentals, pricing or policies, or to make an appointment, please contact Special Events at [Kelsey.essmann@norfolk.gov](mailto:Kelsey.essmann@norfolk.gov)