BISSELL TREE HOUSE

John Ball Zoo’s most picturesque indoor event space designed to showcase the sweeping view toward downtown Grand Rapids while maintaining a private feel encompassed in nature.
The Bissell Tree House is available between the hours of 8:00am and 11:00pm. The latest the rental may run is 11:00pm with tear down from 11:00pm-12:00am.

Maximum Capacity: 180 guests (April-October) or 130 guests (November-March)

Rentals occurring on holiday weekends will require an additional $600 fee.
What We Offer

**INCLUDED**
- Complimentary guest parking
- Complimentary guest transportation to and from the main Zoo parking lot and Tree House
- Table and chair set up and tear down
- Wireless handheld microphone
- Venue Coordinator

**ADDITIONAL FEE**
- Additional Rental Hours: $300/each after 5pm
  $100/each before 5pm
- 80 inch TVs: 1/$200 or 2/$300
- Fireplace: $100
- Decor Heaters: $75/heater
- Discounted Zoo Admission
- Strolling Animals: $100

*Please inquire for further details*
## EXCLUSIVE CATERERS

One of the following caterers is required for all food service.

- **Applause Catering & Events**
  - 3755 Broadmoor Ave. SE Suite C
  - Grand Rapids, MI 49512
  - (616) 940-0001
  - www.applause-catering.net

- **Gilmore Catering**
  - 20 Monroe Ave. NW
  - Grand Rapids, MI 49503
  - (616) 356-2627 X 116
  - www.gilmore-catering.com

- **Martha’s Catering**
  - 1122 Michigan St. NE
  - Grand Rapids, MI 49503
  - (616) 459-0116
  - www.marthascatering.com

- **The Catering Company**
  - 1307 East Fulton Street
  - Grand Rapids, MI 49503
  - (616) 454-7475
  - www.tccogr.com

## RECOMMENDED VENDORS

The following are recommended but not required.

### Desserts

- **Connie’s Cakes**
  - (616) 455-6214
  - info@iloveconniesscakes.com

- **Love’s Ice Cream**
  - (616) 965-1054
  - events@lovesicecream.com

- **Gumina’s Flowers**
  - (616) 247-3796
  - guminasflowers@gmail.com

### DJs

- **JM Katz Entertainment**
  - (269) 567-8026
  - jmkatzentertainment@yahoo.com

- **Moments in Time DJ**
  - (616) 334-3110
  - info@mitidj.com

- **TINYuproar**
  - (616) 446-9723
  - tinyuproar@gmail.com

### Florists

- **Events by I Candy**
  - (616) 245-0773
  - hello@eventsbyicandy.com

- **Gumina’s Flowers**
  - (616) 247-3796
  - guminasflowers@gmail.com

### Photographers

- **Tiberius Images**
  - (616) 855-4079
  - russ@tiberiusimages.com

### Rentals

- **Alpine Events**
  - (616) 396-7300
  - info@alpineevents.com

- **Baker Tent & Party Rental**
  - (616) 454-8505
  - info@bakertentrental.com

### Transportation

- **Affordable Limousine**
  - (616) 299-1812
  - reservations@affordablelimo.com
BAR SERVICE PACKAGES

*All packages include up to 4 hours of bar service. Packages are for 2020 only. Packaging and pricing for future years is subject to change.

BEER, WINE & SODA

Choice of 2 beers and 3 wines
Pepsi products included.

$20/PERSON

BEER
Domestic: Budweiser, Bud Light, Miller Lite, Coors Light
Specialty: Blue Moon, Leinenkugel Seasonal
Craft: Founder’s All Day IPA, Founder’s Porter, Bell’s Oberon, Bell’s Two Hearted, Perrin Black, Perrin Gold, Tandem Smackintosh Cider

WINE
Red: Cabernet, Merlot, Pinot Noir
White: Chardonnay, Moscato, Pinot Grigio, Sauvignon Blanc

HOUSE PACKAGE

Choice of 2 beers and 3 wines.
House liquor and mixers included.

$25/PERSON

BEER
Includes 2 beer options from Beer Wine & Soda package.

WINE
Includes 3 wine options from Beer Wine & Soda package.

LIQUOR
House Vodka
House Rum
House Whiskey
House Gin

PREMIUM PACKAGE

Choice of 2 beers and 3 wines.
Premium liquor and mixers included.

$30/PERSON

BEER
Includes 2 beer options from Beer Wine & Soda package.

WINE
Includes 3 wine options from Beer Wine & Soda package.

LIQUOR
Bacardi Silver Rum
Bombay Gin
Captain Morgan Spiced Rum
Dewar’s Scotch
Jameson Irish Whiskey
Maker’s Mark Bourbon
Tito’s Vodka

All package pricing is for up to 4 hours of bar service. Each additional hour will be charged at $5 per person. Bar staff fees, 20% service charge, and 6% sales tax are not included in the per guest fee. Minors under 21 will be charged $5 per guest. The maximum bar service time is 6 hours. Service must end one half hour prior to the end of event time. No last call announcements are allowed. John Ball Zoo does not offer cash or consumption model bar services. John Ball Zoo is the exclusive bar service provider at all rental locations.
Transportation
Transportation for guests to and from the main Zoo parking lot and Tree House is included and guaranteed for all private rentals.

Transportation will be in the form of the Idema Funicular or John Ball Zoo's executive shuttles at our discretion. A specific mode is not guaranteed.

Both modes can transport roughly 25-30 guests per 10 minute round trip.

Guest transportation will begin at the start of contracted rental time.

Liability Insurance
A certificate of liability insurance is required to be on file for all private rentals.

County of Kent and John Ball Zoo must be listed as additional insured—not just certificate holders.

All policies must include $1,000,000 in Liability Coverage and $2,000,000 General Aggregate.

Insurance is required no later than a month prior to the rental date.

We highly recommend purchasing a policy through www.wedsafe.com.

Decorations
All decorations must be free standing; nothing attached to the floor, wall, or ceiling is permitted.

Restrictions include: No open flame (candles must be in a container taller than the flame), no balloons, rice, birdseed, flower petals, confetti, flammable materials or live animals.

Refrigerated space is not available to store flowers, cake, etc.

Delivery, set up, and tear down must all occur within contracted rental hours.

All decorations must be cleared from the space at the end of allotted tear down time.

General
All additional hours must be consecutive.

All public Zoo areas will remain open and public until the end of normal Zoo operating hours.

John Ball Zoo is a non-smoking site.

Appointments with coordinators are available Monday-Friday between 9:00am and 4:00pm.
Let's Talk

Begin the reservation process by contacting the Rental & Event office!

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facilityrental@jbzoo.org

PHONE NUMBER
(616) 336-4314

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Grand Rapids, MI 49504