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 8:00 am and 11:00 pm. The latest the rental may run is 11:00 pm with tear down from 11:00 pm - 12:00 am.

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

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

**WEEKDAY**
5 hour rental (2 hour set up, 2 hour event, 1 hour tear down)
$900

**WEEKEND**
7 hour rental (2 hour set up, 4 hour event, 1 hour tear down)
Friday or Saturday: $3,100
Sunday: $2,500

**WEEKEND**
$1,800
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.

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

2. **El Granjero Mexican Grill**  
   950 Bridge St NW  
   Grand Rapids, MI 49504  
   (616) 458-5595  
   www.elgranjermexicangrill.com

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

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

5. **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@iloveconniescakes.com

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

#### Florists
- **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@mitdj.com

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

- **Tiny Uproar**  
  (616) 446-9723  
  bud@tinyuproar.com

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

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

- **Cascade Rental Center**  
  (616) 942-2402  
  sales@cascaderental.com

#### Transportation
- **Affordable Limousine**  
  (616) 299-1812  
  reservations@affordablelimogr.com

- **Forty Acres Soul Kitchen**  
  1059 Wealthy St. SE  
  Grand Rapids, MI 49506  
  (616) 723-9770  
  www.fortyacreskitchen.com

- **Kangaroo Kitchen & Catering**  
  1007 Fulton St. E  
  Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
  (616) 451-6775  
  www.kangarookitchengr.com

- **Dolyn Designs**  
  (616) 745-3963  
  gwendolyn@dolyndesigns.com

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  (616) 396-7300  
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# Bar Service Packages

*All packages include up to 4 hours of bar service. Packages are for 2021 only. Packaging and pricing for future years is subject to change.*

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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

EMAIL ADDRESS
facilityrental@jbzoo.org

PHONE NUMBER
(616) 336-4314

MAILING ADDRESS
1300 W Fulton
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Let's Talk

All proceeds benefit and support the programs and activities of John Ball Zoo.