# North Carolina



CATERING

MENU

# EVENT INFORMATION

#### SUSTAINABLE SEAFOOD

Seafood is a healthy and delicious way to enjoy the bounties of the sea, though not all seafood is produced responsibly, and making the right choices can be difficult. SSA focuses on working with sustainably sourced seafood in our cafes, restaurants, and catered events. We also follow the recommendations of the Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch Program, whose guidance helps consumers and businesses make choices for healthy oceans.

#### **PALM OIL**

We recognize the role foodservice operators like us play in the global trade and usage of palm oil - we value efforts to mitigate the environmental and social impacts associated with palm oil production. In-house, we are constantly working to review our purchases for palm oil inclusion and sourcing, and we advocate our supply chains to engage with leading industry groups - SSA is a member of the Roundtable for Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) and we encourage our partners who use palm oil to join this important initiative.

#### **DIVERSITY-OWNED VENDORS**

We celebrate the things that make each one of us different, and work to support the local communities that we partner with. Diversity-ownership of vendors in our supply chain is important to us, and we are developing tools to better evaluate our own engagement, as well as strategize how to include more diversity-owned vendors in our operations. If you are aware of a local vendor in your area that we should be working with, please let your SSA Account Manager know!

#### **MENUS**

Unless otherwise specified, all menus are priced per person to be enjoyed during the allotted time period while here on-site at North Carolina Zoo. Should you have something different in mind for your catering menu, we are happy to work with our chefs to propose a custom menu that meets your needs - please inquire with your Sales Manager for more information.

#### **FOOD GUARANTEES**

Final guest count is to be advised no later than Ten (10) business days prior to the event date. The final bill will reflect the guarantee or the number served, whichever is greater. If no final guarantee is received, we will consider the estimated guest count indicated on your Banquet Event Order to be your guaranteed number of guests. The guarantee is not subject to reduction after the above deadline. Last minute orders are gladly accepted, but please note due to the need to expedite staffing, orders, and preparations, a late fee may be applied, and availability of certain menu items may be limited.

#### **Food Service Regulations**

Food & Beverage cannot be removed from the premises by any party other than the catering department. As a standard, all buffets are served for a 1.5-hour period, but may be extended on advance request. Please see your Sales Manager for pricing.

#### **FINAL PAYMENT**

Final payment is due after the final guest count is received, before the event date. Any additional fees incurred on the day of the event will be applied to the final invoice, and payment is due upon receipt.

# RISE & SHINE **BREAKFAST**

Requires a Minimum Order of 25 Guests

Prices Listed Are Per Person

Food Quantities Must Match Guest Guarantee

#### **Includes:**

Eco-Friendly Compostable Tableware | Coffee | Iced Water

# BREAKFAST BUFFETS

# **CONTINENTAL** | \$12

Assorted Pastries | Croissants with Butter & Jam Fresh Seasonal Fruit | Muffins | Yogurt with Granola

# **TRADITIONAL** | \$17

Assorted Pastries & Muffins with Butter
Fresh Seasonal Fruit | Yogurt with Granola | Sausage | Scrambled Eggs

# **ADD-ONS**

**BISCUITS & SAUSAGE GRAVY | \$4** 

**FRESH SEASONAL FRUIT | \$4** 

**HICKORY SMOKED BACON** | \$5

**SAUSAGE LINKS** | \$5

**SCRAMBLED EGGS** | \$4

**SOUTHERN STYLE CHEESE GRITS | \$4** 

FRESH BAKED MUFFINS & PASTRIES | \$4

**COASTAL SHRIMP** | \$7

**BUILD YOUR OWN PARFAIT | \$8** 

Fresh Berries | Seasonal Fruit | Honey Yogurt with Granola

**BREAKFAST BURRITO** | \$8

Pork Sausage | Egg | Cheese

**PREMIUM WAFFLE BAR | \$8** 

Assorted Toppings: Chocolate Chips | Fresh Berries Maple Syrup | Whipped Cream Add Chicken for \$4

# **BEVERAGES**

ORANGE JUICE | \$3

CRANBERRY JUICE | \$3

# MAKE IT A PICNIC

Menus are served for 1.5 hours
Food Quantities Must Match Guest Guarantee

Prices listed are per person

#### **Includes:**

Eco-Friendly Compostable Tableware | Kettle Chips | Sweet Tea | Iced Water | 2 sides

# THE CLASSIC | \$19

Angus Beef Burgers | All Beef Hot Dogs | Cookies

Served with: Buns, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Cheese and Condiments

# **SOUTHERN BBQ** | \$22

Pulled Pork | Barbeque Bone-In Chicken Thighs | Brownies

Served with: Buns, Pickles, Onions, BBQ Sauce

# CAROLINA BBQ | \$24

BBQ Chicken Quarters | Grilled Pork Ribs Sliced Bread | Pecan Pie

Served with: MOP Sauce, Pickles, Onions

**SIDES** 

# Select (2)

**Baked Beans** 

**Potato Salad** 

Fresh Seasonal Fruit

**Succotash Salad** 

Mac & Cheese

**Braised Collard Greens** 

**Mixed Greens Salad** 

**Sweet Corn Cobettes** 

Served with Balsamic Vinaigrette or Buttermilk Ranch

**Seasonal Cobbler** 

Coleslaw

**Banana Pudding** 

Add Additional Side Item for \$4 per person

# BOXED

# LUNCHES

# \$18 PER PERSON

Options Available for Drop-Off or Pick-Up Only,

Maximum of 150 Guests

Food Quantities Must Match Guest Guarantee

Select up to (1) Salad and (1) Sandwich per event

#### Includes:

Bottled Water | Freshly Baked Cookie | Potato Chips Whole Fruit | Compostable Cutlery

# SALADS

Add Grilled Chicken for \$5 Per Person

#### **Salad Nicoise**

Green Beans | Potatoes | Olives | Heirloom Tomatos Cucumbers | Shaved Red Onions | Hard Cooked Eggs

#### **MIXED GREEN SALAD**

Carrots | Cucumbers | Grape Tomatoes Apple Cider Vinaigrette

#### **CLASSIC CAESAR SALAD**

Blistered Tomatoes | Fried Capers | Herb Croutons Shaved Parmesan | Caesar Dressing

# **SANDWICHES**

#### **CLASSIC BLT**

Applewood Smoked Bacon | Herb Aïoli

**HAM & SWISS SANDWICH** 

**ROASTED CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH** 

# **ROASTED VEGETABLE SANDWICH**

Seasonal Vegetables | Balsamic Reduction

**TURKEY AND CHEDDAR SANDWICH** 

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# LUNCH **BUFFETS**

Menus are served for 1.5 hours Food Quantities Must Match Guest Guarantee *Prices listed are per person* 

#### **Includes:**

Eco-Friendly Disposable Tableware | Sweet Tea | Iced Water

# **ALL-AMERICAN** | \$19

Mixed Greens Salad with Buttermilk Ranch

# **Joyce Farms Herb Roasted Chicken**

Tomato Sofrito | Braised Greens | Fingerling Potatoes | Rolls with Butter

Served with: Seasonal Cobbler

# **BYO TACO BUFFET** | \$19

**Southwest Salad** with Chipotle Ranch

Choice of:

# **Pork Carnitas OR Chicken Tinga**

Pico De Gallo | Ranchero Beans | Flour and Corn Tortillas | Lettuce Shredded Cheese | Sour Cream | Spanish Rice

Served with: Cinnamon Sugar Churros

# **MEDITERRANEAN** | \$22

# Chicken Shwarma Traditional Lamb Gyros

Greek Style Salad | Pita Bread

Toppings Include:

Feta Cheese | Lettuce | Red Onion | Tomato | Tzatziki Sauce

Served with: Baklava

# **GRAINS & GREENS** | \$20

**Garden Salad** 

Assortment of:

Roasted Chicken Salad Seasonal Vegetable Wrap Turkey Bacon Club

Seasonal Fruit | Pasta Salad

Served with: Freshly Baked Cookies

# WHEN IN ROME | \$22

Classic Caesar Salad

Select (2)

Baked Orzo Primavera Chicken Alfredo Beef Lasagna

**Garlic Bread** 

Add Chicken for \$5 per person Add Shrimp for \$7 per person

Served with: Tiramasu

# MEETING

# PACKAGES

Our Meeting Package includes everything you need for a successful event in Asheboro's most inspiring and unique venue. North Carolina Zoo offers a one of a kind experience, distinctive menus and a beautiful atmosphere making every event noteworthy.

# **HALF-DAY**

Up to 4 Hours, \$38 Per Person

# **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

Assorted Pastries | Croissants | Fresh Seasonal Fruit

Muffins | Yogurt with Granola

#### **BEVERAGE SERVICE**

Includes: Coffee, Water, and Assorted Pepsi Products

#### **LUNCH BUFFET**

Refer to page 3 for menus

# Select (1) buffet option below:

All American

**BYO Taco Buffet** 

Mediterranean

Grains & Greens

When in Rome

# **FULL DAY**

Up to 8 Hours, \$45 Per Person
Includes all Options from Half-Day Package
In addition:

#### **AFTERNOON SNACK**

Select any item from the Take a Break Zoo Snacks

# TAKE A

# **BREAK**

All Snacks & Beverages are Served for 1.5 hours

Requires a minimum order of 10 guests

Prices Listed are per person

# **ZOO SNACKS**

SAVORY

FRESH POPPED POPCORN \$4

HUMMUS & PITA \$4

SWEET & SAVORY SNACK MIX \$4

SWEET

WHOLE FRUIT \$3
GRANOLA BARS \$4
BROWNIES \$4
COTTON CANDY \$5
FRESHLY BAKED COOKIES \$4
FROZEN LEMONADE \$6
RICE CRISPY TREATS \$4

# **BEVERAGES**

Select (2)

**AQUA BARS** \$4 per person

Citrus Infused - Lemons | Limes | Oranges Cool & Refreshing - Cucumber | Mint Very Berry - Blueberries | Strawberries

# **HOT CHOCOLATE BAR** \$9 per person

Whipped Cream | Variety of Flavored Syrups | Crushed Peppermint Candies Cinnamon Sugar | Chocolate Chips | Crumbled Cookies | Sprinkles

ADD-ONS

PEPSI PRODUCTS \$5

COFFEE & HOT TEA SERVICE \$4

HOT CHOCOLATE \$4

LEMONADE \$3

**UNSWEETENED OR SWEET TEA \$3** 

# 

**EVENING** 

**MENUS** 

# STARTERS &

# HORS D'OEVRES

Tray Passed Service for up to (1) Hour

Station Service for up to (1.5) Hours

Additional Passer Fee of \$125 per (1) Passer | (1) Passer Required per (50) Guests

Minimum Quantity Must Match Guest Guarantee | (25) Piece Minimum Required

#### **Includes:**

Eco-Friendly Disposable Tableware

# **MEAT**

# **Chicken Satay**

Peanut sauce, toasted nuts, cilantro passed 5 | stationed 6

# Chimichurri Hangar Steak

Roasted garlic aioli, grilled bread passed 5 | stationed 6

# **Deviled Eggs and candied bacon**

passed 4 | stationed 5

# **Lamb Lollipops**

Mint, pomegranate molasses passed 8 I stationed 9

# **Smoked Pork Belly**

Buttermilk grits and seasonal berry gastrique passed 5 l stationed 6

# Carolina pulled pork slider

Crispy onions, slaw passed 5 | stationed 6

# **SEAFOOD**

## **Creole Mustard Crab Cakes**

passed 6 I stationed 8

# **Coconut Shrimp**

Lime-Horseradish cocktail sauce passed 5 l stationed 6

# **Ahi Tuna Crudo**

Crispy rice paper, edamame, kewpie mayo *Passed 5 I stationed 7* 

# **Bay Shrimp Ceviche**

Plantain Chip

Passed 6 I stationed 8

# **Seared Scallop**

Chili crisp, cucumber, nori, and sesame **Passed 8 I stationed 9** 

# **VEGETARIAN**

# Mini Quiche

Caramelized Fennel, apple & onion **passed 5 | stationed 6** 

# **Bruschetta Duo**

Sweet Potato & Avocado Roasted Tomato & Lemon Ricotta **passed 5** | **stationed 6** 

#### **Tomato Pie**

Heirloom Tomato, Cheddar, Basil, in Phyllo **passed 5** | **stationed 6** 

# **Caprese Skewers**

Fresh Mozzarella, Cherry Tomato, Artichoke Hearts, Fresh Basil **passed 5** | **stationed 6** 

# STATIONS &

# DISPLAYS

Food Quantities Must Match Guest Guarantee

Prices listed are per person

### **Includes:**

Eco-Friendly Disposable Tableware | Sweet Tea | Iced Water

SMALL BITES

## FRUIT & CHEESE | \$10

Freshly Sliced Seasonal Fruit | Berries | Citrus

Paired With: Local and Domestic Cheese | Dips and Accompaniments

#### **SOUTHERN HAM & CHEESE I** \$15

Domestic and Imported Charcuterie Meats

Paired with: Assorted Cheeses

Served with: Pickled Vegetables | Fresh & Dried Fruit | Nuts | Crackers | Grilled Bread

# **VEGETABLE CRUDITÉ I \$8**

Sliced Raw Seasonal Veggies | Ranch | French Onion Dip | Balsamic Onion Jam

# **ASSORTED SLIDERS I \$15**

Select (2)

Mini Cheeseburgers | Ham and Cheese | Buffalo Chicken Served with: Tater Tots | Dipping Sauces | Toppings | Condiments

# **BREADS & SPREADS** | \$12

Fresh Vegetables | Pita | Tortilla Chips Served with: Buffalo Chicken Dip | Spinach-Artichoke Fondue

# **SOUTHERN CHARCUTERIE BOARD | \$14**

Assortment of Cured Meats | Olives | Pickled Vegetables | Pimento Cheese
Served with: Selection of Toasted Breads

# SAVORY

# MAC N' CHEESE BAR | \$17

Cavatappi Pasta with Aged Cheddar Cheese Sauce

Toppings Include:

Crumbled Bacon | Blue Cheese | Roasted Tomatoes | Fried Onions Steamed Broccoli | Scallions | Toasted Bread Crumbs Add Chicken \$7 | Gulf Shrimp & Bay Scallops \$10 | Braised Short Ribs \$8

# **BAKED POTATO BAR | \$14**

Garlic Yukon Gold Potatoes & Spiced Sweet Potatoes

Toppings Include:

Chili (no beans) | Shredded Cheese | Sour Cream | Bacon Bits | Diced Onions | Butter Add Braised Short Ribs \$8 | Grilled NY Strip \$9 | Gulf Shrimp & Scallops \$10 | Surf & Turf \$18

# **SOFT BAVARIAN PRETZEL STATION | \$12**

Warm Bavarian Pretzel

Toppings Include:

Cheese Fondue | Assorted Flavor Seasoning | Beer Mustard | Salsa | Ranch | Pickled Jalapenos Chocolate & Carmel Sauce | Sprinkles | Clarified Butter

# **SWEET**

# **HOT CHOCOLATE BAR | \$9**

Toppings Include:

Whipped Cream | Variety of Flavored Syrups Chocolate Chips | Marshmallows

# **CHEESECAKE BAR | \$14**

New York Style Cheesecake Toppings Include:

Assorted Whipped Creams | Berry Compote Bourbon Caramel Sauce Chocolate Sauce | Crushed Oreos

# MINI DESSERTS | \$9

Assorted Cakes | Cookies | Dessert Bars

# **DIPPIN' DOTS SUNDAE STATION** | \$12

Assorted Dippin' Dots

Toppings Include:

Bourbon Caramel Sauce | Cherries Chocolate Syrup | Crushed Oreos

M&M's | Sprinkles

# POPCORN BAR | \$10

**Butter and Caramel Popcorn** 

Toppings Include:

Bacon | Cheddar Cheese | Chocolate Chips Crushed Oreos | Goldfish | Marshmallows Pretzels | Sprinkles

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# **FVFNING** BUFFETS

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### Includes:

Eco-Friendly Compostable Tableware | Bread & Butter | Iced Water | Sweet Tea

**Tier 1 Buffet** | \$45

**SELECT TWO** 

**Roasted NY Strip Steak** 

Tobacco Onions | Demi-Glace

**Joyce Farms Roasted Airline Chicken** 

Pan Jus

**Seared Atlantic Salmon** 

Lemon-Dill Burre Blanc | Braised Spinach

Potato Gnocchi

Succotash | Roasted Garlic Brown Butter

**Ancho Marinated Pork Loin** 

**Cherry Port Wine Reduction** 

Tier 2 Buffet | \$38

**SELECT TWO** 

**Mushroom Ravioli** 

Herbed Brown Butter | Pecorino Romano

**Joyce Farms Roasted Quarter Chicken** 

Lemon | Artichoke | Tomato | Capers

**Low Country Shrimp and Grits** 

Cajun Cream Sauce

**Tier 3 Buffet** | \$32

**SELECT TWO** 

**BBQ Beef Brisket** 

Caramelized Onions | Mushrooms

**North Carolina Cornmeal Breaded Catfish** 

Remoulade | Cocktail Sauce

Classic Lasagna

(Vegetable Option available)

**Baked Penne** 

Grilled Vegetables | Pomodoro | Mozzarella

SALADS SELECTIONE

**BABY SPINACH** 

Cranberries | Goat Cheese | Olive Oil | Red Onions Poppyseed Vinaigrette

**BIBB LETTUCE** 

Fried Onions | Grape Tomatoes | Shaved Carrots | Herbed Ranch

**CAESAR** 

Croutons | Shaved Parmesan | Caesar Dressing

FIELD GREENS

Cucumbers | Grape Tomatoes | Shaved Red Onions Herb White Balsamic Vinaigrette

**ICEBERG** 

Blue Cheese Crumbles | Red Onions | Rendered Bacon | Tomatoes **Balsamic Dressing** 

**VEGETABLES** SELECT ONE

**BROCCOLI WITH LEMON BUTTER** 

**ROASTED BRUSSELS SPROUTS** 

**GRILLED ASPARAGUS** 

**SHALLOT BUTTER GREEN BEANS** 

HONEY-GLAZED CARROTS

**STARCHES** SELECT ONE

**BOURSIN MACARONI & CHEESE** 

**ROASTED ROOT VEGETABLES** 

**GARLIC MASHED POTATOES** 

**ROASTED SWEET POTATOES** 

**HERB ROASTED POTATOES** 

DESSERT SELECTIONS

**Key Lime Pie** 

**Chocolate Layer Cake** 

**NY Style Cheesecake** 

Seasonal Cobbler

**Caramel Crunch Cake** 

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# PLATED **DINNER**

# \$60 per person

REQUIRES CHINA RENTAL - PRICING DEPENDENT ON MENU SELECTION

#### Includes:

Bread & Butter | Iced Water | Sweet Tea

# SALAD

SELECT ONE

# **BIBB LETTUCE**

Grape Tomatoes | Shaved Carrots | Fried Onions | Herbed Ranch

# **FRISÉE BLT**

Heirloom Tomatoes | Chives | Croutons | Bacon Vinaigrette

#### **KALE CAESAR**

Shaved Parmesan | Focaccia Crouton | Roasted Tomatoes | Caesar Dressing

# **ROASTED BEET SALAD**

Arugula | Goat Cheese | Oranges | Candied Pecans | Citrus Vinaigrette

# **WEDGE STYLE**

Tomatoes | Pickled Red Onions | Crumbled Bacon Blue Cheese Dressing | Balsamic Glaze

# ENTRÉE

Chef's Choice of Starch and Vegetables
SELECT ONE

# **ROASTED HALF WITH CHICKEN SHERRY PAN SAUCE**

# **OSSO BUCCO STYLE LAMB SHANK**

Citrus Gremolata

# **BUTTER POACHED GROUPER**

Citrus Fennel Salad

# **CAROLINA BBQ SPICED DUCK CONFIT**

Blueberry Ancho Gastrique

# **DIJON CRUSTED PORK TENDERLOIN**

Cider Gastrique | Roasted Cauliflower

# **SWEET TEA AIRLINE CHICKEN BREAST**

Brown Butter Hazelnut Vinaigrette

# **BRAISED BEEF SHORT RIB AND DEMI GLACE**

# SEARED ALTLANTIC SALMON

Smoked Tomato | Garlic Confit | Castelvetrano Olives

# **NY STRIP STEAK**

Roasted Garlic and Truffle Butter

# DESSERT

SELECT ONE

# **Southern Style Lemon Pie**

Seasonal Crème Anglaise

## Grilled Pound Cake

Peaches and Meyer Lemon Crème Fraiche

**NY Style Cheesecake** 

### Flourless Chocolate Torte

Ancho Cheerwine Jam

**ADD-ONS** 

Additional Entreé Selection - \$15 Per Person

**Upgrade Entreé Selection to Duo** - Please inquire for pricing

CUSTOM MENUS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

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