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# PICNICS

at MINNESOTA ZOO



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From the finest picnic catering in the Twin Cities, to exciting entertainment and games, the picnic planners at **Lancer Catering** and **Minnesota Zoo** know that a great picnic is more than just great food.

We will help you select the perfect menu and also create a unique **"Funtastics"** package, featuring inflatables, carnival games, face painters, and much more!

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# PICNIC MENUS

**Includes your choice of two side dishes:**

Potato Chips, BBQ Baked Beans, Creamy Coleslaw, Pasta Salad,  
or Old-Fashioned Potato Salad

Vegetarian Black Bean Burgers can be added to any menu for an additional charge per person.

## Preferred Picnic Package

1/3 lb Hamburger

1/4 lb Nathan's Famous Hot Dog

BBQ Chicken Breast

Served on Freshly Baked Buns

Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Cart  
with Assorted Treats (one per person)

Watermelon

Unlimited Soda

Coca-Cola · Diet Coke · Sprite · Root Beer

**Condiments:**

Sliced American Cheese, Diced Onions, Lettuce,  
Sliced Tomatoes, Dill Pickle Slices, Ketchup, Mustard, and Relish

# BEST DEAL!

Serve times are 1 hour for picnics of up to 500 guests, hour and a half for 500+ guests

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## Budget Beater BBQ

CHOICE OF:

1/3 lb. Hamburger  
All-Beef Hot Dog

Served on Freshly Baked Buns

**Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Cart  
with Assorted Treats** (one per guest)

**16 oz. Soda** (one per guest)

Coca-Cola • Diet Coke • Sprite • Root Beer

**Upgrade to Unlimited Sodas for  
additional charge per person.**

**Condiments:**

Sliced American Cheese, Diced Onions,  
Lettuce, Sliced Tomatoes, Dill Pickle Slices,  
Mustard, Ketchup, and Relish

## Sunny Days Picnic

CHOICE OF:

All-Beef Hot Dog  
Pulled BBQ Pork

Served on Freshly-Baked Buns

**Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Cart  
with Assorted Treats** (one per person)

**16 oz. Soda** (one per person)

Coca-Cola • Diet Coke • Sprite • Root Beer

**Upgrade to Unlimited Soda for an  
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**Condiments:**

Diced Onions, Lettuce, Sliced Tomatoes,  
Dill Pickle Slices, Mustard, Ketchup,  
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## The Classic

CHOICE OF:

1/3 lb. Hamburger

All-Beef Hot Dog

BBQ Chicken Breast

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with Assorted Treats** (one per person)

**16 oz. Soda** (one per person)

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Condiments:

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Lettuce, Sliced Tomatoes, Dill Pickle Slices,  
Mustard, Ketchup, and Relish

## Fourth of July Picnic

CHOICE OF:

1/3 lb. Hamburger

Bratwurst

BBQ Chicken Breast

Served on Freshly Baked Buns

**Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Cart  
with Assorted Treats** (one per person)

**16 oz. Soda** (one per person)

Coca-Cola • Diet Coke • Sprite • Root Beer

Upgrade to Unlimited Soda for an  
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Condiments:

Sliced American Cheese, Diced Onions,  
Lettuce, Sliced Tomatoes, Dill Pickle Slices,  
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# BUILD-YOUR-OWN CUSTOM PICNIC

## CHOOSE THREE SIDES:

- Potato Chips
- Baked Beans
- Creamy Coleslaw
- Watermelon Slices
- Old-Fashioned Potato Salad
- Pasta Salad
- Fresh Fruit Salad
- Fresh Corn with Butter (seasonal)

## CHOOSE TWO ENTREES:

- 1/3 lb. Hamburger
- All-Beef Hot Dog
- Bratwurst Sausage
- BBQ Chicken Breast
- Pulled BBQ Pork
- Pulled BBQ Chicken

All Served on Freshly Baked Buns

## CHOOSE ONE DESSERT:

Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Cart  
with Assorted Treats (one per person)

- Jumbo Cookies
- Cotton Candy Tubs

16 oz. Soda (one per person)

Coca-Cola, Diet Coke,  
Sprite, or Root Beer

Upgrade to Unlimited Sodas for  
additional charge per person.

Condiments: Sliced American Cheese,  
Diced Onions, Lettuce, Sliced Tomatoes,  
Dill Pickle Slices, Mustard, Ketchup, and Relish



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# A LA CARTE ACTION STATIONS

## Sweet State Fair Action Station

Add some fun to your picnic with a chef-prepared sweet station!

### CHOOSE ONE:

#### Mini Donuts

Served straight from the fryer, shaken with cinnamon-sugar, served with chocolate sauce, caramel sauce or raspberry sauce

#### Ice Cream Float Bar

Your choice of two soda flavors: root beer, cream soda, orange soda, or strawberry soda

#### Sliced Caramel Apples

Fresh sliced apples, with caramel dipping sauce and chocolate

#### Snow Cones

Crushed ice topped with assorted flavors

## Savory State Fair Action Station

Add some fun to your picnic with a chef-prepared savory snack station!

### CHOOSE ONE:

#### Cheese Curds

Served with ketchup, Sriracha-berry sauce, and ranch dressing

#### Hand-Cut Fry Bar

Served with ketchup, mustard, ranch dressing and picnic sauce

#### Fresh Grilled Corn

Served with butter or Mexican street-style

#### Walking Tacos

Served with seasoned beef, lettuce, tomatoes, sour cream and cheese, with salsa on the side



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# A LA CARTE MENU

## ENTREES /per person

All-Beef Hot Dog  
Bratwurst  
1/3 lb Hamburger  
BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich  
Spicy Black Bean Veggie Burger  
Chicken Breast Sandwich

## ACCOMPANIMENTS /per person

Watermelon Slices  
Potato Chips  
Old-Fashioned Potato Salad  
Pasta Salad  
Creamy Coleslaw  
Baked Beans  
Tortilla Chips & Salsa  
Mixed Greens Salad  
Fresh Corn with Butter (seasonal)  
Fresh Fruit Salad

## BEVERAGES

Unlimited Soda (2 hours)  
Assorted Canned Soda  
Bottled Water  
Wine by-the-Glass  
Beer Keg  
domestic or imported

## SNACKS & TREATS /per person

Bomb Pop  
Big Vanilla Ice Cream Sandwich  
Frozen Lemonade  
Cotton Candy Tub (25 person minimum)

## POPCORN TUBS /per person (25 person minimum)

Plain Popcorn  
Caramel Corn  
Cheese Corn  
Chicago Mix

## SOFT PRETZELS /per person (plus fee for setup of display)

Soft Pretzel

## SNACKS & TREATS /per person

Jumbo Cookies  
Fudge Brownies  
Assorted Dessert Bars

## BEVERAGES /gallon (5 gallon minimum)

Lemonade  
Fruit Punch  
Sweet or Unsweetened Iced Tea  
Coffee

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## Activities

### Temporary Tattoos

These tattoos are safe and gentle, and are applied easily with water.

### Glitter Tattoos

Shiny tattoos are sure to add sparkle to any of your party-goers!

### Crazy Hair

Hair is placed into pigtails or a ponytail and then teased into a larger-than-life free standing structure. It's then coated with one color or a rainbow of colors!

### Face Painter

We can decorate up to 20 people per hour with partial face painting.

### Deluxe Face Painter

We can decorate up to 10 people per hour with full face painting.

### Spin Art - Paper

Young artists step up two at a time, select their colors, and begin painting. When the spinning stops they get a unique masterpiece!

### Spin Art - Frisbee

Young artists step up two at a time, select their colors, and begin painting their take-home frisbee.



FACE PAINT



DELUXE FACE PAINT



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CRAZY HAIR & DELUXE PAINT

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## Inflatables

Prices include set up and staffing  
*Subject to availability*

### 18' Mini Slide

The 18' Mini Slide features a 48° incline to the sliding surface. Hours of fun for your guests!

### Junior Obstacle Course

A new twist on the obstacle course, this is a course designed for little or big challengers.

### Rent Both Inflatables



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## Carnival Games

Base prices include 100 prizes

### Can Smash

Ready, aim, fire! Pull back the ball tied to a string and try to knock over a pyramid of cans.

### Plinko

Players place tokens at the top of the board, releasing them to slide through a pattern of pins, ending in one of two colored slots.

### Troll Toss

Throw the bean bags and try to knock down the trolls!

### Duck Pond

Players pick a duck and win a prize!

### Milk Can Toss

This classic carnival game allows a player three chances to toss a softball and try to topple old-fashioned milk cans.

### Ring Toss

Players throw the rings onto a playing board of five colored rows of pins. Each row has its own challenge and difficulty.

### Any Three Carnival Games

100 Additional Prizes

DUCK POND



CAN SMASH



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# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Who We Are

Lancer Catering is the exclusive foodservice provider at many recreational venues around town including Como Park Zoo & Conservatory, the Minnesota Zoo, Science Museum of Minnesota, and many others. We cater hundreds of picnics annually, and look forward to being of service at your event.

We have created this sample menu of some of our most popular items, but are famous for our flexibility as a caterer, and for our unique custom and themed menus. If you don't quite see what you're looking for, please let your Catering Sales Manager know and we'll customize a picnic just for you!

## Complementary Amenities

All menu pricing includes the following at no extra charge:

- Menu and event planning services by our professional planners
- Attentive service by uniformed staff
- Red-and-white checkered buffet decor
- High-quality single-service dinnerware (Compostables available for an additional charge)
- Full event clean up
- Day-of event coordination services

## Food & Beverage

Menu prices are based on a minimum of 65 meals. Please speak with a Catering Sales Manager about availability on your preferred date.

Children (ages 3-12) are billed at \$2.00 less than the adult price. Local and state taxes and a 19% surcharge will be added to your event where applicable. Length of menu service is determined by group size.

Please make your menu selections at least two weeks prior to the date of your event. Your final guest count is due eight (8) days prior to your event, though we can usually accommodate slight increases.

Lancer is happy to fulfill all of your food and beverage needs, with the exception of specialty cakes, which should come from a licensed and insured bakery. A per guest outside-bakery fee will be assessed for service and clean-up.

## Alcoholic Beverage Service

Lancer Catering is fully licensed to provide and serve alcoholic beverages at your event. You can expect trained, experienced, and personable bartenders who will serve your guests keg beer, wine by the bottle, or provide full bar service. Please ask your Catering Sales Manager for our full list of keg beers and wine by the bottle.

## "Funtastics"

Entertainment and games are available for an additional cost on a first come, first served basis.

## Reservations

To reserve your space, a non-refundable deposit is required. The remaining balance of the estimated bill is due eight (8) days prior to your event.

## Décor

Balloons are not allowed anywhere in the Minnesota Zoo picnic sites or Zoo grounds.

## Special Dietary Needs

We are happy to accommodate any special dietary need. Please let your Catering Sales Manager know about any allergies or special menu requests.

## Sustainability, Green Initiatives, and Local Sourcing

Lancer Catering is committed to sustainable practices and green initiatives. We source fresh ingredients locally wherever economically feasible for our customers, and participate in composting programs at many of our venues.

## Picnic Time Slots

We offer picnics at the following times:

- 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
- 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
- 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

## Serve Times

There is an hour serve time for picnics with up to 500 guests. Picnics with more than 500 guests have an hour and a half serve time.

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