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& conservation center

KAY McFARLAND

JAPANESE GARDEN

Where nature, celebration, and connection come together.

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VENUE RENTAL RATES

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Our flexible hourly structure lets you design your day your way. Whether you're planning a small weekday gathering or an elegant Saturday celebration.

SATURDAY

$450/hour (6-hour minimum)

Additional hours can be added at the same hourly rate.

FRIDAY & SUNDAY

$350/hour (4-hour minimum)

Additional hours can be added at the same hourly rate.

MONDAY-THURSDAY

$300/hour (3-hour minimum)

Additional hours can be added at the same hourly rate.

All rentals include access to our private indoor venue, garden views, and dedicated support from the private events team.



PRIVATE EVENTS TEAM

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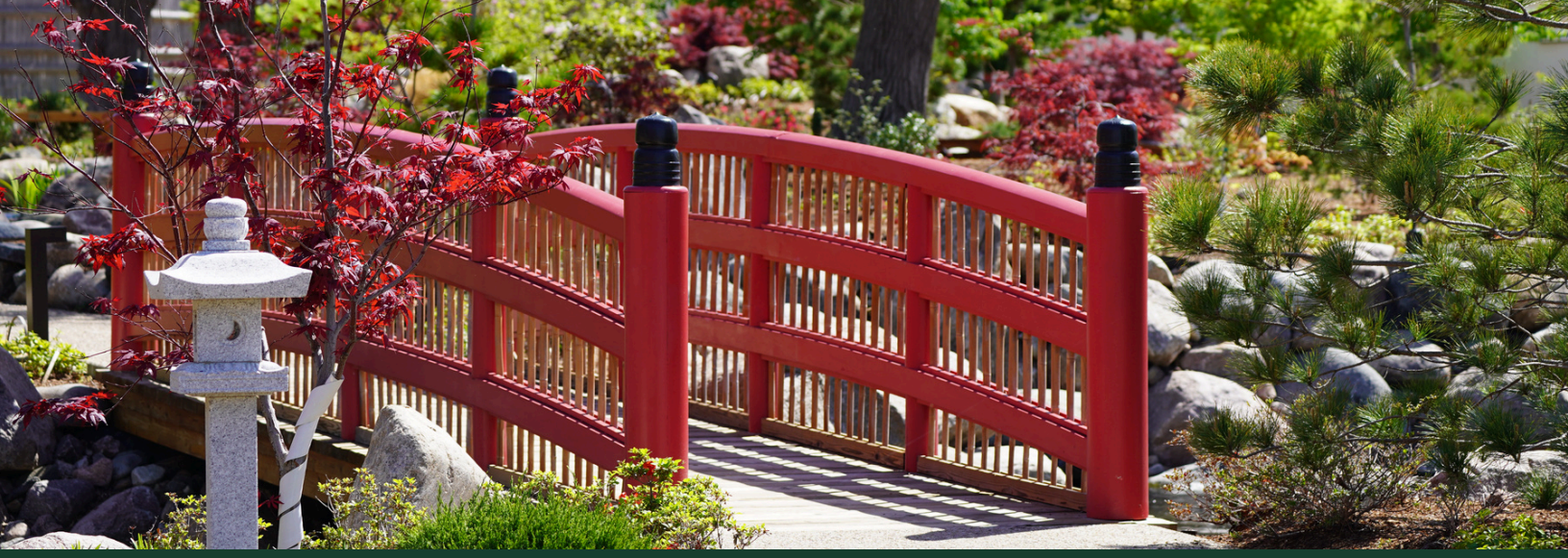
We specialize in:

- Weddings
- Corporate Events
- Holiday Parties
- Birthdays
- Anniversaries
- and more!

PLEASE NOTE:

Venue Capacity: Indoor 230.

Invoice will include applicable taxes and fees.



ENHANCE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Rehearsal Time: $250/hr (2-hour maximum)

Reserve time on the Thursday before your event to walk through your ceremony or setup details with your team.

Early Access (pre-9AM): $100/hr surcharge

Enjoy extra setup time to make every detail perfect.

Extended Hours (post-10PM): $100/hr surcharge

Celebrate a little longer with post-10PM options.

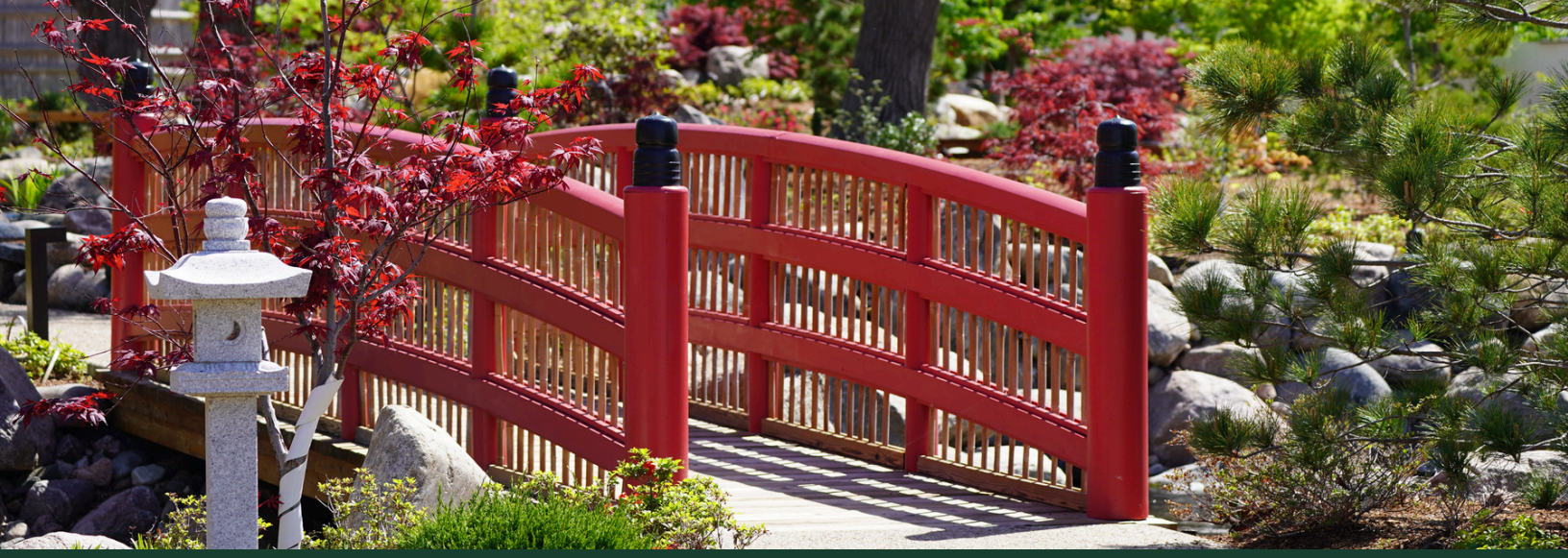
Lotus Lounge Add-On: $50/hr

The Lotus Lounge offers a private space to get ready before you say “I do”. It can also be used for storage and other event needs.

***The Lotus Lounge must be rented for the full duration of your venue rental.**

Arch Rental: $50 per arch

Add an elegant focal point to your ceremony or reception.



ENHANCE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Room Transformation Service:

- $400 standard (up to 120 people)
- $600 large event (more than 120 people)

Transform the same space from ceremony to reception.

Bluestone Patio Experience:

- $300 ceremony
- $75 cocktail hour (includes cocktail tables)

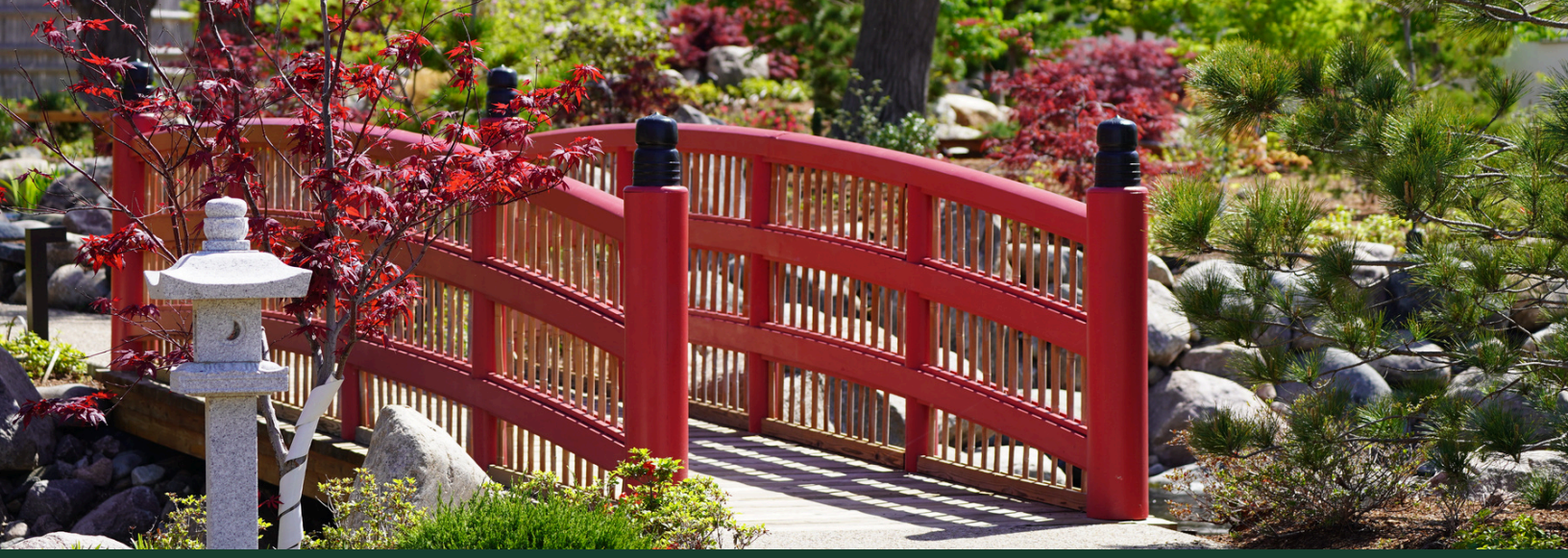
Enhance your celebration with outdoor space on the bluestone patio.

Outdoor Cocktail Table Setup: $75 flat fee

Create an outdoor setting for guests to mingle and enjoy cocktails.
***Does not include cocktail bar setup.**

Outdoor Cocktail Bar Setup: $150 Blue Stone Patio

Create an elegant atmosphere with a custom outdoor cocktail bar.



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Pipe and Drape Add-On:

- $85 for 10ft section
- $100 for 12ft section
- $500 for covering all gallery walls
- $25 moving fee

Outdoor PA System: $150 flat fee

Help every guest feel part of the moment with clear outdoor audio.

Stage Panel Add-On: $300 per panel (with stairs)

Add a stage to your event for professional presentations and speeches.

Zoo Access Add-On: $5 per guest

Add adventure to your event with access to explore the Topeka Zoo.
***Only available during Zoo hours (9:00 AM-5:00 PM).**



ZOO EXPERIENCE ADD-ON

Giraffe Encounter: $400 (up to 10 guests)

Seize the chance to feed our majestic giraffes, sharing an unforgettable moment in their towering presence.

Hippo Encounter: $400 (up to 6 guests)

Feed our hippopotamus a selection of his favorite fruits and vegetables prepared by our keepers.

Hippo Bouquet Toss: $300 (bride and groom)

Our horticulture team will build a gorgeous bouquet of local, edible flowers and greenery for you to feed our hippo.

***We do not allow outside bouquets to be fed to our hippo.**

***Only available mid-April to mid-October.**

Tiger Encounter: $400 (up to 6 guests)

Venture into the heart of the tiger's domain with a behind-the-scenes tour of the Sumatran tiger's home.

***We do not allow guests to touch, feed, or directly interact with our carnivores for safety reasons.**



ZOO EXPERIENCE ADD-ON

Lorikeet Feeding: $300 (up to 10 guests)

The supervised lorikeet feeding allows you to interact with these beautiful birds up close.

Guided Garden Tour: $200 (up to 60 guests)

Topeka Zoo's horticulturist guides you through Kay McFarland's Japanese Garden, with its meticulous landscaping and design inspired by authentic Japanese gardens. As you stroll the path, you'll see traditional stone lanterns and classic Japanese architecture complementing the garden's serene design.

Horticulture & History Tour: $200 (up to 60 guests)

We take great pride in preserving and showcasing the native flora of our region, from vibrant wildflowers to towering, time-honored trees. Each plant not only adds natural beauty but also plays a crucial role in sustaining local ecosystems. With a history spanning nearly a century, the Topeka Zoo has long carried the vision of creating spaces that inspire wonder while fostering education and a deeper connection to nature.



VENUE CARE DEPOSIT

To help us maintain the beauty of Kay's Garden for every guest, a **$400 refundable Venue Care Deposit** is required with your final payment. Refunds are issued within 30 days of the event following inspection. Clients who select all vendors from our **Preferred Vendor** list receive a reduced deposit of **$250**.

We look forward to helping you create a memorable event surrounded by the tranquility of Kay's Garden. For questions or reservations, contact the Private Events at **privateevents@topekazoo.org** or **785-783-4264**.