Tyler Arboretum

2026 Rental Information

Why we rent space at Tyler:

Thank you for your interest in Tyler Arboretum. We have multiple indoor and outdoor spaces for rent.

All rentals provide financial support in helping Tyler Arboretum meet its mission. The mission of Tyler Arboretum is to conserve our historic landscapes and connect people with the natural world. ***This is NOT a wild party venue.***

- For adult rentals (memorial services, anniversaries, showers, birthdays) a $500 security deposit is required and is refunded within 30 days of your rental baring any damage or rule violations.
- For high school & college graduations, wedding receptions, Bar or Bat mitzvahs, sweet 16's or other teen rentals, a $1000 security deposit is required and is refunded within 30 days of your rental baring any damage or rule violations.
- Security deposits are not required for alcohol-free business meetings.
- The security deposit must be returned with your signed contract.

If your event is less than 90 days from the contract date, **payment in full must be remitted with your signed contract.** Payments can be paid by cash/check or electronic Quickbooks invoice with a credit/debit card or ACH bank transfer. (There is a 3% fee for using credit card and ACH payments.) Security deposits will be withheld if your event is cancelled for any reason. Rental fees (as outlined below) will be refunded 100% if your event is cancelled greater than 90 days prior to the rental date, 50% with 61-89 days notice, 25% with 31-60 days notice and there will be no refunds if less than 30 days.

Date Availability:

Tyler Arboretum executes 65 weddings each year and we are contractually prohibited from booking additional events until the 65 wedding dates are full.

- If you are inquiring about FRI/SAT/SUN dates between April and November, we will not be able to book that date until our wedding schedule is either full with 65 or we hit March 1 of your event year at which time, dates open up whether we have booked 65 weddings or not.

- Our **Edible Garden Building** operates independently of the wedding schedule and can be booked even if we have a wedding. *Your party should be 40 or fewer to use that space. The optional tent add-on increases capacity. (See page 4)* ***This space is not available mid-June through August due to summer camp programs.***
- Our main terrace tent is available from April through November only.

Base Rates:

Lachford Porch: $1,000

Lachford Porch is a cozy location for smaller groups up to 40 persons seated and includes a covered porch and a beautiful view of the Old Arboretum. Restrooms are located in the barn. 50-75 persons depending on configuration.
Porch: 43'x7' Patio: 43'x23'

Edible Garden Building and Patio: $1,000

Opened in 2019, the Edible Garden building is a more secluded space with a full kitchen and space for up to 40 guests. An adjoining patio makes this a great space for showers and small parties. Indoors: 27’x21’ Patio 1: 60’x22’ Patio 2: 43’x11’

OPTIONAL ADD ON: 20’x40’ tent (see photos below, increases capacity) $500. This space is not available mid-June through August due to summer camp programs.

Terrace Room: $1,000

The Terrace room has the advantage of overlooking the old arboretum and you can have tables set up outside under the adjacent tent. This space can host up to 60 people. The Terrace room is heated and has air conditioning. Restrooms are up one flight of stairs (keep that in mind if you have any elderly or disabled guests). 22’x50’

Barn Loft: $1,500

The barn loft is our premiere space and offers 2 private restrooms. Fully air conditioned and heated, this space is where the majority of our events occur. The loft can accommodate up to 150 people standing, and 100 to 125 people if seated for dining. Main Floor: 35’x53’ Mezzanine: 12’x30’

Full Tented Terrace: $1,750

Overlooking the oldest part of the arboretum, the tented terrace can accommodate up to 200 people. Main Tent: 70'x30' Small center tent: 15'x15' Terrace Tent: 52'x19' Total square footage: 3,313. *Includes use of the Terrace Room.*

Full Barn (Loft, Terrace, Full Tent) $3,000

Time:

Our operating hours are:

April – October
9am – 6pm

November – March
9am – 4pm

Base rates noted above are for a 6-hour window as follows: 2 hour setup, 3 hour event window and 1 hour cleanup. Events outside of that time configuration will be charged an additional fee of $125 per hour billed in one-hour increments. ***All rentals must end by 10pm with departure by 11pm.***

Examples: Barn Loft Rental on an April Saturday from 6pm to 10pm = $1,500 base rate **plus 1** hour extra for event window time **and 5** extra hours after we close at 6pm **($125 x 6 hours)**. *Client access is at 4pm and departure is by 11pm.* An event in October from Noon to 3pm would just be the base rate since access is at 10am and departure is by 4pm.

What is included:

Barn & Tent: Chairs & Tables (3' rounds, 4' rounds, 5' rounds, 6' & 8' banquets, 24" Hi-Tops)
Edible Garden: Chairs & Tables (Eight: 6' banquets, Two: 48' rounds and Four 32" Hi-Tops **NOTE:** 5' Round tables may be available depending on wedding schedule. If they are available and you want to use them, there is a $15 fee per table for 5' rounds.)
Golf Cart Service (for elderly or disabled guests – must be scheduled)
AV Gear (Mics, Speakers, Projector and screen / TV Monitor for slide shows)
Trash & Recycling cans, bags and emptying post event
One weekday planning meeting at Tyler within 30 days of your event. Additional meetings can be scheduled (space permitting) at $75 per hour. *Due to the high volume of events at Tyler, additional meetings with your caterer or other vendors* ***should take place at their location.***

What can be added:

Linens: $65 flat delivery and pickup fee plus: $13 each for rounds and $19 each for banquet tables. Prices are for solid, polyester linens. *Client must finalize floor plan and choose color no later than 2 weeks prior to event.* Other sizes, materials and styles are available by quote. *Your caterer can also provide linens as a part of their quote.*

Caterers and Self Catering:

Jeffrey A. Miller Catering is our exclusive caterer **for weddings**. You are free to contact them for your non-wedding event: tylerweddings@jamcater.com For non-wedding events, you may self-cater or choose from our approved list below. We do not permit self-catering clients to cook on site. Caterers working on site who are not listed below must provide a Certificate of Insurance with Tyler Arboretum listed as Certificate Holder and are subject to a 5% of catering invoice Landmark Fee payable to Tyler Arboretum.

Brandywine Catering
Ted Pace
ted.pace@brandywinecatering.com
610-459-3705

DiFabio's
Alexa Agovino
info@difabiosevents.com
484-444-0850

Sylvie's Crepes & Catering
Sylvie Galiazzi
sylviescatering@gmail.com

La Porta
Manager
manager@laportaristorante.com
610-358-5104

Limoncello Caterers
Frank Mingrino
frank@limoncellowc.com
610-436-6230

Your Kitchen Assistant
Stacey Harbaugh
stacey@yourkitchenassistant.com
610-513-2950

A word about self-catering: There are several challenges to self-catering at Tyler Arboretum. Please discuss these issues with your guide when you tour the property. The distance from the parking lot, lack of amenities available for your use and the inexperience of the party planners generally makes self-catering very challenging.

Tyler Arboretum Rules and Regulations

VISION
We envision Tyler Arboretum as a leader in conservation, inspiring visitors of all ages and backgrounds to value nature and protect natural habitats in their own communities.

MISSION
The mission of Tyler Arboretum is to conserve our historic landscapes and connect people with the natural world.

We are all stewards of the 650 acres that make up Tyler Arboretum: this means staff, volunteers, trustees, donors, and visitors alike. We thank you for visiting Tyler, and ask that you abide by the following guides, both for your safety and comfort, and for the sake of other people. ***Failure to abide by the regulations below can result in the forfeiture of some or the entirety of your security deposit.***

Arboretum Etiquette

- We ask that you admire our amazing trees, but that you do not climb them. Many of our trees are old; several are protected by fences, and are equipped with lightning conductors. By not climbing our trees, you leave them for other people to enjoy.
- Please leave the flowers, leaves, seeds, pine cones, acorns, sticks, and other natural materials for the birds and animals that need them.
- For your safety, and the protection of our ecosystems, please stay on designated paths and trails in Tyler's woodlands or meadows.
- Help us protect our beautiful plants from hungry deer. When you're passing through the gates of the deer exclusion fence to go out onto the trails, please close and latch the gates behind you. Likewise, please close and latch the gates when you reenter Tyler's grounds.
- Enjoy a picnic at our picnic tables or on a blanket, but please leave no trace by taking your trash home. Plastic bottles and wrappers, and other common food packaging items can be dangerous or lethal to wildlife. Trash also looks unsightly.
- Pets, *other than service animals*, are not permitted at the Arboretum.
- Bicycles and other active recreational equipment are prohibited.
- Tyler's 650 acres are smoke free. Thank you for not smoking while visiting Tyler Arboretum.
- A visit to the Arboretum is an outdoor experience with accompanying risks, including, but not limited to, conditions such as uneven terrain, extremes of weather, insect bites and stings, slippery areas, and areas of open water. Please exercise any necessary and appropriate caution. Please keep a close eye on any small children in your party!

Tyler Arboretum Event Specific Rules

- You may not drop off, set up or leave anything behind (decor items, food, etc.) before or after your rental date. To avoid losing your security deposit, leave the rental space as you find it.
- You may not drive personal vehicles into the main part of the arboretum. Only Tyler staff and approved vendors may drive through the staff gate to the barn area. *Please keep this in mind when planning décor as you will be carrying it from the parking lot to the barn area approximately 50 yards. We do have pull carts for your use and the golf cart driver will be able to assist. Please plan accordingly.*
- You or your caterer may bring in and serve alcohol. Wine and beer may be self-serve but mixed drinks and spirits will require a RAMP certified bartender with liability insurance.
- If you hire a vendor such as a DJ for your event, they may not pass out party favors that will cause litter on the property.
- Décor in general must not include any glitter or confetti type items.
- Vendors and caterers working on-site will be required to provide a **Certificate of Liability Insurance** with Tyler Arboretum named as certificate holder.
- Musical entertainment is limited to the Barn Loft and Terrace Room. Volume may not exceed 80 decibels in the room. Doors and windows must remain closed.
- Table décor consisting of small confetti type decorations and glitter are prohibited.
- All flower arrangements must be removed from the property after your event.
- Client provided directional signage must be self-standing. You may not dig holes or stick anything in the ground. We provide basic “Private Event” signs when needed.
- Decorations may not be nailed, stapled, taped or otherwise affixed to the walls or beams. **NOTHING may be attached in any way to the barn’s stone walls.**
- Helium filled balloons are prohibited. Non-helium balloons must be indoors if used.
- All forms of fireworks (including sparklers) are prohibited.
- Your rental contract includes the times of your event where guests are expected, a two-hour window for setup and a one-hour window for cleanup. Please plan accordingly. Due to the high-volume of events here at Tyler, you may not drop off items in advance or leave items for pick up the following day.

Cancellations: If Tyler Arboretum is legally allowed to hold your event and ***YOU CANCEL***, you will lose your security deposit and your rental fee will be subject to our refund policy. 100% if your event is cancelled greater than 90 days prior to the rental date, 50% with 61-89 days notice, 25% with 31-60 days notice and there will be no refunds if less than 30 days. If the government shuts down events due to pandemic issues, you will receive a refund in full (including the security deposit).

Booking & Next Steps

To execute accurate event planning, all communication for rentals must be in writing, through email. To book your event, please include the full contact info (name, address, phone and email) for the person signing the contract, the date, start and end time and approximate head count. All rental inquiries go to: specialevents@tylerarboretum.org