



RECOMMENDED VENDORS





A NOTE FROM THE EVENTS & RENTALS TEAM...

When you book with KNC, you're welcome to choose from our list of recommended vendors or bring in a favorite of your own — the decision is entirely yours.

The vendors listed here have either worked at the Kalamazoo Nature Center or come recommended by a member of our team. We highlight them for their talent, professionalism and reliability, which helps everything run smoothly on the day of your event.

We're often asked by vendors how they can be added to our list. To protect the experience of our clients and maintain our standards, we only recommend vendors we've personally worked with — ideally more than once.

But don't just take our word for it. We encourage you to do your own research — read reviews, ask questions, and choose vendors who are the right fit for you.

We don't accept kickbacks or incentives for any recommendations. Our list is based purely on experience and trust.

Have questions? Reach out to the Events & Rentals team at 269.978.6858 or rentals@naturecenter.org.



CATERING



Contact:

bombasfoodtruck@gmail.com

269.359.7100

[Menu](#)

Bomba's

Cuisine: Barbeque/Tex Mex

Bomba's serves up bold, smoky flavors with a mouthwatering fusion of Barbeque and Tex-Mex favorites, perfect for any event craving comfort food with a kick. Their menu features crave-worthy dishes like BBQ Burnt End Fries, Catfish Nuggets, the Big Piggy Burrito, Western Burger, Pulled Pork or Chicken Tacos. With savory sides and crowd-pleasers like juicy burgers, Bomba's brings bold, satisfying flavor to every bite.



Contact:

269.525.2996

[Menu](#)

Cairo's Kitchen

Cuisine: Egyptian

Cairo's Kitchen combines modern creativity with traditional Egyptian styles of cooking while providing the highest standards of quality and freshness. Their selections include falafel, shawarma bites and Cairo's fries seasoned with authentic Egyptian spices. Guests can also enjoy flavorful lunches like wraps, Fish Sandwiches, and the hearty Fatta Shawarma Entree. Perfect for events looking to offer something unique and full of flavor.



Contact:

616.538.4384

cateringinfo@distinctivecatering.com

[Menu](#)

Distinctive Catering

Cuisine: Various - also offers breakfast and bartending services

Distinctive Catering believes every event deserves exceptional food, seamless service, and an experience that feels effortless from start to finish. Since 1995, Distinctive Catering has been proud to serve West, Southwest, and Central Michigan as one of the region's premier catering companies. With decades of experience and a passion for hospitality, their team delivers outstanding meals and warm service for weddings, corporate events, and social gatherings of every size.



Contact:

269.808.2900

cateringbygmc@gmail.com

[Menu](#)

GMC (Great Meal Company)

Cuisine: American

Catering by GMC understands the importance of serving delicious food that not only satisfies the palate but also creates lasting memories. Whether you are planning an elegant wedding reception, a sophisticated corporate event, or a joyful birthday celebration, their team of experienced chefs and professional staff will work closely with you to design a customized menu tailored to your specific needs and preferences.



Contact:

616.805.4590

info@kjccatering.net

[Menu](#)

KJ Catering

Cuisine: American

With over two decades of experience, KJ Catering serves exquisite fare at weddings & special events. Working with fresh ingredients that are locally sourced, they specialize in seasonally rotated menus that reflect the changing selections available at regional farms. KJ Catering believes in creating beautifully-plated & flavorful dishes that appeal to every sense. They look forward to crafting new culinary masterpieces & working with happy clients. KJ Catering prides itself on its ethos of expert coordination and gracious service.



Contact:

bookthelunchbox@gmail.com

269.501.7619

[Menu](#)

The Lunchbox Food Truck & Catering

Cuisine: Various - also offers bartending services

The Lunchbox Food Truck & Catering delivers delicious, customizable meals for any event, with the option to rent their popular food truck for a fun, on-site experience. From lunchtime roll-ins at your business to wedding rehearsal dinners to downtown festivals, their fresh and fast menu will be the most fun your tastebuds have ever had!

The logo for Millennium Catering & Events, featuring the company name in a serif font inside a dark teal rectangular box.

MILLENNIUM
CATERING & EVENTS

Contact:

269.459.4200

eventinfo.mrg@gmail.com

[Menu](#)

Millennium Catering & Events

Cuisine: Various

At Millennium Catering & Events, we believe that every celebration deserves great food, that's why we strive to find the perfect flavors for every event. We pride ourselves on using fresh, locally sourced ingredients and creating customizable menus to suit any occasion. Whether it's a corporate event, family celebration or wedding, our team is committed to providing something for everyone. With our attentive and detail-oriented approach, we will make your special day even more memorable.



Contact:

269.271.4512

offthecuffcatering@yahoo.com

[Menu](#)

Off the Cuff Catering LLC

Cuisine: Various

Off the Cuff Catering offers a wide variety of delicious meals and buffet-style catering options to suit any event. From hearty breakfasts like fruit trays and biscuits with gravy, to crowd-pleasing appetizers such as stuffed mushrooms, and flavorful main courses including lasagna and tortellini soup, there's something for everyone. They also provide full buffet setups, including Hamburger and Hot Dog Bars, taco bars and even loaded potato bars.

BARTENDERS



Contact:

269-501-7264

cheers@kalamazoomobilebar.com

[Website](#)

Kalamazoo Mobile Bar Co.

Kalamazoo Mobile Bar provides a charming and elegant bartending experience with their "Mint Mule." Their staff is TIPS certified, insured and ready to bring the party to you! KMBC provides the bar and everything that goes with it. Their team has 15+ years of experience. You can count on them for a unique and custom experience that will exceed your expectations!



Contact:

269-350-3630

info@LetTheGoodTimesRollBar.com

[Website](#)

Let the Good Times Roll

With 20 years in the beverage industry and a passion for providing unique bar experiences, Let the Good Times Roll is one of Kalamazoo's greatest mobile bar experiences. Ashlee, the owner, and her knowledgeable team of mixologists will take care of the drinks for your wedding, shower, and every party in between so you can relax, enjoy, and let the good times roll.



Contact:

269.720.2693

mixingmemoriesbartending@gmail.com

[Website](#)

Mixing Memories

Mixing Memories is one of West Michigan's premier bartending services! All of their bartenders are certified and insured to make your event run smoothly! Mixing Memories has 2,000+ weddings under their belt with over 150 5-star reviews on the Knot. They also offer DJ services and day-of-event coordination.



Contact:

Packinapunch@outlook.com

Website

Packin' a Punch

Packin' A Punch is passionate about serving the best drinks in town. Their team of experienced and skilled bartenders works hard to create cocktails and mocktails that are not only delicious but also visually stunning. Packin' a Punch takes pride in sourcing the freshest ingredients and professional service to give you an unforgettable drinking experience.

SWEETS & TREATS



Contact:
269.349.2091

[Website](#)

Bert's Bakery

At Bert's Bakery, every cake is a masterpiece of flavor, design, and care, handcrafted right here in Kalamazoo. From elegant wedding cakes to fun and festive creations for birthdays and celebrations, their team brings your sweetest visions to life. Explore their full selection of cakes to find the perfect centerpiece for your next occasion. Dozens of flavor, icing and filling combinations and the expert decoration of Bert's professional pastry chefs will ensure your cake will be a scrumptious and beautiful centerpiece to any special occasion.



Contact:
281.387.0640

[Website](#)

The Cake Boutique

The Cake Boutique specializes in high-end center-of-attention celebration cakes. They work with each client to create a unique, delicious cake for your special occasion. The owner, Beth Meyer, is an award-winning international cake artist PME and Master Certified in Fondant, Gum paste, and Advanced Royal Icing techniques by Nicholas Lodge. Check out the gallery on her website and be amazed by what she can create!



Contact:
269.382.5770

[Menu](#)

Pop City Popcorn

Pop City Popcorn is your #1 choice for all of your popcorn needs! From classic flavors like Caramel Corn and Cheddar Cheese to their signature Chocolate Peanut Butter plus new and exciting flavors like Birthday Cake, Buffalo Wings and Dill Pickle. Pop City Popcorn has all of the popcorn flavors you could possibly want for your event.

THE VICTORIAN BAKERY

The Victorian Bakery

Contact:
269.553.6194

Website

If your event needs delicious baked goods made with locally and thoughtfully sourced ingredients, we recommend the Victorian Bakery.

The Victorian Bakery is a Bread Baker's Guild of America member. They believe in supporting local food and businesses. The Bakery uses flour from King Arthur's in Vermont. Their pastry flour is grown and milled in Augusta, Michigan, and the vanilla they use is made right here in Kalamazoo by National Flavors.

PHOTOGRAPHERS



Contact:

269.598.7736

angela@almost-fantasy.com

Portfolio

Almost Fantasy

Photo + Video

Angela and Zac have been photographing and filming weddings together since 2010. They handle photo, video, audio and lighting - and if they need a little extra help on your big day they have a network of friends and colleagues to pull from. Take a peek at their portfolio to see the incredible ways they capture the movement of each special moment.

MONIKA ANDERSON
photography

Contact:

269.743.9826

artandphotobymonikaanderson@gmail.com

Portfolio

Monika Anderson Photography LLC

With over a decade of experience and more than 100 five-star reviews, Monika brings both refined artistry and genuine intention to every session. She's known for creating real connections and capturing stories that feel deeply, authentically you. Her style is clean and timeless, with a hint of dreamy romance.

On your wedding day, she shows up with full presence, a calm, grounding energy, and a sense of fun that puts everyone at ease. She'll gently guide and support you throughout, helping you feel comfortable and confident—so she can capture the most natural, true-to-you moments as they unfold.

Rebecca L
PHOTOGRAPHY

Contact:

269.317.1653

rebeccalphotography@gmail.com

Portfolio

Rebecca L Photography

Rebecca has been a professional photographer for over 10 years. She has an innate sense for lighting, framing and drama. Rebecca's guiding ethos is the importance of capturing memories as they are being made so they can be revisited again and again. Check out Rebecca's portfolio to see her special flair for photography.

ENTERTAINMENT



DISKO DAVE
DJ SERVICE

Disko Dave

Contact:
[269.270.2635](tel:269.270.2635)
hello@djdiskodave.com

Disko Dave brings great energy, personality, and custom-made remixes to every event, drawing on 15 years of experience to keep the party going and create unforgettable experiences.

Website



Contact:
[269.720.2693](tel:269.720.2693)
zach@mixingmemoriesweddings.com

Mixing Memories

Mixing Memories' team of high-energy, engaged, and professional DJs will take your wedding to the next level! Their staff come equipped with state of the art reception and ceremony audio, microphones, and reception lighting. Mixing Memories has 2,000+ weddings under their belt with over 150 5-star reviews on the Knot. They also offer bartending services and day-of-event coordination.

Website



Contact:
[\(269\) 329-0486](tel:269.329.0486)
wiser@wiserproductions.com

Wiser Productions

Wiser Productions is Southwest Michigan's premiere talent rental agency. From DJs to live bands and even photo booths, they have everything your event needs to be full of music and entertainment.

Website

FLORISTS, RENTALS & MORE



Contact:

269.359.0905

lhybels@arcane-beauty.com

[Website](#)

Arcane Beauty

Lauren Hybels, owner of Arcane Beauty, is a bridal makeup artist with over 6 years of experience. She specializes in soft glam makeup that enhances your natural beauty and never feels overdone.

Arcane Beauty also offers skincare services to get you looking wedding day ready, with facials, skincare consultations, and brow shaping available at their Kalamazoo studio. Services are crafted with warmth, expertise, and a touch of the unconventional.



Contact:

269.685.8055

flowers@plainwellfloral.com

[Website](#)

Plainwell Floral

Plainwell Floral has been a trusted part of the Plainwell community for years, delivering fresh, handcrafted floral arrangements with a personal touch. They believe that flowers are more than just blooms—they're expressions of love, joy, sympathy, and celebration. Plainwell Floral is passionate about sourcing the highest quality blooms, both locally and from trusted growers across the United States of America. From the excitement of your wedding day to the warmth of a Mother's Day bouquet, their team of expert designers takes pride in creating arrangements that are not only stunning but also deeply meaningful.



Contact:

269.385.5912

sales@rentalexevents.com

Website

Rentalex

Rentalex is a Kalamazoo-based full-service rental company that has been serving Southwest Michigan for over 22 years. From weddings and graduations to corporate events and backyard celebrations, they provide high-quality event rentals with exceptional customer care.

Their extensive inventory includes: tents, furniture, linens, tableware, and decor. And that's just a sample of their offerings! Check out their website for the complete catalogue.



Contact:

269.567.8162

Website

Viavi Flower Farm

Viavi is a truly special florist. Through their farm to vase ethos honoring the simple and natural beauty of each stem, Viavi plants the seeds and bulbs, nurtures them, and harvests at peak time for cut flower creations. Each bloom is specifically grown to become part of an unforgettable wedding bouquet, delivery arrangement, or event installation. The team behind Viavi is grateful to be able to share all of those special moments and celebrations with their customers.