

## FOOD & BEVERAGE

Do you require a food and beverage minimum?

Yes. Please see the first page of your event contract for your food and beverage minimum.

Can we bring in our own food?

We do not allow outside food or beverage at The Oaks. We have a very creative chef who can provide exceptional menu choices for your wedding. A menu can be customized for you, or you can choose from the menus available. We can even re-create family recipes or come up with a menu based on a theme. The sky is the limit!

What are the requirements for Guest Choice Plated service?

If you have selected a Guest Choice Plated dinner service, please remember to provide Individual name cards with an easy-to-read word, single letter or icon indicating the entree selection. If you'd like the name cards to guide your guests to their assigned table, please bring your escort cards to us in alphabetical order and we will stage these outside of the dining room. If you'd like us to pre-set the name cards at the dinner table, please assign a seat to each guest and please bring the cards to us grouped by table. You will also be required to provide a seating chart sign to guide guests to their tables.

Do you offer Vegetarian, Vegan or Gluten Free options?

Absolutely! We provide a complimentary separate plate for guests with dietary limitations (chef's choice ) up to 10% of your guest count. When possible, please include this information with your final numbers.

Do I need to provide meals for our vendors?

Most vendors who will be present during dinner ( i.e. photographers, bands or DJ) would like to have dinner available to them. Please double check your vendor contracts to verify. The Oaks provides vendor meals at half price and the entree is chef's choice unless we are made aware of an allergy.

Do you offer a child's plate?

Yes, the child's plate consists of chicken fingers, mac & cheese, french fries and a fruit salad. We suggest this option to guests 10 and under.

When will we have our menu tasting?

The Oaks hosts group menu tastings for our clients. Tastings are typically held January through April. You will receive an email invitation to schedule your tasting at the beginning of the year in which your event is taking place (i.e. January of 2025 for a May 2025 wedding). If you book your wedding after the completed menu tastings we will offer a menu consultation to assist you in picking your full menu.

When do you need our final guest count?

Your final guest count is due no later than 14 days prior to the event. After this date, the final invoice will not be adjusted if your guest count drops in number, although you may be able to add a reasonable number of guests.

Can we bring in our own alcohol?

The Oaks holds its own liquor license and just like a restaurant or bar, we do not allow outside alcohol onto the premises. Any outside alcohol will be held by Oaks management until the end of the event. All alcohol served at The Oaks must be consumed on the property and cannot be taken to the golf course or parking lot or onto a shuttle. The Oaks provides bar services to the wedding party while getting ready during the day.

We want to purchase a bar package, but not all of our guests drink, how will that be handled?

Our bar packages are the best value for your event. They include all non-alcoholic beverages for the evening. Hosting a bar package also allows us to pass wine during cocktail hour and provide tableside wine service during dinner. We realize that not all guests will consume the same amount of alcohol, but there is no way for us to predetermine who will drink which amounts of alcohol. We are happy to make an exception for pregnant guests and a reasonable number of immediate family members or wedding party members who are sober.

Are children included in the per person bar charge?

Bar packages are charged to all guests 21 and over. Children are exempt from the bar package charges. Our staff does card at weddings and guests without an ID will not be served alcohol.

We will not be paying for alcohol. How does a cash bar work?

Cash bars are available on Sunday through Thursday events only. Guests will be able to purchase beer, wine or cocktails from our full-service bar. Cash or credit are acceptable as payment. There is no additional charge for a cash bar; instead, your invoice will reflect a \$5 per guest charge to cover all non-alcoholic beverages.

What if we do not want alcohol to be offered at all during our event?

If you prefer a dry bar and do not want any alcohol served during your event, we charge a \$500 dry bar fee. This option is only allowed for Sunday through Thursday events. Please note — we cannot completely remove alcohol from behind the bar, but we will have a staff member present to manage the service of non-alcoholic beverages. A non-alcoholic beverage package at \$5 per person is required.

Are shots allowed at the bar?

Shots are not included in any of the bar packages but are available for purchase. Shots may be discontinued at any time at management's discretion. If you prefer we don't serve shots at your event, please let us know and we'll be happy to adjust.