

SPECIAL EVENT VENUE CATALOG



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MEADOWHAWK LODGE



The Meadowhawk Lodge at Hoover Forest Preserve is a great location to hold your special event. Meadowhawk Lodge features a large event space, commercial kitchen and outdoor patio.

Meadowhawk Lodge is made to order for groups staying in the bunkhouses and needing a large space for meals and activities. The Lodge is perfect for wedding events.

Meadowhawk Lodge can accommodate up to a maximum of 100 guests for all events.

For our guests with special needs, Meadowhawk Lodge is fully accessible.

Meadowhawk Lodge was built with the environment in mind. Geothermal heating and cooling, solar panels, wind power, and a permeable paver parking lot make the Lodge a truly "green" building.



CONTACT INFORMATION



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ELLIS HOUSE & EQUESTRIAN CENTER

The Ellis House provides an ideal location for you to host your special event whether it is a wedding, banquet, meeting, or party.

The Ellis House can accommodate up to 40 guests in the meeting space or 60 for an event using the main level of the House. A classroom that can seat up to 25 for a seminar or meeting is also available. A tent can be rented through an outside vendor to accommodate larger parties up to 200 guests on our concrete tent pad. For our guests with special needs, handicapped restrooms are accessible through the equestrian entrance.

VENUE ADDRESSES

Meadowhawk Lodge

11285 Fox Road
Yorkville, IL 60560

Pickerill Estate House

6350 Minkler Road
Yorkville, IL 60560

Ellis House & Equestrian Center

13986 McKanna Road
Minooka, IL 60447





PICKERILL ESTATE HOUSE



Pickerill-Pigott Forest Preserve was acquired in 2017, named in honor of Ken and Jackie Pickerill who donated their land and estate home to the District. The 95-acre preserve sits atop the Ransom glacial moraine overlooking the Oswego channel, and includes remnant oak woodlands, farm ponds, wetland areas, and tremendous views of the surrounding countryside.

The Estate House hosts District education and partner agency programs, special events, and private events.

Boasting an outdoor, covered patio and space inside of the grand entryway and adjoining rooms, the Pickerill Estate House can host up to 90 people on the patio and 40 people inside of the Estate House.

Additionally, the grounds surrounding the house provide ample space for guests to enjoy the outdoors.



LOCAL HOTELS

The Hampton Inn

310 East Countryside Parkway
Yorkville, IL 60560
630.553.9805

**Call Holly Lindsay for Discounted
Rate Information*

Holiday Inn

577 E. Kendall Drive
Yorkville, IL. 60560
630.882.0600

Hampton Inn & Suites Minooka

621 Bob Blair Road
Minooka, IL 60447
815.828.6450

Towne Place Suites by Marriot

630 Bob Blair Road
Minooka, IL 60447
815.828.4900





CATERING COMPANIES

While you are welcome to bring in your own food for your event, you will need to contract with one of our Preferred Catering Services if you plan to have serving/wait staff on site for table service or buffet replenishment. The following caterers are approved to contract with:

Upper Crust Catering

630.553.9533
uppercrust-catering.net

DD Pig Roast

708.473.5373
ddpigroast.com

Sweet Baby Ray's Catering

312-724-6000
mstreicher@sbrevents.com

My Chef

630.717.1274
info@mychef.com

Billy Bricks Pizza

630-580-8744
ric@billybrickshq.com

Yanez Tacos

630-220-3711
yanez-50@hotmail.com



VENUE AMENITIES

· Meadowhawk Lodge: (22) 60" round dinner tables, 115 banquet chairs, 10 rectangular meeting tables (6' and 8' available), and (3) Hi-top tables

· Ellis House: (8) 48" round tables, (5) 60" round tables, 30 banquet chairs, (8) 6-foot rectangular meeting tables, 50 heavy-duty chairs, and (6) Hi-top tables. Outside equipment includes: 60" round tables (28), resin chairs (215) and 8' rectangular tables (11)

· Pickerill Estate House: (20) 60" round tables, (8) 8' rectangular tables, (3) Hi-top tables, and 150 banquet chairs

Table linens, and audiovisual equipment are available from local rental companies.

The Dance floor requirement for all events is a minimum of 15' x 15'

All Kendall County Forest Preserve Venues are Smoke Free.

Glass bottles are prohibited.





FOREST PRESERVE AND RENTAL POLICY

Kendall County Forest Preserve staff will be available by phone for emergencies and to report damages. Staff are authorized to prohibit or control any activity which is not consistent with the policies of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District or which could cause harm to the property, grounds, or guests. You will be fined for not adhering to policies and may forfeit your security deposit.

Licensed and approved bartenders are required for any event serving alcohol. An Event Host must be onsite for events that serve alcohol.

Guests and contracted caterers are responsible for the set-up, service, take down, and clean-up of the areas that they use during the contracted hours.

Set-up and tear down of tables, chairs, and other Preserve equipment by Kendall County Forest Preserve staff is available at an additional cost. If you wish to set-up and clean-up on your own, this must be included in the requested license period. An additional fee will be charged for each additional hour or portion thereof that is used for these tasks. If Forest Preserve staff needs to arrange for additional clean up, these charges will be deducted from the security deposit.

The building must be left in the condition that it was found. All items (kitchen equipment, decorations, flowers, barware, sound equipment, etc.) brought in must be taken out following the event. It is the Licensee's responsibility to ensure that caterers provide proper service and clean up all areas where they are working.



BARTENDING COMPANIES

You must have an approved Bartending Service (list below) on site if you plan to have alcohol at your event. A charge of \$100.00 will also be added to your reservation for an Alcohol Event Host to be on site.

Absolute Ladies and Gentlemen Bartending

312.961.1978 — algjasmyne@gmail.com

11th Hour Bartending

630.404.9212 — colleen.11thhourbartending@gmail.com

Dr. Mixology Bartending

630.742.7408 — drmixology@yahoo.com

Juniper's Mobile Mixology*

331.442.6753

junipersmobile@gmail.com

*Offers a 15% discount for active or veteran military & emergency responders

RENTAL COMPANIES

Highlight Event Rentals

630.346.1041 — highlighteventrentals.com

Romero Gallo Rentals

331.725.9923 — romerogallorental.com

A & L Party Essentials

630.457.8433 — alpartyessentials.com



PICKERILL ESTATE HOUSE

RATE SCHEDULE

Venue hours are from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

	License Fee	Refundable Security Deposit
Wedding Receptions and/or Ceremony (includes use of House, Patio, and Shelter)		
Friday, Saturday & Sunday	\$2,500.00	\$1250.00

House, Patio, Shelter

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
Other Events - Weekend (Friday-Sunday)	\$125.00/hr	\$150.00/hr
Weekday (Monday-Thursday)	\$80.00/hr	\$105.00/hr

**Security Deposit: 50% of contracted time*

House (includes Meeting Space)

<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
\$100.00/hr	\$120.00/hr

**Security Deposit: 50% of contracted time*

If serving alcohol at your event, an Event Host must be on site (additional charge for events not in the \$2000.00 event fee schedule)

Alcohol Event Host: \$100.00

Optional Staff Support Set-up and Tear-Down:

\$100.00—up to 50 expected attendees

\$150.00—51-100 expected attendees

Client Set-up and Clean-up (pre-and-post event)

\$20.00/per hour (no 1/2 hour increments)

***License fees include use of the tables and chairs for up to 130 people (90 on patio, 40 in House)**

FOREST PRESERVE

AND RENTAL POLICY

Rice, water balloons, piñatas, sidewalk chalk, birdseed, flower petals, confetti, streamers, glitter, sequins, etc. are prohibited on Kendall County Forest Preserve grounds or inside the venues. No decorations are allowed to be placed on the walls or doors. Tapered candles with open flames, sparklers, and any type of pyrotechnical devices are prohibited. Parking is not permitted on the grass or outside of designated areas.

Reservations will be taken up to 12 months in advance of the desired date. All License Agreements must be signed by an adult at least 21 years old who will be in attendance at the event. The License fee is to be paid in full 30 calendar days prior to the event date.

Security Deposits for all events are required in order to secure your reservation. If the event is cancelled following the date that the District and Licensee enter into the Agreement and up to 60 days prior to the event date, the District will retain 50% of the security deposit paid. In cases where the cancellation notice is received less than 60 days prior to the event date, the District will retain 100% of the security deposit paid.

Posting of placards or signs containing advertisements of any kind, an event collecting entrance fee or selling food, goods or services is strictly forbidden except for those groups holding a valid Special Event Permit. Groups may display signs to identify their location provided such signs are temporary and removed at the end of the event. These signs may be no larger than 24" x 30".

MEADOWHAWK LODGE

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Venue hours are from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

	License Fee	Refundable Security Deposit
Wedding Receptions & Special Events		
Friday, Saturday & Sunday	\$2,000.00	\$1000.00

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
Other Events – Weekend (Friday–Sunday)	\$120.00/hr	\$140.00/hr
Weekday (Monday–Thursday)	\$85.00/hr	\$100.00/hr

**Security Deposit: 50% of contracted time*

If serving alcohol at Event, an Event Host must be on site (additional charge for events not in the \$2000.00 event fee schedule)

Alcohol Event Host: \$100.00

Optional Staff Support Set-up and Tear-Down:

\$100.00—up to 50 expected attendees

\$150.00—51–100 expected attendees

Client Set-up and Clean-up (*pre-and-post event--optional*)
\$20.00/per hour

Not-for-Profit and Government Rate: (10% Discount)

***License fees include use of the tables and chairs for up to 100 guests, and use of the fully equipped commercial kitchen.**

ELLIS HOUSE

RATE SCHEDULE

Venue hours are from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

Friday Through Sunday Weddings and/or Receptions

	License Fee	Refundable Security Deposit
	\$2,100.00	\$1050.00

Other Events

Ellis House \$80.00/hr 50% of Contracted Time

Ellis House Classroom Rental

\$50.00/hr 50% of Contracted Time

If serving alcohol at Event, an Event Host must be on site (additional charge for events not in the \$2100.00 event fee schedule)

Alcohol Event Host: \$100.00

Use of the Fireplace \$30.00 (includes firewood)
Ellis House Staff will stoke fire and replenish wood

Client Set-up and Clean-up (*pre-and-post event--optional*)
\$20.00/per hour

***License fees include use of the grounds, house equipment, 40x80 tent pad (tent not included), and tables and chairs for up to 200 guests.**