



About Nelson's

We understand that your wedding is a very important occasion and are committed to giving our utmost attention to provide you a memorable and stress free day. At Nelson's Catering, we understand the importance of this day and work with you to have every detail in order. We only ask that you sit back and enjoy the time with your friends and family!

In addition to an assortment of the finest foods and beverages, a knowledgeable and experienced staff, Nelson's Catering boasts a selection of china, flatware, and disposable tableware to fit any budget. Your event planner will work with you to design the menu that best reflects your personal taste and preferences. We are confident we can deliver all of these services while staying within your desired catering budget.

CONTACT US TO GET STARTED!

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| PLANNING TIMELINE |

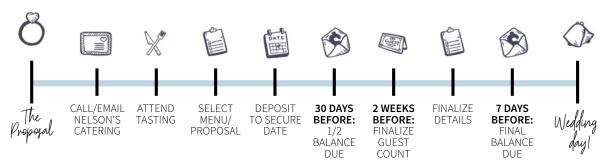


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| DIETARY ACCOMMODATIONS |

We can gladly accommodate most dietary requests. Ask about our vegetarian, vegan, gluten free and dairy free options.



Buffet Service Packages

ALL BUFFET PACKAGES INCLUDE:

Entrée Served Buffet Style By Professionally Dressed Nelson's Staff | Tables Bussed By Nelson's Staff | Formal Silver Chafing Dishes | Floor Length Buffet Linens 2 Cold Beverages | Coffee Served Buffet Style In Insulated Containers

| CLASSIC BUFFET or STROLLING STATIONS |

INCLUDED IN MENU PRICING

Upscale Disposable Plateware Reflections Disposable Silverware Nelson's Napkin and Logo Cup Beverages Served Buffet Style in Clear Containers

| TRADITIONAL BUFFET |

ADD \$6.95/PERSON TO MENU PRICING

Basic China Package Dinner Plate, Salad Plate, Water Goblet, Fork/Knife/Spoon

Basic Pre-set on Table Silverware, Goblet, Drink Pitchers, Salt/Pepper, Linen Napkin

Dessert Service Plated and Set on Buffet Includes Upscale Disposable Cake Plates, Forks and Napkins

| ULTIMATE BUFFET |

ADD \$9.95/PERSON TO MENU PRICING

Elaborate China Package Dinner plate, Salad Plate, Dessert Plate, Water Goblet, 3 Forks/Knife/Spoon

Elaborate Pre-set on Table Silverware, Goblet, Drink Pitchers, Salt/Pepper, Linen Napkin, Salad and Dressings, Dinner Rolls and Butter

Dessert Service Plated and Set on Buffet Includes China Cake Plates, Forks and Napkins

Seated Service Packages

| FAMILY STYLE |

ADD \$11.95/PERSON TO MENU PRICING

Elaborate China Package

Dinner Plate, Salad Plate, Dessert Plate, Water Goblet, 3 Forks/Knife/Spoon

Elegant Pre-set on Table

Dinner Plate, Silverware, Goblet, Drink Pitchers, Salt/Pepper, Linen Napkin, Salad and Dressings, Dinner Rolls and Butter

Tables Bussed by Nelson's Staff

Dessert Service Plated and Set on Buffet

Includes China Cake Plates, Forks and Napkins

Coffee Served in Silver Coffee Urns Includes China Coffee Cups and Saucers

| PLATED |

ADD \$16.95/PERSON TO MENU PRICING

Butler Passed Appetizers

Elaborate China Package

Dinner Plate, Salad Plate, Dessert Plate, Water Goblet, 3 Forks/Knife/Spoon

Prestige Pre-set

Silverware, Goblet, Drink Carafes, Salt/Pepper, Sugar/Sweetner and Cream, Linen Napkin, Salad Dressings, Dinner Rolls and Butter

Plated and Served Salads & Entrees

Tables Bussed by Nelson's Staff

Dessert Service Plated and Served Includes China Cake Plate and Fork

Coffee Served at the Table Includes China Coffee Cup and Saucer





Pre-Dinner Appetizers

PRICED TO PAIR WITH DINNER

ONE | 5.00

Bacon Wrapped Dates Caprese Bites Goat Cheese and Caramelized Onion Crostini

| TWO | 5.50

Fresh Vegetable Display Fresh Seasonal Fruit Display Cheese & Cracker Display

| THREE | 5.50

Italian Sausage Stuffed Mushrooms Roasted Red Pepper Hummus with Toasted Pita Shrimp Cocktail Display

| FOUR | 5.50

Bruschetta with Toasted Crostini Petite Seasonal Brie Tarts Bourbon Glazed Meatballs

| FIVE | 5.95

Mini Crab Cakes with Lemon Aioli Italian Marinated Chicken Skewers Bruschetta with Toasted Crostini

| SIX | 6.50

Charcuterie Display Seasoned Olive Oil & Toasted Bread with Balsamic Vinegar, Crusty Italian Bread, and Fresh Parmesan

| NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES |

Iced Tea/Lemonade Peach Tea/Pink Lemonade

Citrus Infused Sierra Mist | 1.00 person Berry Infused Sierra Mist | 1.00 person Cucumber Infused Water | 1.00 person Bottled Water & Sodas | 1.00 person

Ban Service

HOST BAR PACKAGES | Prices Based On 4 Hour Time Period

ONE | 9.50

Draft Beer, House Wine & Soft Drinks

Bud Light, Miller Lite, House Wine, Coca-Cola products

TWO | 11.50

Bottled Beer, House Wine & Soft Drinks

Bud Light, Budweiser, Miller Lite, Michelob Ultra, Corona, and Blue Moon, House Wine, & Coca-Cola products

THREE | 15.50

Call Liquor, Bottled Beer, House Wine & Soft Drinks

Tito's Vodka, Bacardi Rum, Jose Cuervo Tequila, Dewar's Scotch, Captain Morgan Rum, Jack Daniels Whiskey, Tangueray Gin, Amaretto, Bud Light, Budweiser, Miller Lite, Michelob Ultra, Corona, & Blue Moon, House Wine, Coca-Cola products

Package includes 1 Signature Drink

| FOUR | 22.50

Craft Beer, Bottled Beer, Liquor, & Wine

Your choice of 1 craft kea selection or 2 craft bottled selections, Bud Light, Budweiser, Miller Lite, Michelob Ultra, Corona, & Blue Moon, Tito's Vodka, Bacardi Rum, Jose Cuervo Tequila, Dewar's Scotch, Captain Morgan Rum, Jack Daniels Whiskey, Tangueray Gin, Amaretto, House Wine, Coca-Cola products

We partner with local brewers to provide your event with the craft beer of your choice. Nelson's can also provide craft/ import beer from breweries from around the world. See our list below for local breweries and ask your event planner about brewery selections and seasonal variety favorites

Package Includes 1 Signature Drink

Brewery Partners: Buzzbomb-Springfield Destihl Brewery-Bloomington

Engrained Brewery- Springfield Hand of Fate-Petersbura Triptych Brewery- Champaign

BAR FEES | \$35 / Hour per Bartender / All Services

ALA CARTE | \$1000 Minimum Order

BEER & WINE

Domestic Beer | 4 Bottle / 250 Keg Import Beer | Call for pricing House Wine | 5 Glass / 26 Bottle

SPIRITS

Signature Drinks | 5 Call Brands | 5 Premium Brands | 6 House Champagne | 18 bottle

Prices based on minimum quest count of 100. \$250 fee applies for smaller events







Pair with a service package located on page 3 & 4

| BEEF |

BEEF TENDERLOIN FILET | 30

Hand-carved on site, richly marbled and aged to perfection for ultimate flavor and tenderness, served with bourbon peppercorn sauce

HERB ENCRUSTED PRIME RIB (100Z) | 28

Garlic, horseradish and herbs create a delicious crust to enhance the flavor of the beef served with horseradish sauce

PETITE BEEF TENDERLOIN MEDALLIONS | 24

Tender petite beef grilled and hand carved, served with a bourbon peppercorn sauce

SIRLOIN | 23

6oz sirloin grilled and served with a roasted poblano cream sauce

SMOKED BEEF BRISKET | 23

Slow roasted, thin sliced and served with BBQ sauce

CHICKEN |

PECAN AND PARMESAN ENCRUSTED CHICKEN BREAST | 20

Crushed pecans mixed with shredded parmesan, herbs, and spices, served with a dijon cream sauce

NELSON'S SIGNATURE GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST | 16

Grilled to perfection with Nelson's signature marinade served with fresh pineapple salsa Mushroom Brandy Sauce | add 1.00

AGAVE CHICKEN | 16

Sweet and tangy, marinated and grilled with agave and chipotle

PORK

AMERICA'S CUT PORK CHOP | 18

8oz boneless center cut pork chop, marinated and grilled

NELSON'S GRILLED PORK LOIN | 18

Seasoned and marinated, grilled to perfection Chipotle Honey Glaze | Add 1.50

APPLEWOOD SMOKED HAM | 16

Slow roasted with light brown sugar and clover honey

NELSON'S PULLED PORK BBQ | 16

A Nelson's signature item, slow cooked in our signature sauce Avocado Salsa | Add 2.00

SEAFOOD

BOURBON GLAZED SALMON | 22

Fresh Atlantic Salmon with a sweet glaze of bourbon, brown sugar, herbs and spices

HONEY GLAZED CITRUS SALMON | 22

Fresh Atlantic Salmon broiled and glazed with a honey citrus reduction

MARYLAND STYLE CRAB CAKES | 19

Handmade with fresh jumbo lump crab meat and served with lemon aioli

VEGETARIAN

STUFFED PEPPER | 19

Israeli couscous mixed with roasted sweet potatoes, roasted red peppers and roasted corn and black beans, seasoned and topped with a spicy chimicurri

PORTOBELLO MUSHROOM STEAK | 18

Marinated and grilled with green beans, artichokes, tomatoes, and balsamic reduction, served with rice pilaf

PASTA PRIMAVERA | 16

Penne pasta tossed with seasonal vegetables in garlic white wine sauce

FETTUCCINI ALFREDO | 16

Classic Italian dish made with parmesan cheese, cream and butter

MEATLESS LASAGNA | 16

Layers of marinara, mozzarella, and ricotta cheese stuffed between fresh pasta sheets and baked

Main Course Sides

Each Entree Includes 2 Sides, Salad, Roll And Butter, And Tea & Water

| POTATO+PASTA |

ROASTED RED SKINNED POTATOES

Served in herb and garlic butter

TWICE BAKED POTATO

Shredded cheddar cheese, butter, bacon, and chives

TRADITIONAL BAKED POTATO

Served with sour cream and butter

NELSON'S SIGNATURE CHEDDAR CHEESE POTATOES

Our signature potatoes diced and baked with cheddar cheese, butter, and cream

CARMELIZED ONION MASHED POTATOES

Topped with sweet caramelized onions

GRILLED BABY GOLD POTATOES

A marinated, grilled Yukon potato

ROASTED SWEET POTATOES

Diced potato with a butter, brown sugar topping

YUKON GOLD POTATOES

Roasted with butter, garlic and herbs

MACARONI & CHEESE

Made with white cheddar, provolone, monterey jack and asiago cheese

FETTUCCINE ALFREDO

Classic Italian dish made with parmesan cheese, cream and butter

RICE PILAF

A mix of brown and white rice, seasoned with herbs $\&\ \mbox{spices}$

WILD RICE

A blend of 3 types of rice

| VEGETABLES |

GREEN BEANS

Served with Bleu Cheese and Walnuts

GREEN BEANS WITH CARMALIZED ONIONS

Seasoned and roasted, topped with caramelized onions

ASPARAGUS WITH ZUCCHINI & SQUASH

Lightly seasoned and roasted

KEY WEST BLEND OF VEGETABLES

Green beans, yellow & orange carrots, and red peppers

ROASTED CORN & PEPPERS

Sweet corn and bell peppers in butter with herbs and spices

ROASTED ROOT VEGETABLES

Seasoned and roasted parsnip, butternut squash, and brussel sprouts

SALADS

SUMMER SALAD

Spring mix greens, sliced apples and strawberries, toasted walnuts, and feta cheese served with mango chardonnay vinaigrette

FRESH GARDEN SALAD

Romaine lettuce, carrots, tomatoes, cucumbers, shredded cheddar cheese with ranch and french dressing

CLASSIC CAESAR SALAD

Romaine lettuce, artichoke hearts, cherry tomatoes, black olives & parmesan cheese served with classic caesar dressing

NELSON'S SOUTHWESTERN SALAD

Romaine lettuce, corn and black beans, sliced tomatoes lightly tossed with BBQ sauce and topped with tortilla strips served with jalapeno ranch dressing

SPINACH SALAD

Spinach and romaine lettuce with sliced red onions, hard boiled eggs, grape tomatoes and bacon crumbles served with a house made tomato vinaigrette







1 | ENTREE STATION |

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Roasted Pork Loin Grilled Chicken Tenderloin with BBQ sauce, Ranch, & Honey Mustard Petite Beef Tenderloin Gourmet Burger Bar

SLIDERS STATION

(2 sliders per person)
Italian Beef
Pulled Pork BBQ
Add avocado salsa & fried onions | Add .75
Smoked Brisket
Cheeseburger
Add bacon and caramelized onions | Add .75
Applewood Ham
with Stone Ground Mustard, Dijon Tarragon Aioli, & Roasted
Garlic Poblano Aioli

2 | BUILD YOUR OWN |

SELECT 1

PASTA BAR

Penne and Cavatappi pasta served with marinara and alfredo sauce, Italian style meatballs, grated Parmesan and crushed red pepper

MASHED POTATO BAR

Shredded cheddar, bacon bits, green onions, sour cream, jalapenos, roasted red peppers, and brown gravy

MAC & CHEESE BAR

Four cheese macaroni and cheese with roasted mushrooms, bacon bits, green onions, jalapenos, and roasted red peppers

NACHO BAR

Crispy tortilla chips served with seasoned ground beef & shredded chicken, shredded cheddar, sour cream, shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes, salsa, and jalapenos

CHARCUTERIE

Thin sliced proscuitto, salami, and cappicola served with green and black olives, assorted nuts, dried fruit and cheese with a spicy mustard

3 | DIPS STATION |

SELECT 1

Buffalo Chicken Dip Spinach & Artichoke Dip with Toasted Pita Pretzel Sticks & Beer Cheese Sauce Creole Goat Cheese Dip Crab Dip BLT Dip Greek Hummus with Toasted Pita Horseshoe Dip

Strolling Stations

4 | APPETIZERS | CATERGORY 1 | SELECT 2

Vegetable Egg Rolls with Sweet and Sour
Goat Cheese Crostini with Carmelized Onions
Roasted Brussel Sprouts with roasted garlic poblano aioli
Mini Crab Cakes with Lemon Dill Aioli
Santa Fe Egg Rolls with Southwest Ranch
Roasted Seasonal Vegetable Skewer
Roasted Sweet Potatoes with a bourbon caramel drizzle
Smoked Salmon Crostini
Shrimp Cocktail Display
Antipasta Display
Cheese Display with Fresh Cheese Ball
Assorted Brie & Fruit Tartlets
Italian Marinated Chicken & Vegetable Skewer

CATERGORY 2 | SELECT 2

Bacon Wrapped Water Chestnuts
Bourbon Glazed Meatballs
Sweet Chili Thai Meatballs
BBQ Meatballs
Italian Sausage Stuffed Mushrooms
Spinach Stuffed Mushrooms
Pretzel Bites with Beer Cheese Sauce
Bacon Wrapped Dates
Bruschetta with Toasted Crostini
BLT Crostini
Fresh Fruit Kabobs
Fresh Fruit Display
Fresh Vegetable Display with Dip
Caprese Bites
Assorted Pinwheel Display

5 | ADDITIONAL STATIONS | DESSERT STATION | SELECT 2 | Add 3.95

Gourmet Desserts Bars Assorted Mini Cheesecakes Assorted Mini Cupcakes

WINGS STATION | SELECT 2 | Add 3.95 Grilled

Original Honey BBQ Sweet Thai Chili Chipotle BBQ Traditional Buffalo Fire Roasted

SALAD STATION | SELECT 1 | Add 2.95 SUMMER SALAD

Spring Mix greens, sliced apples, toasted walnuts, sliced strawberries and feta cheese served with mango chardonnay vinaigrette

SOUTHWEST SALAD

Romaine lettuce, corn and black beans, sliced tomatoes lightly tossed with BBQ sauce and topped with tortilla strips and served with jalapeño ranch dressing

SPINACH SALAD

Spinach and romaine lettuce with sliced red onions, hard boiled eggs, grape tomatoes and bacon crumbles served with a house made tomato vinaigrette

CAESAR SALAD

Romaine lettuce, artichoke hearts, cherry tomatoes, black olives and parmesan cheese served with classic caesar dressing

GARDEN SALAD

Romaine lettuce, carrots, tomatoes, cucumbers, shredded cheddar cheese with ranch and french dressing







POPCORN BAR | 3.50

A buffet of seasoned popcorn, caramel corn, and chocolate covered popcorn

S'MORES BAR | 4.00

Marshmallows, Hershey's chocolate, Ghiardelli caramel squares & peanut butter cups served with graham crackers displayed for an interactive, make-your own s'mores experience

ICE CREAM SUNDAE BAR | 4.00

Vanilla ice cream with chocolate, caramel, and strawberry syrup, crushed Oreos, butterfingers and M&M's, nut toppings and whipped cream

WALKING TACO BAR | 4.50

A buffet of individual bags of Doritos or Frito's, beef taco meat, shredded cheese, lettuce, diced tomatoes sour cream, salsa and jalapenos

CHIPS & HOT DIPS | 5.95

An assortment of chips and dips- BLT dip, spinach artichoke dip, and buffalo chicken dip served with tortilla chips

SLIDER BAR | 6.50

Mini cheeseburger sliders, mini pulled pork BBQ sliders and mini beef brisket sliders

SUPREME WINGS | 6.50

Nelson's specialty Wings: Original Grilled, Sweet Thai Chili, Chipotle BBQ, Buffalo, Honey BBQ, Fire Roasted

MIDNIGHT MIX | 4.95

Chocolate chips, Goldfish, Mixed nuts, M&M's, Peanuts, Pretzels, and Raisins

LATE NIGHT BREAKFAST | 4.95

Breakfast sandwiches of egg and cheese with a selection of ham, sausage, or bacon served on a brioche slider bun

Desserts

ASSORTED COOKIES | 1.75

Chocolate chip, peanut butter, oatmeal walnut raisin, and white chocolate macadamia nut

LOADED CHOCOLATE BROWNIES | 1.75

Fudge brownie with white chocolate chips, semi-sweet chocolate chips, butterscotch chips and caramel drizzle

CHOCOLATE COVERED PEANUT BUTTER RICE KRISPIES | 1.75

These crispy peanut butter bites have a base of peanut butter blended with crisped rice cereal that's topped with chocolate-butterscotch frosting

LEMON BARS | 1.95

Lively lemon curd is served on buttery shortbread and dusted with confectioners sugar

SALTED CARAMEL BROWNIES | 2.25

Filled with salted caramel, drizzled with more salted caramel & dark chocolate, on a unique chocolate covered caramel crust

ASSORTED GOURMET DESSERT BARS | 3.50

Oreo dream bars, caramel apple grannies, lemonberry jazz bars, marble cheese truffle bar and salted caramel brownies

ICED CARROT CAKE | 2.75

These cakes are crafted from carrots, raisins, pineapples, walnuts, and molasses, and covered with a layer of cream cheese frosting and nuts

CHOCOLATE OR VANILLA CUPCAKES | 2.75

ASSORTED FRUIT PIES | 3.00

Classic apple, cherry and peach pies baked till golden brown

GERMAN CHOCOLATE SHEETCAKE | 2.75

These cakes feature dark chocolate cake covered in a rich caramel, chopped pecans, and shredded coconut flakes and icing

RED VELVET SHEET CAKE | 2.75

Rich, moist red velvet cake with cream cheese icing

TUXEDO TRUFFLE MOUSSE CAKE | 4.50

Moist marbled cake separated by a layer each of dark chocolate & white chocolate mousse, smothered with dark chocolate ganache swirled with white chocolate

CHEESECAKE | 4.25

Made with pure Madagascar vanilla, this rich and creamy cheesecake is baked on a signature all-butter shortbread cookie crust

STRAWBERRY SWIRL CHEESECAKE | 4.50

ASSORTED VARIETY CHEESECAKE | 4.50 Traditional New York-style cheesecake, Chocolate Marble, Butter Pecan, and Double Chocolate

ASSORTED LAYER CAKE | 3.95

Chocolate, Lemon and Strawberry cream filled layer cakes

PECAN PIE 3.25

Classic pecan pie filled with sweet filling and topped with whole pecans

SALTED CARAMEL TURTLE CHEESECAKE | 4.50

Traditional cheesecake loaded caramel and pecans

COOKIE BUTTER CHEESECAKE | 4.50

Cream cheese and cookie butter topped with whipped topping





Testimonials

"They gave the best service for food and bar!!!! They helped out in places they didn't even need to! I love their food and their set up flow is great!

I recommend them!!"

- Kayleigh, Bride

"Just wanted to thank all of the staff for our great reception. I had so many compliments on the food. Many!!! One of my girlfriends said later that week, "That's the kind of food all weddings should have!" Greatest compliment ever. You guys were the best to work with. Thank you!"

- Dawn, Bride

"There are no words to say how thankful that I am that I found out about Nelson's Catering! You came HIGHLY recommended, and with that, I took the gamble! I am so thrilled and happy I did! From the tasting, to the many phone calls, texts, or emails, you have surpassed all my expectations! Your kindness, thoroughness, and detailed notes made our experience absolutely wonderful! he food was amazing, and we are still getting people texting us and telling us that it was so good, if not the best they have ever had! That was our goal, and for that, we say thank you for nailing it, and executing our vision."

- Jody, Bride



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QUALITY

We promise to use only superior quality ingredients. We will not purchase inferior quality items in order to protect our margins. We promise to employ quality staff that adheres to our core values.

SERVICE

We are a service company that excels in the catering field. We are people-pleasers and are a customer-oriented company. From answering the phone on the first ring to staying at an event and making sure every detail is right, we strive to provide excellent customer service each and every time.

SALES STAFF

We have an exceptional sales staff available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm. Weekend appointments may be available through special requests.

STAFFING

We are proud of our professional staff. They accomplish long hours of customer service training, are well groomed and are appropriately uniformed for the event/delivery. The size and service level of your event will determine the number of staff.

PORTIONS

Food and beverage portions are based on over twenty years of experience. In order to provide you with the best possible price, we do not provide an overage for food; however, please notify your sales representative if you expect larger than normal consumption.

DIETARY NEEDS

We understand the importance of catering for specialized dietary needs. Our menu has options of vegetarian & gluten free. We can tailor our menu to most dietary requirements. Please contact your sales representative for more information. Please note that we do not operate a nut-free kitchen.

GUEST COUNTS

Final guest counts are due fourteen days prior to the event. After that date, increases are accepted but due to food, equipment and staffing, deceases are not.

CANCELLATIONS

We understand that there are acts of God, family emergencies and other contributing factors that may lead to a cancellation after an event is contracted or confirmed. Cancellations must be called into our office and confirmed by e-mail. Refunds will be handled on an individual basis.

SPECIAL PLANNING

Catered events incur more time spent than calculated in our menu pricing. A minimum service charge will be added for these events.

DEPOSITS

All weddings and private events require deposits to ensure service on that date. Once a time and date is reserved, Nelson's Catering will reserve a crew and equipment for that event. The deposit, in part, covers those costs. **All deposits are non-refundable**. Payment is required in full prior to the event by either check or credit card and will be charged before the day of the event.

DEFINITION OF 1.5 ENTREES

1.5 entrée is the amount of main course your event will be provided should you feel any additional servings will suit your event. To figure the number of entrees, Nelson's Catering will figure the total number of guests x 1.5. This is the total number of entrees you will receive.



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