



Historic Event Experiences

Corporate Picnics and Teambuilding Events



Celebrate in a space that tells a story!

The History Center of Olmsted County is celebrating its **100th anniversary in 2026** — a true Rochester institution and a unique place to connect with the community's story, including the history of Mayo Clinic.

Located on **54 acres in southwest Rochester**, our campus features a history museum, two historic farmsteads, a charming one-room schoolhouse, a log cabin, caves, a smokehouse, and more — offering a one-of-a-kind setting for memorable company events.



Authentic Historical Venues & Flexible Spaces

We customize your event to fit your needs — from intimate team-building gatherings to large corporate picnics with up to 2,000 guests.

Across our beautiful 54-acre campus, we offer a **variety of unique spaces** — from our covered Pavilion to expansive open-air lawn areas with our Historic Barn as a stunning backdrop.

The History Center also offers a unique **opportunity to host private events**, with the option to close off all or a portion of our campus and facilities to visitors for half or full days.



Interactive Historical Activities

Engage guests of all ages with hands-on, educational experiences that bring the past to life. Interactive experiences can include:

- **Guided tours** of our historic buildings and caves
- **Fun historic activities** like washing clothes, grinding corn, rope-making, tin cup crafting in the Tin Shop, and butter churning
- **1860s vintage baseball** with the Rochester Roosters
- **Scavenger hunts** across our 54-acre campus
- **Hay wagon rides** around the grounds
- **Exploring the museum** and behind-the-scenes tours of our archives



Enjoy flexibility and full creative freedom

You're welcome to work with any food vendors or food trucks you prefer, bring in outside activities, and **design a program that truly fits your goals** and your attendees.

We're also happy to recommend trusted vendors and rental companies we've partnered with — and to support you every step of the planning process.



Add a Historic Mayowood Experience

The History Center also operates **Historic Mayowood**, one of Rochester's most popular attractions, located just 8 minutes by car from the History Center.

We offer **exclusive tours** in combination with your event, where knowledgeable guides provide a rare glimpse into the lives and legacy of the Mayo family.



Events Large and Small: Our Rates

Indoor Groups

- **Crawford Room:** up to 50 people (\$50/hr)
- **Sertoma Room:** up to 80 people (\$80/hr)
- Option to rent the **entire HCOC building** for up to 150 people (starting at \$250/hr)

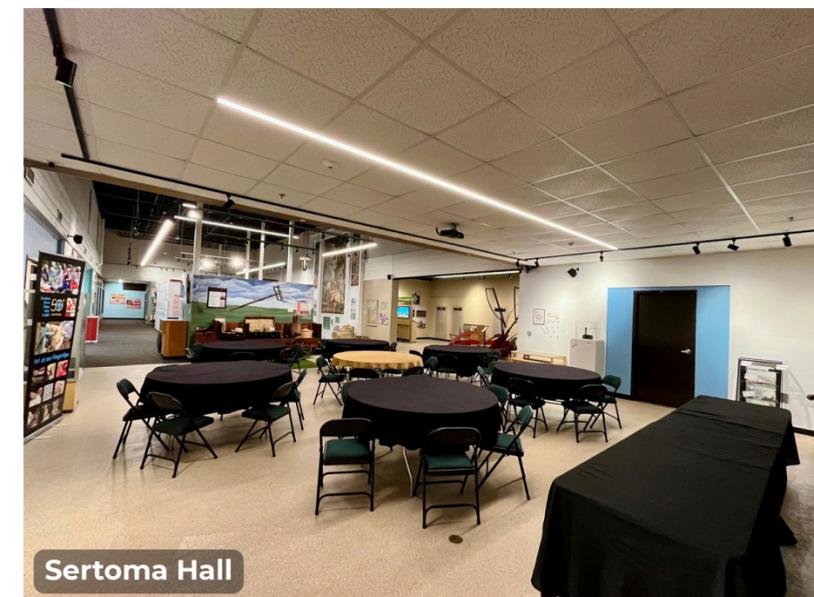
Outdoor Groups

up to 2,000 guests across our campus:

- **Pavilion rental** (<200 guests): \$90/hour
- **Medium-sized events** (201–500 guests): \$500–\$3,000 (depending on size, spaces, length of time and event elements used)
- **Large events** (500–2,000 guests): \$3,001–\$8,000 (depending on size, spaces, length of time and event elements used)

We specialize in individually designed events and will tailor your event to your needs.

Please note that the prices above are ranges and may vary depending on specific requirements.



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