



THE
WEDDING SCHOOL
THE WEDDING DAY WORKSHEET



WHY DO YOU NEED IT?

- ▶ Lists of important people
- ▶ The details of the timeline
- ▶ Specifics they might not have thought to tell me about
- ▶ Issues surrounding the families, strange dynamics
- ▶ Vendor information
- ▶ It's great to have all of the information for the day in one, easy to access location



THE KEY PLAYERS



- ▶ What is the bride's cell phone?
- ▶ What is the groom's cell phone?
- ▶ Who is an alternate wedding day contact person, and what is his/her phone number?
- ▶ Do you have an event coordinator? If so, what is his/her contact information?



THE TIMELINE



Please copy and paste your day-of timeline here.



- ▶ What time would you like your photography coverage to begin?
- ▶ What time would you like your photography coverage to end? Will you be adding on extra hours to your existing coverage?
- ▶ Where should the photographer report to (location and address)?

CEREMONY + RECEPTION



- ▶ Is your ceremony inside or outside?
- ▶ Are there any rules pertaining to photography that we should be aware of during the ceremony? If necessary, feel free to email us any rule sheets given to you by your church or venue.
- ▶ Besides the bride, groom, and officiant will anyone else be speaking at the ceremony?



- ▶ Where is your reception?
- ▶ How many guests are you expecting?
- ▶ Is your reception inside or outside?
- ▶ What is the dress code for your guests?
- ▶ Will there be toasts at the reception? If so, by whom?



Please tell us about any wedding traditions, religious ceremonies, planner surprises, etc. Is there anything that will be happening at the wedding or reception that would be unique or helpful for Susan to have prior knowledge of?



What are you most looking forward to on your wedding day? Describe the elements of your day that you're most excited about - special favors, vintage cars, family coming from a long distance, etc.



FAMILY + BRIDAL PARTY



- ▶ How many attendants/bridesmaids/flowergirls will the bride have and what are their names?
- ▶ How many attendants/groomsmen/ringbearers will the groom have and what are their names?

- ▶ What are the bride's parents names?
- ▶ Does the bride have any siblings? If so, what are their names?
- ▶ Who are the extended family of the bride and what are their names? (grandparents, favorite aunts, uncles, etc.)

- ▶ What are the groom's parents names?
- ▶ Does the groom have any siblings? If so, what are their names?
- ▶ Who are the extended family of the groom and what are their names? (grandparents, favorite aunts, uncles, etc.)

Are there any family situations we should know about (deaths, divorces, etc.) to make sure we address everyone correctly during the family photographs? For example, if your parents are divorced please let us know if they prefer to be in photographs together or apart. No amount of information is too much information, and we love knowing more about your family and their dynamics!



**DO THEY STILL
UNDERSTAND YOUR
STYLE?**



What is your vision for your wedding photography? Traditional? Documentary? What are you drawn to in Susan's work? What would you like us to consider while documenting your day?



PORTRAITS AND LOGISTICS



- ▶ Will you see each other before the ceremony?
If so, where?
- ▶ Will your family formals be before or after the ceremony? If before, please indicate time and location.
- ▶ Where would you like the pictures of you two together to be taken? (regardless of whether they are before or after the ceremony)



Many historic locations, parks, and buildings require a permit for photography. If you need a permit, please obtain the necessary permit at least two weeks prior to the wedding. I would absolutely do this for you, but oftentimes the permit application requires things like your social security number - which is not something I know!

Does your location require a permit?



As you know, Susan Stripling Photography does not do many overly posed photographs on your wedding day. However, we feel that it is important to have some casually posed images of yourself with your close family and friends on this important occasion. In order to make this process less time-consuming and confusing for everyone involved it would be wonderful if you could help in the selection of your formal groupings.



The standard formal photographs taken are as follows. Please check off the ones you would like taken on your wedding day.

- ▶ Bride alone
- ▶ Groom alone
- ▶ Bride and Groom together
- ▶ Bride and groom with bride's parents and siblings
- ▶ Groom and bride with groom's parents and siblings
- ▶ Bride with attendants
- ▶ Groom with attendants
- ▶ Bride and groom with all attendants



NOTE: It is very important that you consider time restraints when making your list of formal photographs. Please figure on average four minutes per image. It is absolutely vital that everyone who needs to be present for these photographs be there when we are ready to begin the session. In order to not waste time looking for missing individuals please make sure to communicate this schedule to those you wish to participate in this session.



Please DO NOT give us a list of images or groupings to capture during the reception as this will restrict our ability to document naturally occurring moments and will tie us to a checklist during that time. If there are any additional groups that you would like (college friends, cousins, etc.) please designate a member of your bridal party or family to get those groupings together. (Thank you!)



- ▶ If there are other photographs that you wish taken at this time please list the groupings below. Please also list the names of the individuals involved.
- ▶ If your parents are single/divorced/remarried/with a new partner please let us know the configurations of family groupings so that we are sensitive to your family dynamics.





VENDOR INFORMATION



- ▶ Who is your hairstylist?
- ▶ Who is your makeup artist?
- ▶ Who is your videographer?
- ▶ Who is your band/DJ?
- ▶ Who designed your dress?
- ▶ Who is your florist?
- ▶ Who is your caterer?
- ▶ Are there any other special vendors that you would like to let us know about so that we can accurately credit their work?

CONTACT INFORMATION



- ▶ What is the bride's email address?
- ▶ What is the groom's email address?
- ▶ What will your mailing address be after the wedding?



- ▶ Are you on Instagram? What is your username so that we can tag you in any images from the day?
- ▶ Will your wedding have an Instagram hashtag?



Thank you so much for your time! Please don't
hesitate to call or email if you have any questions
- and we will see you soon!





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