



October 11, 2025 | Stephani + David

The Oaks Venue (Ceremony – The Chapel; Reception – Outdoors; backup plan - Conservatory)

Bridal Party Arrival Times

8:15 am – Bride & Bridesmaids

12:00 pm – Groom & Groomsmen

12:30 pm – Mother of Bride (hair and makeup photo ready)

12:30 pm – Mother of Groom (hair and makeup photo ready if we want pics of mom pinning groom)

1:15 pm – Father of Bride (photo ready if you decide on first look with dad)

2:00 pm – Additional family that is not on site already for family photos

8:30 am Hair & Makeup

Bride and bridesmaids will begin hair and makeup in bridal suite

12:00 pm Groom & Groomsmen Arrive

Groom and groomsmen arrive at the venue.

12:45 pm Photographer arrival

Detail & Dress photos. Beth will gather all stationery, and details the bride would like photographed and have them readily available for the photographer.

Bridesmaids clear all personal belongings from the main area in the bridal suite and throw any trash away so that area is photo ready.

12:50 pm Stephani Hair & Makeup Complete

All last-minute touches to hair and makeup should be complete. Bride and mother to be photo ready. Bridesmaids to be as close to ready as possible to begin “getting ready photos.”

1:00 pm Bridesmaids “Getting Ready” Photos

Bride & bridesmaids will take staged getting ready photos.

1:15 pm Groom & Groomsmen

Groom and groomsmen should be mostly dressed by 12:50 pm. Photographer will take finishing touches photos with groom and groomsmen.

1:30 pm Stephani in Dress

Stephani & Mom will take photos of finishing touches of getting in dress

1:35 pm First Look

Stephani & David will have their first look location TBD and continue with bride and groom portraits.

Wedding party take this time to touch up makeup and clean up bridal suite & and groomsmen space. Take any bags or clothing that you will not need for the night to your car and meet at 2:00 for photos. Beth will give direction on where to meet.

2:15 Pictures Begin for Bridal Party

Bridal party photos.

2:45 pm Pictures Begin for Family

Any immediate family members that are not part of the bridal party or that will not be at the venue for the full day should arrive and be photo ready by 2:00 pm.

3:20 pm Pre-Ceremony Downtime

Take this down time before the ceremony to cool off, drink plenty of water, eat something light and try to relax as much as possible.

3:30 pm Seating of Guests

Guests will begin to arrive and will be escorted to their seats. DJ will play agreed upon seating music.(instrumental)

4:00 pm Ceremony Begins

Seating of Grandparents & Mothers;

Processional, Prayer, Giving of Bride, Unity Candle, Vows, Exchanging of Rings, Pronouncement, Recessional

4:30 Open Bar

5:00 Dinner

Dinner will begin. The DJ will provide direction on the serving of dinner (buffet style)

Bride & Groom will take additional pictures following the ceremony and private dinner in the bridal suite. - Possible sunset photos prior to introduction - depending on cloud coverage

5:30 pm Bride & Groom Introduction

5:30 pm Traditional Dances

Bride & Groom - Father & Daughter - Mother & Son - abbreviated versions of songs TBD

5:40 pm Cake Cutting

Bride & Groom to cut cake and take pictures. Guests will be invited to partake in dessert.

6:00 pm Open Dancing

The DJ will take over and invite guests to the dance floor

6:30 pm Sunset Pictures

Photographer to discreetly steal bride & groom to take sunset pictures (if weather didn't allow for them earlier in schedule)

6:45 pm Bouquet/Garter Toss

Song Choices:

6:50 Getaway Car Pulled to the Front,

7:00 Fake Exit; Photographer Exit

Need to secure keys and driver for car

7:10 DJ to Invite Guests back to Dance Floor

8:30(ish) pm Grand Exit

Guests line up outside to celebrate the grand exit of the bride and groom