

## **Most Frequently Asked Wedding Questions**

### **1. If we are thinking about booking a Wedding at TRF, may we tour the Wedding venues?**

Yes, we meet at the TRF Main Office located at 21778 FM 1774 Todd Mission, Texas 77363 and tour the site as a group. The tour provides a chance for the Bride, Groom, and family to meet face to face with our Wedding Staff and ask any questions. We will tour rain or shine. The schedule for 2012 is as follows:

June 2

July 14

August 4

September 1

Please call 800-458-3435 to make a reservation for you, your wedding party, parents, and/or photographer. Video cameras are welcome.

### **2. How do I reserve my Wedding Date?**

You may book your Wedding before you come to the tour by sending the 50% non-refundable deposit with a completed Wedding Reservation Agreement. Please check time and date availability with the Wedding Coordinator. The deposit reserves your date and time.

### **3. What about a rehearsal?**

There are no on site rehearsals before your ceremony. We suggest that you attend a tour before your Wedding. If you feel that you need a rehearsal before your ceremony, measurements of our Wedding Venues are available to enable you to set up a mock venue off-site. Be assured that our Wedding Staff will be with you from the moment you arrive until you walk down the aisle, rehearsal is not necessary for a TRF Wedding.

### **4. Where can we get our costumes?**

Some Brides purchase simple gowns from catalogs or on-line and then have them altered to fit or embellished lavishly by a local seamstress. Renaissance patterns for Men and Women are available at your local fabric stores. Costumes are available for purchase from local costumers or may be purchased on line. If you prefer to rent costumes, check your local phonebook for costume rental locations in your area, or the Belrose Costume Rental Shoppe at our Front Gate opens at 8:30 a.m. every festival day and has costumes that rent from \$16 to \$65 depending on what social class costume you prefer.

### **5. Should we ask our guests to come in costume?**

Since the Festival is best experienced while in costume, you may wish to encourage your guests to come in costume. The Belrose Costume Rental Shoppe at the Front Gate has 1-day rentals with easy return. For your guests who want to buy or make costumes, you may also give them the same references you have used in your costume search. Let them know that they will have a much better experience if they do come in costume. Make sure that you mention comfortable shoes to everyone attending.

### **6. What kind of invitations should we use and when should they be sent?**

We recommend sending out a pre-invitation or a save the date to let your guests know as soon as possible the date and your plans for a Renaissance Wedding. Using a simple one page flyer will give

them the time to start planning their costuming and travel arrangements for the event. Send a formal invitation of your choice closer to the event, asking for their RSVP. Once the RSVP's are returned to you, you can start mailing out tickets to your guests.

**7. How and when will we get the tickets?**

Once the final payment has been received the tickets will be mailed to the address you provide on the Wedding Reservation Agreement. If you wish to add additional guests after this package has been mailed, you may contact us to make arrangements.

**8. How will our guests get their tickets?**

Everyone must have a ticket in hand to enter the gate, Bride, Groom, photographer, everyone. Tickets should be distributed to your guests well in advance of the wedding date. Tickets are good for any one Saturday or Sunday during our season, 9:00 a.m. till dark. If your Wedding is in the afternoon, your guests are welcome to arrive early and enjoy a full day of the Festival. If you need to leave a few tickets for your guests at the will-call window, make sure they are in envelopes with the name of the person who will be picking it up clearly written on the outside. A photo ID will be required to pick these tickets up.

**9. When will I need a final guest count and decisions on food and beverages?**

The caterer will need the final guest count 9 days prior to your event. This will include any beverages that you would like served on the day of the event. All buffets and cake receptions are served with tea and coffee. (Children, ages four and under, are not charged for admittance into the Festival or for food. Children ages 5-12 will require a child's gate ticket and also will require a meal.)

**10. What will we do with the gifts our guests bring?**

It is important that your guests know that the site is large with a lot of walking on the day of the Wedding. Tell your guests that due to the size of our Festival it is best to ship gifts to your home address before the Wedding. There are numerous websites that offer great alternatives to the traditional gift. Brides may wish to bring or rent a wagon for those extra items, such as purses, cameras, and wedding gifts.

**11. Are the Ministers affiliated with any particular religion?**

Our Ministers are non-denominational Ordained Ministers. Each of them, at one time has been employed as a performer with TRF. They are well versed in the ceremonies they perform and are very good at adding any special requests. You are welcome to bring your own Minister to do the ceremony, if you have a special need or want a specific denomination; however, there is no price reduction to our packages for doing so.

**12. Do we need a Marriage License?**

Yes, the state of Texas requires a Marriage License to make the Wedding legal. You may obtain a license from your local county clerk's office in the state of Texas. In Texas a Marriage License must be issued at least 72 hours before the ceremony can be performed, and no later than 30 days after the issuance. A Marriage License issued in the state of Texas is good in any county in Texas. Your marriage license should be given to the minister the day of your wedding. We are required to sign this and mail it to the county where it was purchased.

If you live outside the state of Texas you will have to check with the state in which you reside to obtain legal information governing marriage. If you are already married, just bring a copy of the license with you for our files.

**13. Are decorations required?**

No decorations are needed or required. The Festival grounds offer a beautiful backdrop. Please remember that anything brought in must also be taken out. All decorations for the wedding and reception venues should be given to the wedding staff upon your arrival to the Festival the day of the wedding. We take care of the delivery and set up of anything you will be bringing with you for your reception. Bubbles and flower petals are allowed in all of our beautiful wedding venues.

**14. Do you offer commitment ceremonies or vow renewals?**

You can purchase any of our wedding packages and our wedding coordinator will assist you in personalizing your ceremony.

(Please note: Commitment ceremonies are currently not a legal marriage and not acknowledged by the state of Texas.)

**15. How many weddings are held each Festival day?**

Our staff is available for six weddings each Festival day with the morning weddings held at 10:30 and 11:30, and the afternoon ceremonies at 1, 2, 3, and 4 o'clock. Our professional wedding personnel dedicate their attention to your wedding and we do not hold simultaneous events.

**If you have any questions please call us at 800-458-3435 or email us at [weddings@texrenfest.com](mailto:weddings@texrenfest.com). We will be happy to assist you in making plans for your *Fairy Tale Wedding!***