

Congratulations

And thank you for considering Earthtrek Expeditions for your wedding venue.

We recognize how important it is for your special day to be as memorable and stress-free as possible. A lot of hard work and effort goes into planning a wedding, and we want to ensure that our venue meets your expectations and that we can do all we can in making your event run smoothly. Included in this folder are several helpful bits of information that will hopefully aid you in your planning process. In addition, please read through the contract for more detailed information. If at anytime during the days leading up to the big day you have any questions or concerns, please contact us as soon as possible either by email or phone.

We are excited to work with you and appreciate your interest in our beautiful campground and wedding facility on the banks of the American River. We would be proud to be a part of such a special occasion for both the wedding couple and their friends and family.



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Before the Big Day

Helpful tips to consider for your wedding at Earthtrek

Our traditional wedding package includes two nights of camping for the bride, groom, and several of their closest friends/family. This includes the use of our cabin, and 5 cabin tents. The wedding couple typically stay in our cabin, but it is your choice who utilizes it. If anyone else in your wedding party beyond those who already fit into the included tents wish to spend the night as well, they need to contact us to book accommodations and add additional meals (if arranged). This is one of the most challenging aspects of the planning process on our end unless an organized method is created to help your guests figure out how and which tents to book. Our past weddings have used several different methods to book additional tents for guests. Some couples wish to make the tent arrangements themselves since they have opinions on who they want in which tents since we offer a variety of different tent styles and sizes. This can get rather complicated if not thought out correctly. We recommend doing some planning on who should get which tents and communicate well with guests who plan on camping what their options are. Provide your guests with the link to our website so they can become acquainted with our facilities. Some wedding couples have even designed websites with free and easy to use templates that they can use to inform guests about their wedding and all the different options, and that has made the process a whole lot easier.

Our river tents are always the most popular, so some wedding couples wish to reserve those just for family. It is up to you how you wish to have guests book additional tents and meals. Guests can contact us directly and pay for whichever tent they want, or we can communicate with you which tents you want guests to book and we can come up with an online reservation system where all guests book and pay individually.

During the spring, our business extends beyond just weddings. We also host many fourth grade students who come here to learn about Gold Rush history. It may so happen that our school trips wrap up the day before your wedding. We will never have school trips happening during official wedding times however. On days where we have school trips, we will require time afterwards to clean and prepare the camp for your wedding. ***Our official check-in time to start setting up the day before the celebration is 4:00 pm, unless discussed otherwise.*** We are flexible in allowing you to come in earlier than 4:00 **if possible**. If you come in early to drop things off or begin decorating/setting up, we cannot guarantee the camp will be ready and clean yet. To avoid possible frustrations, please do not arrive any earlier than the pre-discussed check-in time. We always try our best to prepare the camp as quickly as possible and keep in contact with you to discuss any potential disruptions in order to avoid conflict. We understand that the day before your wedding will involve some level of stress, so it's best that communication is clear before that day arrives to avoid any preventable headaches.

After you set your wedding date, it is best to come out several times to our facility to become acquainted with the layout and decide how you want to set up and decorate. Please make prior arrangements with Jerry before coming out. Since we have other activities going on almost daily, we cannot give you our full attention if you or one of your vendors show up unannounced. Simply give us a call and we can arrange a date and time that works for both you and us.

During the Wedding Weekend

The day before and the day of the wedding is when you will encounter both anticipation and possibly some degree of stress. As you already are aware, careful and strategic planning is what sets apart an enjoyable wedding experience for you and your guests from a conflicted, stressful one. We want to make sure you are aware of our guidelines and requests in order to ensure your wedding runs as smoothly and hassle-free as possible. Your wedding contract will go into greater detail about rules, but here is a list of some of the top guidelines and suggestions we would like you to be aware of.

If we are preparing the wedding dinner, we cannot allow the use of our refrigerator in the wedding kitchen for your use. We need the space for the food we will be preparing. We do have an additional refrigerator and freezer in our other kitchen, but that can only be used if approved by Jerry. If we have the space, it can be used to store a reasonable amount of flowers or the wedding desserts. It cannot be used to store large quantities of beer or wine or other food items (unless discussed and approved). We do have a freezer you may use to store ice. We also do not allow guests to enter the walk-in refrigerator in our second kitchen unless given permission due to food safety precautions. During hot days, we also cannot allow guests to enter the walk-in refrigerator because if the door is left open, the unit will sometimes shut off and get too warm inside.

Unless you are renting our kitchen, we cannot provide you or your vendors with kitchen appliances, any other type of food preparation items or seasonings/condiments, plates, napkins, utensils, towels, etc. We also cannot provide extra extension cords for vendors, decorating supplies, tools, hardware, etc. Please make your vendors or whoever is performing services such as bartending, aware that they need to be fully equipped prior to the event.

Please be aware of your contracts with your vendors (photographers, DJs, bartending, etc). Some vendor contracts include dinner for vendor employees so it's a good idea to discuss with vendors what they expect during the event. If vendor meals are expected and we are preparing the dinner, please include each vendor in the count for your wedding dinner. We need to know exactly how many people will be included in the dinner in order to have enough food and plates, napkins, and utensils. If unaccounted people show up for dinner, we will have to charge you and we also can't guarantee we will have enough food for paid dinner guests. Also make sure live bands or DJs are aware that there is a quiet hour ordinance in the area which means all loud music has to be off by 10:00 pm in order to avoid a citation.

During the spring it is almost a guarantee that mosquitos will be around since we are located right along the river. It is wise to provide mosquito spray for your guests and leave spray cans out throughout the facilities. Your guests will appreciate it!

We usually have a no pets allowed policy on our property. Exceptions can be made if discussed and approved prior to the event.

What we offer in our basic wedding package (up to 75 guests)
Base charge is \$4,000.00

- Use of the fully furnished cabin and 5 cabin tents
- Restrooms, showers, Camp 2 dining facilities and dance floor on lower level of camp, and fire pit (if no current fire restrictions exist)
- 75 wedding chairs, green carpet, wooden altar, burlap runway
- Drinking water for ceremony and dance party
- Plastic foldable tables (two 8' rectangle, two 6' rectangle, and 3 round)

Additional services that can be arranged at an extra charge

- Additional cabin tent rentals for guests (\$15 per person/per night + the cost of the tent. Prices vary depending on which tent option. Please see our website for details and prices)
- Kitchen rental, if you decide not to have us cater the meals (\$500 charge for rental with a \$250 security deposit included which will be returned if kitchen is left clean with no missing items and no damage incurred)
- Wedding dinner (\$28 per person)
- Breakfast options (\$12 per person)
- More wedding chairs if beyond 75 guests (\$10 per person past 75 guests)
- Whitewater rafting before or after the wedding (please contact us for options and prices)

Recommended Local Vendors

Caterers & Local Eateries:

Hog Wild BBQ..... (530) 622-3883 www.hogwildbar-b-que.com

Sierra Rizing (530) 642-1308 www.sierrarizing.com

Squally's - On the River Pizza & BBQ (530) 622-1213

Florists:

Flowers on Main..... (530) 622-1121 www.placervilleflowersonmain.com

DJs:

GP Productions DJ Services (530) 651-4634 www.gpproductionsonline.com

Rentals:

Party Royale (530) 676-4453 www.partyroyalarentals.com

Local Bed & Breakfasts (in case some guests prefer not to camp)

Bella Vista Bed & Breakfast (530) 622-3456 www.bellavistainc.net

Eden Vale Inn..... (530) 621-0901 www.edenvaleinn.com

Hart 2 Hart Vineyards (530) 885-9463 www.hart2hartvineyards.com
Estate Farmhouse

There are also several motels in Placerville (~10 miles away) and Folsom (about ~22 miles away)

Meal Options

Dinner

We cater most of our weddings and are confident you will be pleased with what we have to offer. We are willing to discuss with you in order to come up with a menu that you are satisfied with. We can gladly accommodate reasonable dietary requests as long as it is pre-approved and discussed. We cannot however guarantee that all food items are 100% free of allergens or other ingredients due to possible cross contamination. If you have any serious dietary concerns please contact us and we will try our best to accommodate any requests. Our meals are served in a self-serve buffet-style.

Our typical dinner menu includes the following items:

- Green salad and quinoa salad
- Dinner rolls or sliced bread rounds with butter
- Roasted potatoes
- Roasted green beans and/or stir-fry vegetables
- Roasted portobello mushrooms (vegetarian option)
- Tri-tip
- Roasted turkey with gravy and cranberry sauce

We also provide lemon and lime infused water in glass dispensers along with clear plastic cups to be served with the meal. Dinner plates, napkins, and utensils are also provided.

We do not provide wine glasses, appetizer or dessert plates and utensils. We are also unable to offer cake or dessert cutting/serving services. We can recommend a company if you are interested in renting items we cannot offer. Please see list of recommended vendors for company information.

Dinner cost: \$28 per person

Breakfast

You can add breakfast for your overnight wedding guests for an additional charge. Please contact us to discuss options/prices. Our typical breakfast menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, fresh fruit, oatmeal, yogurt, and a variety of cereals. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate and juices also included.

Breakfast cost: \$12 per person