

# What to Expect: Family Prep Guide



## Frequently Asked Questions:

- 1. What is your photography style?** I do my absolute best to keep my galleries on my website up to date with photos that represent my current work. I am constantly evolving as a photographer, so I make sure that when you look at the photos on my website, those are the photos that are similar to the work you'll receive for your family shoot. I am very lifestyle-driven, meaning I love to capture the real moments between family members. We do a lot of laughing, playing, snuggling, etc. I also love to do some smiling photos. Those are classic and always good to have of your family to capture everyone at the time, so yes,...we will also smile for photos 😊. But plan to have a good time at your shoot!
- 2. My kids are tricky...are you up for the challenge?** YESS! Bring em on! I have kids of my own. I know the ages that are the trickiest. I work with bribes when needed (I always joke that I'm a pro-bribe photographer). Sometimes its just what you have to do. I always have a sucker in my bag ready for kids, but I also totally support any bribes you bring. Let me know, and I'll help talk it up! My biggest warning is DON'T GIVE THEM THE BRIBE TOO SOON!!!!!! Trust me! It'll backfire! Haha...But in all honesty, I love getting the lifestyle shots that often involve simply playing and loving on your kids. Kids often love photos because they are getting undivided attention from their parents. It's a fun time. No stressing allowed!
- 3. How long does the shoot generally last?** The full shoots normally last about 45 minutes, and a mini shoot is about 25 minutes. I work pretty fast because I'm taking photos of you playing and interacting. I know that kids have short attention spans, and I always start with the full family photos and then do their individuals next so we can get their photos out of the way while they are still happy and enjoying the time (aka. Before they lose it).
- 4. How do I choose what my family wears?** I will absolutely help you do this. I have a style guide that I will send you, and I also do personal styling (included in my session fees). This basically means that I will talk to you about your style and what type of look you're going for with the photos, and I will direct you to multiple sites and links to help you find the right look for each member.

5. **How do I pay?** I do mini shoot payments all up front. Easy. I send you the invoice online and you can pay using your credit card or or bank account info. I do the full sessions in two payments. The first is half at the time of booking to hold your spot. Your final payment is due at the session. You can do cash or check. You can also choose to send money online using Chase Quick Pay or Zelle. I can give you those details at the shoot if you prefer.
6. **When can I expect to see my images?** I always try to send out a sneak peek the week following the shoot. Your full gallery will be sent to you about 2 weeks after the shoot. You will be able to download, save, and print photos right from the website I send.
7. **How can I thank you for your amazing work (haha)?** The best thank you I ever receive is the referral to family and friends. I would love any tags to my page, commenting on my Yelp page, reviewing me on Google, etc. Those are the things that mean the most because they keep me in business, doing what I love the most!

### 5 Tips to Have a Successful Family Shoot:

1. **Month before Session:** Start planning your outfits. Check out my style guide. Shoot me an email, text, or message on FB to figure out the details and let me help you. If you have props (ONLY for milestone photos generally), get those ready and/or talk to me about what you are looking for so I can help.
2. **Day of session:** Double check you know where the location is and check it on your GPS. Make sure you allow yourself enough time to get there about 5-10 minutes BEFORE your shoot to make sure everyone's dressed, hair is combed, etc.
3. **Before leaving for the shoot:** Make sure all kids have full tummies and are well rested! SOOOO IMPORTANT!
4. **Come with a photo shoot survival bag:** Normally this is like a diaper bag on steroids. Extra diapers, wipes, snacks (DON'T GIVE TO KIDS AT THE SHOOT,...wait for bribing is needed), extra bottles, extra hair clips, hairspray, comb, bug spray, water, and anything else your kids need regularly.
5. **Don't stress:** You'd be surprised how enjoyable a photo shoot can be if you allow it to just be a fun time with your family. I can't tell you the number of families that come to me saying they've had terrible, stressful experiences in the past. I promise this won't be like that. We will have fun. We will get amazing photos of your family. Relax and let me do the hard work! It'll be great!



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