

## *Wedding Planning Guide*

### *12 months*

- Create your vision for your day
- Establish a budget
- Select your wedding planner
- Create guest list (keep your budget in mind) and start getting addresses
- Start touring venues

### *11 months*

- Establish wedding date
- Book venue (have a back-up plan if parts are taking place outside)
- Book your caterer
- Establish your wedding party
- Start looking for other vendors (florist, DJ, hair and makeup, photographer, videographer)
- Create a wedding hashtag that can be used at all parties

### *10 months*

- Finalize contracts with other vendors
- Start building your registry
- Engagement party
- Start looking for your wedding dress
- Book hotel-room blocks for guests
- Create your wedding website
- Engagement photo session
- Start looking at invitations

### *9 months*

- Buy wedding dress
- Send out save the dates

### *8 months*

- Select bridesmaid dresses
- Meet with florists

### *7 months*

- Book rehearsal dinner venue
- Hire ceremony musicians
- Order rentals (tables, chairs, linens, etc.)
- Bridesmaid's fittings
- Hire officiant

### *6 months*

- Book lighting technician
- Book rehearsal dinner

# *McKenzie Leigh Events*

## 5 months

- Book honeymoon
- Book transportation for guests
- Book the newlywed transportation
- Buy or rent the groom's tuxedo
- Begin pre-marital counseling

## 4 months

- Final tasting with caterer
- Hair and makeup trials
- Finalize your cake
- Purchase wedding bands
- Select the groomsmen's attire

## 3 months

- Order invitations/hire calligrapher
- Groomsmen's fittings
- Finalize your menu
- Write your vows
- Send out invitations (RSVPs should be due 1 month prior to the wedding)
- Select guest favors
- Select the readings for during the ceremony
- Meet with the officiant (don't forget to invite them to the rehearsal dinner)
- Bridal shower (hosted by a family member and/or bridal party)
- Start crafting some of the DIY items

## 2 months

- Bachelorette Party (hosted by the Maid of Honor and bridal party)
- Send out rehearsal dinner invitations (if not included with the wedding invitations)
- First dress fitting
- Pick up the marriage license (make sure you know what requirements your state has - each state is different)
- Purchase the wedding party presents
- Floral mock-up with your florist
- Give song selection for reception to band/DJ
- Give song selection for ceremony to band/DJ/musicians
- Purchase the smaller items (cake knife, toasting flutes, cake topper, guest book, card box, garter, etc.)
- Create seating chart
- Make honeymoon packing list

## 4 weeks

- Make or order the place cards and escort cards

## *McKenzie Leigh Events*

- Final Dress fitting (bring a friend and bridesmaid so they can learn how to bustle your dress)
- Assemble the gift bags

### *3 weeks*

- Break in your wedding shoes
- Start chasing down any **RSVP** stragglers

### *2 weeks*

- Pay vendors in full (or make an arrangement with your wedding planner to make final payments and tips the day of the wedding)
- Place tips for vendors in clearly marked envelopes for each vendor

### *1 week*

- Refresh your hair color
- Get your eyebrows done
- Pack for the honeymoon
- Get a massage (couples massage??)
- Clean your ring
- Practice your vows out loud
- Write any notes for your soon-to-be hubby, mother, father, etc.

### *Day before your wedding*

- Get manicure/pedicure
- Eat healthy
- Drink lots of water
- Pack a small bag of essential personal items
- Place all luggage, boxes, and survival kits either in the car or by the front door for transportation
- Set aside items you want the photographer to capture (invitation, rings, etc.)
- Rehearsal (don't drink too much - you don't want bags under your eyes)
- Get a good night's sleep

### *Wedding Day*

- Eat Breakfast
- Drink even more water
- **Relax and enjoy your day** - your wedding planner/coordinator will handle the rest

### *2 months after the wedding*

- Review your vendors
- Write thank you cards

### *3 months after the wedding*

- Preserve your dress
- Change your name
- Order wedding photos