



A few more tidbits on wedding planning to address FAQs. Hope you can find something useful in here...

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## Menu Planning

If you haven't considered your menu yet, look over our [catering page](#) and see what looks intriguing. You can also take a look at our [sample menus](#) too. You're not limited to the items on our web page. If you see something on the Food Channel that you think you might like for your wedding, just let me know and I'll find a recipe. Then, I will let you know if it can be scaled up and we'll take it from there. We are always available to help customize your menu. Give us a theme or some broad brush-strokes and we'll be happy to design a menu that fits your style. If you're looking for a really great pasta option, here's a [link](#) to some terrific gourmet ravioli from one of our favorite suppliers.

We don't do formal tastings because generally our groups are coming from far away and at different times of the year. And there are so many testimonials on the web page testifying to how good the food is. So, here's how we do tastings:

- You're welcome to come and taste things whenever we are cooking.
- If you plan on being in the area, you can let me know and I can probably arrange to make a few things
- If you are coming when we have a non-wedding group here, with enough notice you can let me know what you'd like to try and that will influence the menu for that group event.
- In most cases, it will be a sit-down dinner and we'll charge half price

Friday Night Ideas. Think about Friday night as a welcome dinner rather than a rehearsal dinner. Most couples choose a casual theme for the meal: Cook-outs/BBQ are the most popular... but consider a seafood boil, a taco bar, a pasta bar, Mexican Night or some other crowd-pleasing casual meal to make everyone feel welcome and relaxed. End the evening with a campfire and s'mores!

Wedding Cakes and Desserts If we are doing your cake or cupcakes, [here is something](#) that might help. If you are opting for the Ben & Jerry's ice cream cake or a sundae bar, check out the [Ben & Jerry's ice cream options](#).

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What if it rains?

What if it rains on the day of your wedding and you've planned an outside ceremony? First of all, don't stress! As you can imagine, sometimes it rains on one's wedding day (duh!). It's not the end of the world. You've pictured a gorgeous outdoor ceremony on the lawn overlooking the lake and even though that might not happen, we'll do everything to give you a beautiful ceremony here at Mountain Meadows while keeping your guests comfortable and pleased.

For the ceremony you have a couple of choices. What you choose depends on a couple of factors: how big your wedding is, how flexible your schedule is, what the officiant's calendar is like, and how hard it's raining. So here are your choices.

1) Adjust your schedule - wait 'til the rain stops. If it's a day where there is a thunderstorm coming through or a day of light rain, we'll watch the radar and you can adjust the ceremony time. [One time we delayed the ceremony by 2 hours and served the appetizers before the ceremony so the guests had something to do while they were waiting.] We are not a "wedding factory" where we have another group coming through after you, so if your guests can roll with some flexibility then this is a good option. Your officiant will have to have some flexibility in his/her schedule to accommodate this plan.

2) Get married under the tent. We'll rearrange the set up under the tent to accommodate your ceremony there. We can open up walls of the tent, creating a garden back drop. We can move chairs to create seating for the ceremony and an aisle to walk down if you like.

3) Get married in the lodge in front of the fire place or in the music room. Depending on your guest list, there may not be enough seating for everyone so you might consider chairs in the front for the older folks with other guests standing in the back. We'll move furniture and do whatever it takes to give you a lovely indoor ceremony.

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## Time Line

Look at the [typical schedule](#). Although you do not have to keep to this schedule, it is just helpful for you to see how a weekend can unfold. It may also stimulate your imagination on what might still be left undone on your "to do" list. Another idea is to flip through a couple of the slide shows on our web page. Most of them are set up chronologically so you can really "see" how the weekend might unfold.

Number of guests: By about six weeks out, you will have an early estimate of the number of guests attending your event and numbers for meals. We would like another "near-final" number two weeks out, then a final number a few days before - small changes even right up to the day of the event will not be a big deal at our end.

The questionnaire: So we're wishing you smooth sailing with your wedding planning. Let us know what we can do to help. We'll be collecting all emails, phone conversations and notes from planning meetings. At about 6-8 weeks before your event, we'll send you a planning document that we will have populated with as many things that we know about. You will have a chance to add some details, make changes or corrections and fill in any holes. You'll also get an updated estimate and menu page at that time.

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## A note from Lauren

*Hi All,  
I'm Lauren and I am the **wedding coordinator** at Mountain Meadows Lodge. I don't call myself a wedding 'planner' because a lot of the couples that choose MML are*

*hands-on folks who get very excited about planning the details of their special event. If you are one of these DIY enthusiast couples and you are just brimming with ideas, I am here to be your sounding board, your helping hand, and your source of experience. If you are a type A personality, (or as one of our brides put it "very bride-y"), fear not: I'm here to listen closely and attentively to all of your details to ensure that your vision seamlessly transitions into reality on your wedding day. If you are a laid back, fly-by-the-seat-of-your-pants kind of planner, no worries there either. Our staff at MML has this wedding stuff down to a science. You can add as many or as few bells and whistles to your big day as you'd like, and we will be there every step of the way, making sure that all the basics are covered. Your day can be as loosey-goosey and relaxed as you are.*

*Regardless of your planning style, come the weekend of your event, I will meet with you upon check-in and take everything that's been swirling and bouncing around in your head-- all the details and the anxieties--and upload them into my head. From that moment on your worries are mine and you are free to breathe deeply, relax, greet family and friends, and be truly present in every moment of your wedding weekend. I will likely tell you multiple times throughout your weekend not to worry, but that's not to say that no one should worry. I will worry about all the things that have been weighing on your mind (the timing of your "first look", a rain-plan, a drunken uncle, the cake and flower deliveries, zombie apocalypse...). It is my job to worry so you don't have to! I look forward to planning (and worrying) with you!*

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