

[Preferred Partners \(lakehoureceptioncenter.net\)](http://lakehoureceptioncenter.net)

Lake House Floral Design All clients having events at Lake House receive specialized pricing.

[Lake House Florist & Design Services \(lakehoureceptioncenter.net\)](http://lakehoureceptioncenter.net)

Thoughts on flowers....

Email or bring photographs and any visuals (invitations, dress colors etc) with you when you meet with your florist. Remember not all flowers are available during all seasons. Plan to be open to substitutions on certain flowers. Corsages should be provided for Moms and Grandmothers, Aunts of the couple, Flower girls, cake and officiant (if female). Boutonnieres should be provided for groomsmen, best man, ring bearers, groom, fathers, grandfathers and uncles of the bride and groom, and officiant (if male). Many brides purchase silk flowers to save money. You can also use silk and fresh flowers together to cut costs. You can purchase the flowers and we can put your bouquets together for you. Labor costs would be charged. We do our best to help our clients save money. Just let us know how we can help you make your flower vision come to life.

DJ & Lighting Services:

Premier Sound Services

✿ DJ Services w/ strobe lighting: \$750 for reception or \$900 for ceremony & reception. Customize all songs & announcements. Online portal, planning tools, playlists provided.

✿ Photo or Mirror Booth: \$750 props included

*Save \$50 when booking both DJ & Photo Booth

A Digital copy and individual prints for guests will be provided from the photo booth.

360* Photo Booth Rental is available. Please ask for pricing and details.

✿ Up Lighting: \$300 Ten lights included with your choice of colors.

Platinum Recording DJ Services & Cold Sparks

✿ \$600 for DJ services for Ceremony & Reception

✿ \$400 for 2 cold spark machines rental

✿ Disco ball party lights: \$100 Six lights with an assortment color choices. (From Lake House)

Thoughts on DJs....

You should ensure that they have a complete list of the songs you would like played for your entire event. Please remember that your music sets the tone of the event. Please note that our venue does NOT supply DJ equipment. The DJs will work with you to create your song lists. PSS has an online portal to pick out your songs and everything can be finalized on that platform. There are numerous actual DJ employees. We have DJs of all backgrounds of music. We also have a diverse group if you have a preference as to the look, style, voice, etc for your DJ. Just let us know what you prefer and we can book that particular person for your event. Pictures and bios are available.

Bayou Rose Photography [Photography \(lakehoureceptioncenter.net\)](http://lakehoureceptioncenter.net)

✿ Full day customized packages for ceremony & reception starting at \$2300.

Ronnie's Wedding Videos [Videography \(lakehoureceptioncenter.net\)](http://lakehoureceptioncenter.net)

Magnolia 1 Camera Package - \$1000.00	1 Angle-1 Videographer
Magnolia 2 Camera Package - \$1600.00	2 Angles-2 Videographers
Romance 2 Camera Deluxe Package - \$2350.00	2 Angles-2 Videographers

w/ Highlight Section and Well Wishes from family and Friends and other extras!

Thoughts on Photography & Videography.....

Photography and videography are art forms, and top quality does not always come cheap. Before you investigate vendors and package options, think about the moments you most want captured. Do you really need or want a photographer for the rehearsal dinner or will family snapshots work? Do you want to be documented having your hair and makeup done? Do you prefer portraiture or action shots, film or digital, color or black and white.

When visiting the vendors you are considering for your event, ask to see their work.

Questions to ask your photographer and videographer:

1. What style of photography do you prefer? Do you shoot film or digital?
2. Do you prefer to shoot in black and white or both?
3. Do you bring an assistant?
4. What are your rates? What is the rate for extra hours?
5. Does the cost include editing?
6. How many photos and/or albums are included in the price?
7. Does the cost include our engagement and bridal photo sessions?

8. What form of editing do you use?
9. In what format will my video be in?
10. How soon after the wedding will I receive the proofs?
11. Are proofs part of the package or do they cost extra?
12. How will they be delivered?
13. How much are additional prints? Is there a minimum order for prints?
14. Do you retain artistic and copyrights to all the photos and film?
15. What type of clothing and footwear will you and your assistant wear?
17. Do you provide a list of pictures to be taken?

Your photographer may provide you with a form with a complete list of photos you want to make sure they capture, however, make sure if there are specific photos you want, that you cover that with the photographer prior to your wedding day. Your photographer should give you a suggested timeline to make sure they have time to capture all those amazing moments. If not, we can help you do one. Please keep time frames in mind and avoid any delays to make sure you have all the time you need for those photos.

Don't forget what is included in your package from Lake House:

- ✿ Amateur candid video and photography by Lake House staff \$500 value*
Videos and pictures will be edited and emailed to you the following week.
These are pics and videos we take with our Lake House cell phone.

Ambrosia Bakery

[Bakery Services \(lakehousereceptioncenter.net\)](http://lakehousereceptioncenter.net)

- ✿ Prices starting at \$270 based on the number of servings and the the design.
- ✿ Delivery, setups and rental fees are waived if booking through Lake House.

Thoughts on bakeries....

We work with Ambrosia because they are a top notch vendor. They are a local family business like us. They strive for perfection in their products and it shows. They even have refrigerated delivery vans to ensure your cake is delivered to your expectations.

Because the cake is such an integral part of the wedding, make sure you book the bakery of your choice several months in advance. Make sure you bring photos of cakes you like to demonstrate your style for your cake. If you are booking your cake with Ambrosia, you must order directly through Lauren. Otherwise, you will not get the Lake House discount. Delivery fees are waived for Lake House clients through our booking process. You only go to Ambrosia for a taste box or to drop decoration items for your cake. Those two things will require you to schedule an appointment for.

Questions to ask your bakery: (if using another vendor than Ambrosia)

1. Are you available for my wedding date?
2. How long have you been baking cakes?
3. Are you licensed by the state and inspected by the health department?
4. What is the deposit, total and terms of my agreement with you?
5. When do you actually bake the cake? How do you keep it fresh?
6. Do you deliver? Is there a delivery and setup fee?
7. If I would like fresh flowers on my cake, do you provide them? Do you put them on?
8. Do you provide cake boxes?

Lake House will happily decorate your cake with fresh or silk flowers that you bring at no additional cost. Ask us about details on this.

Cakes may be delivered no earlier than 2 hours before our event. Vendors are not allowed to use our cooler. They must place the cake(s) directly on the table(s). Lake House staff will not take on the responsibility of moving your cake. We will make sure the table/linens are ready when they come to drop it off.

Minister/Officiant Services [Officiant Services \(lakehoureceptioncenter.net\)](http://lakehoureceptioncenter.net)

✿ \$250 for a customized ceremony. All couples' backgrounds and beliefs are respected.

Classic Cars BR [Limo Services \(lakehoureceptioncenter.net\)](http://lakehoureceptioncenter.net)

✿ \$300 for an Antique Rolls Royce or Bentley Getaway car.
Limo and Limo Bus services available.

Darrell Griffin [Decorator Services \(lakehoureceptioncenter.net\)](http://lakehoureceptioncenter.net)

✿ Full-service, customized decoration packages starting at \$600.

EWed Insurance [Event Insurance \(lakehoureceptioncenter.net\)](http://lakehoureceptioncenter.net)

✿ Providing Cancellation, Vendor and Liability insurance for all your event needs.

Lake House staff members are happy to answer questions and guide you in the right direction. While we assist in wedding planning and provide day of coordination services here at our venue, for more detailed or focused wedding planning, we highly suggest:

Julia Huglon/Your Dream Proposals

✿ Full service Wedding Planner packages available.

Typical tasks performed by a wedding planner (varies depending on fee charged):

1. Setting up a realistic wedding budget.
2. Devising a wedding master plan that maps out all the little details.
3. Showing you the best options for your budget and vision.
4. Researching and booking vendors in your price range.
5. Serving as your spokesperson, conveying your every whim and desire to vendors or family members when you just can't deal with doing it yourself.
6. Reading over all your vendor contracts to make sure everything is there, correct, and in accordance with your best interests and negotiating any amendments on your behalf.
7. Creating a day-of (or weekend-of) timeline.
8. Handling the invitations, from the wording and ordering to the addressing and mailing, as well as tracking RSVPs.
9. Counseling you on proper etiquette as well as what's hot on the wedding front
10. Supervision and instruction for the rehearsal.
11. Managing the wedding day: supervising vendors, setup, and delivery; handling emergencies; and soothing nerves.
12. Suggestion for planning and booking your honeymoon.
14. Some wedding planners offer full setup and cleanup services as well for your personal items.

We offer numerous decoration options that you can use, at no additional cost to you. Our venue has Chivari chairs, Round and rectangle tables, High Top Tables, Lanterns in black or rose gold, rhinestone centerpieces with white flowers, tall centerpieces with white flowers, chafing dishes, serving pieces, cake stands, linens and runners in different colors, 3 standing easels, An outdoor arch, shepherd's hooks and ferns for the ceremony area and much more. Imagine renting or purchasing all of that!!! Our décor alone can save you several thousand dollars.

Because our clients have never planned a wedding, and have very little idea about costs, rentals, décor, setup and cleanup, we offer advice to our clients. From day one of the planning process through completion. ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS ask us before you buy something. We may already have it.

Suggested website for purchasing items:

www.orientaltrading.com

www.cvlinens.com

For silk flowers-Michaels & Hobby Lobby. Don't forget to buy when it is 50% off!

Etsy or Amazon are great DIY options for favors, signs and other small items.

We provide licensed bartenders to serve any and all alcohol at your event. Guests may not bring in outside beer, wine or liquor onto the property. Security will ask guests to leave for drinking outside alcohol in the parking lot. All guests served alcohol are required to have a valid state recognized photo ID. No one under 21 allowed will be served. Our bartenders have tons of experience bartending events of all sizes. They work hard to make sure you and your guests have a great time. Please keep in mind our bartenders reserve the right to refuse or limit service to anyone they deem as intoxicated or belligerent. Security may be called to escort unruly guests from the venue.

Please note that our staff are NOT a babysitting service. All children must be attended at all times by adults. You may hire a babysitter to mind the children during your event. We have 7 acres here. Children left running around could fall into the lake or canal. Children are not allowed to climb on railings on the porches. We are responsible for the safety and well-being of children.

[Questions to Ask Venue \(lakehousereceptioncenter.net\)](http://lakehousereceptioncenter.net)

ECI maintenance, also another amazing family business, is responsible for:

- Mowing our lawn every week before your arrival to maintain cleanliness and appeal of the 7 acre property
- Tend to bedding plants and trees
- Power washing the venue and concrete areas as needed.

Our staff is well trained to take care of anything that needs to be done. We have a full staff and we all love doing what we do!!! Seeing the happiness of our clients and their families is truly a blessing for us.

Below is an itemized list of items you may need for your wedding/reception or event:

Venue ✓ Booked Lake House	Handbag
Officiant/Minister	Other accessories
Marriage License	Tuxedo
Catering ✓ Booked Lake House	Shoes
Beverages ✓ Booked Lake House	Other accessories
Beverages ✓ Booked Lake House	Bridesmaids dresses
Catering staff ✓ Booked Lake House	Groomsmen tuxedos
Event Manager ✓ Booked Lake House	Hair Stylists
Wedding cake	Makeup artists
Grooms cake	Manicure and pedicure
Bartender(s) ✓ Booked Lake House	Facials and spa
Day of coordinator ✓ Booked Lake House	Ceremony flowers
House	Bouquets
Hotel Block	Boutonnieres
Wedding night hotel	Corsages
Honeymoon	Wreath & petals
Limo service	Reception flowers
Save the Date cards	Miscellaneous flowers
Invitations	Photographer
Announcements	Additional prints
Postage	Videographer
Thank you notes	Lighting
Menus	Guest book and pin
Programs	Chair covers
Seating cards	Chair sashes
Place cards	Party favors
DJ, Band, or Musician	Bridesmaids gifts
Rings	Flower girls gifts
Wedding gown	Ring bearer gifts
Alterations	Parents gifts
Shoes	Shower hostess gift
Undergarments	Gifts for ushers/helpers
Jewelry	

12 to 18 Months before-

Book the venue ✓ Booked Lake House
Book the caterer ✓ Booked Lake House
Book the photographer
Book the musicians or DJ
Start on guest list

12 Months before-

Book the officiant
Choose your wedding gown and bridesmaid dresses (These can take months to order and alter)
Book the florist (they fill up fast too)
Compile the guest list with addresses
Renew your passport
Have engagement photos done

6 Months before-

Order invitations, thank you notes, maps to the wedding, or reception
Book hotel room blocks for guests and wedding party.
Book your honeymoon
Book location for rehearsal dinner (Lake House offers rehearsal dinner options)
Order veil and headpiece
Compile guest list for showers and bachelor/bachelorette parties
Book limo services
Hire hairstylist and makeup artist
Meet with florist (3 Months before if booking with Lake House)

3 Months before-

Schedule ceremony rehearsal
Order wedding announcements if you plan to send them
Set up wedding registries
Choose your menus for the wedding and rehearsal dinners
Choose your bakery
Meet with the officiant
Dress fitting
Choose gifts for shower hostesses
Mail invitations (final guest count for Lake House is due 30 days before your event)
Do a trial run for hair and makeup

2 Months before-

Confirm hotel room for wedding night.

Buy gifts for bridesmaids, groomsmen, flower girl, and ring bearer.

Research marriage license requirements in your locality.

Buy undergarments, shoes and accessories for your gown and wedding night.

Order bouquets, boutonnieres, and other personal flowers from florist

Make a list of songs and prepare a do-not-play list for the DJ or band

Start wearing wedding shoes around on carpet to break them in

Dress fitting

Book finalization appointment with venue

Decide on wedding favors

Make a shot list for the photographer

Make a list of guests you would like the videographer to interview (grandparents, friends, parents, etc)

Buy accessories

If you are writing your own vows, finish these.

Choose ceremony readings

1 Month before-

Final payment due for venue

Lake House starts scheduling, ordering food, beverages, linens, etc. for your event

Finalize details with venue [Lake House Floor Plan \(lakehousefloorplan.net\)](http://lakehousefloorplan.net)

Contact guests who did not RSVP

Create final schedule of events and sent to all vendors (Lake House will do this for our preferred vendors)

Have final dress fitting

Print ceremony programs if you choose to offer them

Meet/call the photographer and go over the schedule and shot list

Meet/call the videographer to go over schedule and review the details

Check registries to make sure enough gifts remain at all price levels

Gather the guest book, pen, handkerchief, garter, something old, new, borrowed, and blue.

Make sure you have the unity candle if you are doing that ritual.

Review honeymoon reservations

Book manicure and pedicure appointments for the day before or morning before

Buy thank you gifts for parents and wrap them.

Stock up on any medication you may need on your honeymoon

Enjoy your bachelorette/bachelor party

Make sure bridesmaids have their outfits completely put together including shoes and accessories

Two weeks before-

Make arrangements for any pets during your wedding and honeymoon

Write toasts and speeches for rehearsal dinner

Wrap gifts for groomsmen and bridesmaids

Have final pre-wedding hair color.

Have final meeting with florist

Confirm hotel room for wedding night

Check in with anyone scheduled to make a toast at the rehearsal dinner or wedding

Pick up wedding dress

Write list to pack for the honeymoon

Prepare tip envelopes for 3rd party vendors. (The 20% service fee you pay to Lake House is not gratuity. It used to make sure we can pay our staff members a fair wage and goes towards venue expenses. Our staff do not make an hourly wage plus tips like a server/bartender at a restaurant does. If you feel they have gone above and beyond, please consider tipping them. The bartender will put a tip jar out for their services at the event. Your Day-of Coordinator works on salary from Lake House.

Again, if you feel she has gone above and beyond, feel free to tip her. She will probably decline and say “please just give us a 5-star review!” We work extremely hard to make your day perfect. We hope that you feel welcomed and loved at our venue. Whether you give us a tip or not, we will give you the same service, no matter what.)

Get marriage license

Make arrangements to hold mail and stop newspapers during the honeymoon

Arrange transport to airport for honeymoon

Write thank you note to parents for their support

Get emergency kit [Wedding Day Emergency Kit \(lakehousereceptioncenter.net\)](http://lakehousereceptioncenter.net)

3 Days before-

Check the weather forecast (Don't freak out if it says it is going to rain! The weather changes daily. You just need to be prepared for plan B.)

Practice vows

Pack bag for wedding day, including emergency day kit and a pair of comfy shoes for dancing

Pick up rental tuxedos

Confirm flight reservations for honeymoon

Confirm pickup times and address with Limo Company

One Day before-

Practice speeches and vows

Get manicure and pedicure

Give bridal party gifts at rehearsal dinner

Go over special jobs for bridal party and friends Rehearse ceremony

Enjoy rehearsal dinner

Charge your cell phone

Get a good night's sleep!!!!

Day of-

Eat Breakfast whether you are hungry or not

Drink lots of water

Do not drink alcohol before the ceremony

Relax and enjoy the day

What happens in preparation/behind the scenes at Lake House the day of?

-All food is prepared fresh by our kitchen staff

-Meetings with staff members and vendors to ensure execution of your event.

-We get out any decor from our storage facility that you have chosen.

-Tables, chairs and linens are setup

-We restock all paper products.

-We make sure chairs and tables, inside and outside, are clean for your guests.

-Porch and benches are cleaned before the event.

-Venue is cleaned "top to bottom" for your event.

From the moment your guests begin to arrive until after the reception is over.

-Our security officer makes sure your guests have parking spaces that allow them to leave at any time and keeps critical pathways open.

-We make sure the bridal party, parents, and guests feel comfortable and enjoy your event.

-We assist in carrying drinks and food to your elderly or handicapped guests if needed.

-We coordinate with the DJ, Photographer and Videographer to keep the timeline on schedule.

-We ensure vendors don't have last minute needs.

-We mop up spills.

-We ensure your cake top is packed and placed with your personal items in the dressing room.

-We pack up all leftover food and place it in the dressing room.

Please designate a family member or friend to collect your personal belongings and food/cake from the venue. Everything that belongs to you or an outside vendor must be taken after your event. You cannot leave items till the next day or week. We will most likely have another event after yours.

You may leave vehicles in the parking lot after your event if it is in the evening time slot. We do have cameras on the property but we do not have a gate on our driveway. Lake House is not responsible for any vehicles on our property. Please make sure vehicles are picked up by 9am the next morning as we will have guests coming in for the next event. You must notify your day-of coordinator that guests will be leaving vehicles after your event.

Please review our website as we have lots of information and pictures for you. This is the link to our page on our staff members: [About Us \(lakehousereceptioncenter.net\)](https://www.lakehousereceptioncenter.net)
Reach out to us at any time if you need anything!

Again, if you have not already, please follow us on our social media to stay up to date with us.

- Website: <https://www.lakehousereceptioncenter.net/home.html>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/lakehousereceptioncenter/>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LakeHouseReceptionCenter>
- Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/@LakeHouseReceptionCenter/featured>
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