

Session Tips for Families and Children

This is a time for you to have fun. We'll help you relax and enjoy this time to focus on capturing the essence of you!

Arrive on time so we can spend the maximum time with you in front of the camera.



Clothing

- Coordinated colors and styles will make the most attractive family portraits. You don't all need to wear the same color, but your colors should work well together.
- Solid fabric is best—no stripes, plaids, or bold prints. Minimize words on your clothing except school or team names. We want to focus on your face.
- Simple styles are best for close-up portraits.
- Avoid baggy clothing—it will make you look heavier than you are.
- Long sleeves avoid drawing too much attention to the arms. Bare shoulders can make you look heavier than you are.
- Bring a variety of styles for different looks. Consider something more formal for those portraits for Mom and Dad, and something more casual for you and your friends.
- Wear shoes that match. Some of your photos will be full-length.
- Darker shades are more slimming.
- Avoid light colors similar to flesh tones. They tend to make you look unusually pale.
- Girls, if you wear white pants, be sure to wear flesh-toned underwear or it will show through.
- Please avoid bright colors such as red, orange, and pink because they are overwhelming.
- The shades that work best for close-ups are medium to dark tones of green, brown, rust, wine, or blue.
- Include some black for black and white images.

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Skin problems

Don't worry about skin problems. Correcting for these is included in the cost of your prints.

Hair

Have your hair cut about one week before your photo session. Avoid brand new styles just before your session. Keep your style simple to avoid having to fuss with it a lot during the shoot. You don't want to look back in a few years and wonder, "what was I thinking?"

Glasses

They do cause glare and distortion. While glare can be removed for an extra fee, the best option is to ask your optometrist for empty frames to wear in your portraits.



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Braces

Braces can be digitally removed for an extra charge (see Rate sheet).



Ladies: Makeup matters. Consider either a fresh, natural look or an "evening" look. Not too heavy on the eye liner, and nice clean mascara with no clumps. Avoid frosted eye and lip colors. Your hands will show, too, so be sure your nails are trimmed and any polish is freshly applied. Light, natural colors work best. You may be barefoot in some of your images, so the same applies to toe nails.

Gentlemen: A good shave is a must! Stubble retouching never looks as good as a clean shave. Be sure to trim your beard or mustache as you like it.