Family Session Preparation Guide

Before the Session

- Please communicate whether you have a particular setting you envision for your session (urban, nature, water) otherwise, I will choose what I think is best based on your children's ages.
- Dress like yourselves and don't overthink it. Personally, my best family photos include clothing pulled from my closet and not perfectly matched with one another. Coordinating is fine, but not totally necessary. There are just a few guidelines I have when choosing clothing:
  1. No neon. It reflects terribly off the skin and colors will not be true to print.
  2. No hats with bills, they shade the face too much.
  3. Please don't wear transition lenses. Ideally, glasses should be glare-free.
  4. I don't recommend dresses until your child is walking very well. They tend to trip them up or get caught under their knees when crawling. Rompers are a great option for babies/ toddlers.
  5. If weather allows, I much prefer bare feet on babies who are not yet standing or walking.
  6. Feel free to text or email me pics if you need help with wardrobe, I'm always happy to assist!

- I will email you the location of our shoot 1 week prior to the session.
- Have children well-rested and fed, I'm happy to pause for a snack break, but also don't want to rush because kids haven't eaten dinner.
- Please remove all smart watches and hair ties from wrists and anything bulky from pockets.
- I recommend no screen time for at least 30 min. before the session. If my arrival is the reason devices get taken away, it'll take them much longer to warm up to me.
- Please be sure to wipe kids' noses and faces, I am happy to edit out bumps, bruises, and blemishes, but will not edit out boogers or snack remnants.
- Please let me know if I *may not* bribe your children with candy.

During the Session

- Plan on spending about 45-90 minutes with me, depending on how many people and how long it takes children to warm up.
- Please don't worry if your kids are acting like kids and not sitting still for pictures. This should be a fun experience for them, and I promise you I've seen it all. I will always get what I need to fill your gallery.
- I will do a variety of photos; some posed with everyone smiling and looking, but many candids where you are playing, laughing, hugging, etc. I will direct you as necessary.
- I cannot always guarantee smiles from children, but I can guarantee beautiful photos of them that offer a snapshot of many of their characteristics.

After the Session

- I may post a teaser on social media within a few days of our session, but it is not guaranteed.
- You will receive a proofing gallery within 1-week to choose your images. Once you finalize your selections, your fully edited gallery will be delivered within 3 weeks. Rush editing is available for an additional charge.
- You are welcome to share your online gallery with friends and family, or post on social media. Word of mouth is my best advertising.
- Please do not alter the photos in your gallery in any way. If you have a specific request, please email me and I will see if I can accommodate, you may incur an extra charge.
- Print your pictures! You spent good money on these photos, be sure to print them and display them.