

PhotoLyric

Imagery

Frequently Asked Questions

Family Portrait

1. Where do I take my pictures?

Anywhere you like! All shoots are on-location, at your choice in the Greater Houston area. There are several outdoor locations that we can recommend, but we are always open for new adventures. If you prefer to do an indoor photo session, it is your responsibility to check with the location for permission and verify their fees.

2. When should I schedule my portrait session?

Portrait sessions are done all year. If you are choosing to include images in photocards or announcements, you will need to schedule your shoot at least one month prior to mailing your announcements. This will allow enough time for your images to be edited and posted; for you to view and pick favorites of your images, and enough time for your order to be printed and shipped. Contact us for available dates. In order to maintain no time limits, we schedule only one shoot per day. We do not impose time limits for photo sessions. However, sunlight has to be considered for outdoor locations (shoot will need to be within 3 hours of sunrise or sunset). There are no restrictions to indoor photo sessions except those imposed by the location you choose. Check with your location to be certain that they allow photography inside.

3. What should I wear?

Again, it's totally up to you. If you choose only one outfit for your shoot, we would suggest that you don't go too far out of your comfort zone. We want to get a reflection of the true you. For children, you will want to include at least one outfit that they can wear for casual playtime shots. If you choose two or three outfits, you can choose a different style for each, or three simple faves from the closet. Black and/or white are always "safe" colors, but for the most part you just want to stand out against your background. Ex: If we're doing a nature shoot, you'll want to stay away from greens and browns. Solid colors work best, but feel free to experiment with colors, layers, and textures.

4. Should I bring anything with me to the shoot?

You are welcome to bring anything you like to your photo session. If there are children involved in the shoot, bring special toys or sports equipment. Allow them to bring some toys that they choose. This will help hold their interest in the shoot and make for some really great shots that display their personality. Pets are part of the family, too. However, we do suggest that you also bring someone that will not be on the shoot to care for your pet while your furry friend sits out for a few shots. Personalize your shoot with props from your favorite pastimes or activities that your family is interested in. Any ideas you have on props are welcomed, and very often add quite a bit of uniqueness to the shoot. Bring water with you if your shoot is outside, especially during the warmer months.

5. How do I view my images and place an order?

We will create a photo gallery that is for your images only. You will be able to reach it from the 'Galleries' link from the PhotoLyric Imagery website. Your gallery will also be available for friends and family to view and purchase prints. We edit each image for color balance, contrast, and cropping. So, allow up to two weeks for your images to be posted. You will be sent an email as soon as they are available for viewing. From your gallery, you will be able to save your favorites and place orders for prints. You may take as much time as you like to choose your best shots. Be sure to register and log in so that your favorites are saved, and you will be able to view them from any computer with internet access. Contact us if you need any assistance.

6. How do I build my custom package?

We have designed our packaging to offer you the most options with the most control over your order as possible. You may build your package with any of the products we offer in any amounts you choose, and in any combination. Prints may be ordered online through your gallery. For other products, contact us for personalized invoicing. A complimentary DVD of all of your images will be sent with purchase orders of \$100 or more.

7. How do I reserve a date for my portrait session?

Contact us to check for availability. We schedule only one session per day so that we can give our clients all the attention they deserve. Weekday afternoons are often the easiest dates to book. For scheduling purposes, we require a non-refundable session fee of \$100 to reserve the date of your session. This fee also covers all of the initial edits to your images, and online posting of your gallery. We will send you an email invoice with payment instructions for credit/debit or check payment.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact us at kmiller@photolyricimagery.com.