

The Pre-Portrait Consultation

A pre-portrait consultation is critical to the success of your portrait experience. We will discuss the location of your session, best time of day and go over clothing options that will make you look your best. We will go over the different groupings in family sessions as well as the order they will be done. You can let us know of any suggestions or concerns you may have. Please share any ideas or photographs that you have seen before that match your style and personalities. Since our family sessions include more formal groupings as well as lifestyle images, this is a good time to tell us about things that your family enjoys doing together and suggestions of any props that you would like to incorporate. The consultation can be done in your home or at our studio. It is best done one to two weeks prior to portrait the session.

The Portrait Session

The best advice we can give you is to relax and have fun. We will have discussed the plans for the session in our pre-portrait consultation, so you should know what to expect. Don't coach the kids ahead of time. We want natural smiles and expressions. Kids have been conditioned to grin at a camera in a way that comes across as forced. Let us work with them to elicit great expressions. If one or more of your children have melt downs (it happens), just give them time to recover. A variety of images and groupings will be made during family sessions. We will begin with the more formal family grouping and then create more casual lifestyle portraits of individuals and small groups. We can't control the weather. If the weather is inclement, we will reschedule at the earliest agreeable time.

Viewing Your Portraits

When your portrait session is over, we know you will be excited to see the images as soon as possible. We need time to process and prepare the images for you. We will schedule a viewing session about 1-2 weeks after we create your portraits. We can show them to you at our studio or come to your home. We can connect our laptop to your TV if you prefer an in home presentation. We find it works best if young children are not present while viewing the images. We really look forward to presenting your images and discussing the best ways to display them.