

What to Expect

After you schedule your session date, we will decide together on a location and time to meet. Parks, historic and urban areas are great locations for photos, and I'm happy to give suggestions if you don't have a specific location in mind. Typically, sessions take place around two hours before sunset. We will spend an hour or two taking photos, both posed and candid. Expect to have a good time--the goal is to capture your true personalities, so oftentimes we just let everyone relax and play together! Children tend to need a break or two, and it's always a good idea to bring along snacks and drinks, in case they're needed! Other good items to bring are baby wipes, tissues, and hairbrushes to keep everyone clean and looking nice. Feel free to bring any props you'd like to see in your photos -- things personal or sentimental to you, and any other creative ideas you have are always welcome! Before you arrive at your session, keep in mind that children do best when they are rested, bellies are full, and perhaps a fun event or treat is promised after the session.



Thank you for choosing Lantern Tree!
You'll find information here on what you'll need to know about your upcoming photo session. Please don't hesitate to call or email with questions!

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What to Wear

Coordinate outfits as best you can, without dressing everyone exactly alike--long gone is the "family uniform!" Think color! Bold, saturated colors (blues, yellows, reds, greens, purples, oranges) are beautiful and trendy, just be sure to keep them in the same color palette (ex. don't mix pastels with bright colors). If you choose to have everyone wear the same color, treat it like an accessory, and use that color sparingly. Patterns look nice, but should be kept balanced with simple choices in the rest of your family's clothing.

One of the best ways to change up the look of your photos is to bring several layers and accessories! Think hats, scarves, sweaters, coats, jackets, ties, and hairbows. Don't forget footwear--you can even bring an extra pair of bright shoes, fun cowboy boots, high heels for your toddler--anything to add interest to your photos! Be sure to schedule any needed haircuts at least a week in advance of your session. Pinterest is a great resource to find outfit ideas for the whole family.