

Congratulations!

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Dear Guests,

Congratulations on your engagement!

I'm glad you are interested in holding your ceremony or reception at Touch of Nature.

We are fortunate to be able to host weddings and receptions in such a beautiful and natural environment.

This letter should answer some of the questions you may have about facilities, pricing, and other details. Don't forget that it will be important for you to visit our grounds so you can better visualize your big day. I will be happy to schedule a tour with you—just call or email!

I look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you,

Alan Teska

Program Director
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Frequently Asked Questions

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- { How much does it cost to have a wedding, a reception, or both at Touch of Nature?
Our Wedding Ceremony Packages start at \$1200 and Reception Packages start at \$5000. For further details, call us to set up an appointment. Also, it is important for you to see the facilities before scheduling, so call and let us give you a tour! We are happy to share the beauty of Touch of Nature with our potential clients.
- { How do I secure facilities for a certain date, and how is payment collected?
A nonrefundable deposit of 25% of the estimated total cost and a signed contract are required to reserve a date. We can work with you to set up a payment plan.
- { What is the cancellation policy?
You may cancel at any time, although the initial deposit will not be refunded.
- { What is the contingency plan in case of rain?
If you have scheduled an outdoor space for your ceremony, your package also includes an indoor setup in case of rain.
- { May I use the facilities for a rehearsal? May I decorate the ceremony space and the reception site?
Yes. Your ceremony space may be used for a rehearsal of up to one hour the day of or before your wedding. You may also have up to three hours for the decoration of the space. Additional time will cost extra.
- { Are there changing areas for the bride and the groom?
Yes. Your package includes the use of two rooms in Little Grassy Lodge for changing before and after the wedding. All rooms in Little Grassy Lodge have a private bathroom.
- { Is the site accessible to people with limited mobility?
The Camp 2 Amphitheater is accessible by wheelchair via a paved walking path. For a fee, we can provide golf cart services as needed to transport your guests to and from the wedding site(s).
- { Are restrooms easily accessible?
We have multiple restroom facilities on our property, and most of them are accessible for those with limited mobility. If there is not a restroom adjacent to your exact venue, there will be one nearby.
- { Can I have alcohol at my wedding reception?
Yes. Please inquire about our alcohol policy.
- { Who should I contact?
Alan Teska is the program director and he is looking forward in hearing from you. His contact info is at the top of this page.