

— QUESENBERRY PHOTOGRAPHY —

family, motherhood & newborn photo guide



SHOOT PREPARATION GUIDE



“We were so nervous with how the kids would act as we took pictures but Tina knew exactly what to do and put our minds at ease. These pictures I will cherish forever”

MIRANDA MANLY





Honest moments Real smiles

Don't worry, this is
going to be easy.

Taking photos can be intimidating. Even THINKING about everything involved might be enough to stress you out.

I totally get it! Getting photos & especially of your kiddos can be tricky, but my goal is to make the experience easy, stress free and (dare I say it?) even a little fun for everybody involved.

Over time I've had the chance to develop a process that takes the focus off of the traditional "sit still and smile" approach to family photos, and instead gets you and everyone moving & interacting.

Instead of a tedious studio style session, you and your kids are able to be the beautiful little characters they are, and you get to walk away with photos that are 100% real & genuine.

My promise is that you'll have beautiful intimate photos, without all the stress. Sound good?

Without further ado, let's dive in to some tips & info to prepare for your session.





What to expect

Let's hang out, take some photos and enjoy the process.

First off, if you've never had photos taken before - It's going to be waaaay easier and more fun than you probably expect!

A typical session will start off by spending a few minutes together just hanging out in your home or walking to our session location. This gives everyone (kids, family pet, everyone) a chance to get used to me and let off a little bit of energy in the process.

Once we're ready to take a few photos, rather than traditional poses, we'll start off with letting your kids explore the location and I'll use prompts and games to get their interest. This keeps your kids engaged and focused and helps bring out those natural smiles, laughs and connection.


I've got a handful of favorite activities that will give you guys something to do and get the interactions started.

Every family and every child is unique, so your session is really totally up to you. Ahead of time I'll get you to share a little bit about each child so that we can choose activities that fit them best.

Once your kiddo(s) have had a chance to let out this energy, grabbing a few formal photos is far more simple and easy.

And that's essentially all there is to it!



A photograph of a man in a grey hoodie and tan pants carrying a young child on his shoulders. The man is pointing towards a lake in the background. Another child is visible in the foreground, also pointing. The scene is outdoors with trees and a wooden walkway.

I absolutely love Tina's method of capturing the essence of our family just doing our own thing. There was no pressure to overthink anything but to just go with the flow. The final outcome were truly treasured memories that we can't stop looking at. Each image brings back such beautiful memories.

LAURA KRAFT



Lifestyle Family Session

Lifestyle sessions take the focus off of the set & poses photos, and instead focuses on capturing your family & those moments. These sessions can take place at your own home or outdoors in one of our many beautiful locations here in Bavaria.

For outdoors sessions we'll typically meet at an easy to find location in town a few minutes before the start of the session. This way you are able to follow me to the shoot location, which can often be hard to find on a map.

A typical session will start off by spending a few minutes together just hanging out in your home or walking to our session location from the parking spot. This gives everyone (kids, family pet, everyone) a chance to get used to me and let off a little bit of energy in the process.

Once we're ready to take a few photos, rather than traditional poses, we'll start off with letting your kids explore the location and I'll use prompts and games to get their interest. This keeps your kids engaged and focused and helps bring out those natural smiles, laughs and connections.

The focus of your session will be on incorporating real life activities to help tell the story of this unique moment in your journey as a family.



Session Selection

In Home Newborn Lifestyle Session

Lifestyle sessions take the focus off of the set & poses photos, and instead focuses on capturing your family & it's newest member in a candid & real life kind of way. One of the best parts about these sessions is that they take place at your own home, which makes the process much easier and less stressful for little infants.

When I first arrive we'll simply hang out for a few minutes and I'll spend some time with any older children so that everyone is feeling comfortable by the time we start. I'll have a look around your home for the best lighting, and might get you to move some furniture around to get the best set up. Everything will be returned to it's original place before I leave!

It's likely we'll use your bedroom at some point during the session, so please try and put on a light duvet or cover on beforehand – Creams, pastels & muted colors work best with a newborn's skin tones.

The focus of your session will be on incorporating real life activities to help tell the story of this unique moment in your journey as a family. Incorporating every family member into this celebration, as well as family pets, any heirlooms or special itmes that you hold near and dear & making sure to capture all those tiny details of your new family member. If authentic true to life photos is what you're after, then the in home lifestyle session is for you!



Lifestyle Maternity Session

Lifestyle maternity sessions are intimate and capture the nurturing & growing side of this season of your life.

These documentary style sessions can be held in your own home, baby's nursery or outdoors. Each family and mother is unique and the session can be tailored to show your story.

Bump sessions are typically scheduled between weeks 32 - 36 of pregnancy. Every Mama carries differently and sessions dates will be scheduled after a consultation to decide the best date.

When deciding whether you'd prefer an outdoor or in-home session consider how you'd like to remember this time or if you are more comfortable in your own home vs. a short hike in the fields.

Celebrate your baby & this special time in your life with one of these unique lifestyle sessions.



Lifestyle Couples Session

Lifestyle sessions are one of the best ways to capture genuine love and moments. They take the pressure off of traditional posing and instead focus on getting those adorable interactions between you and your partner.

Tickle fights, goofy jokes, piggy back rides and more are what's in store for you during one of these sessions. You'll probably be tackled to the ground by your favorite person & be covered in kisses. So prepare to make some fun memories.

These sessions are so diverse since they tell your love story and can take place anywhere from in your kitchen to a secret spot deep in the Bavarian forest. Bring your pup, some brews or your favorite pizza.

Telling love stories is what this package is all about.



Motherhood Session

The first few months of your baby's life are about fostering and nurturing a connection & one of the strongest, deepest connections a child will ever have is with their mother.

Connect with your child one on one, without any distractions.

These sessions are about giving you the space and time you need with your child. I'll be observing and documenting your connection without posing you or taking you out of that moment.

The perfect location and lighting will only add to that sense of peace & joy you'll have while looking down at your little one.

I'll guide you through the shoot without interfering with your bond & without judgement. Your body & your baby deserve a safe space.

This package is for mom's who want to preserve that moment & foster a deeper connection to their child.

This family is showing off the perfect example of wearing what you would most feel comfortable in while also looking amazing.

Color matched mom with warm earth tones found throughout the home & matched the material with natural textures present in the fabrics (linen, light cotton). Father & son in complimentary blue hues to balance the warm browns.



What To Wear

Outfit tips & examples:

The outfits you choose for your session are one of the most important factors in your photos. Not only do they play a huge role in the visual aspect of the photos, but whether or not your child feels comfortable has a huge effect on their mood & energy.

Below I have some suggestions for outfits, but the single most important tip I can give you is to ALWAYS place comfort at the top of your priority list. Think about the personalities of everyone and make sure to incorporate that into the planning of your outfits.

1) CHOOSE CLOTHING THAT YOU & YOUR CHILD LIKES TO WEAR.

If you have a specific outfit or look in mind, get them wearing that outfit 3-4 weeks ahead of time so that they can get used to it. Please don't put them into their outfit for the first time before our session.

2) COORDINATE COLORS, BUT DON'T OVER-MATCH

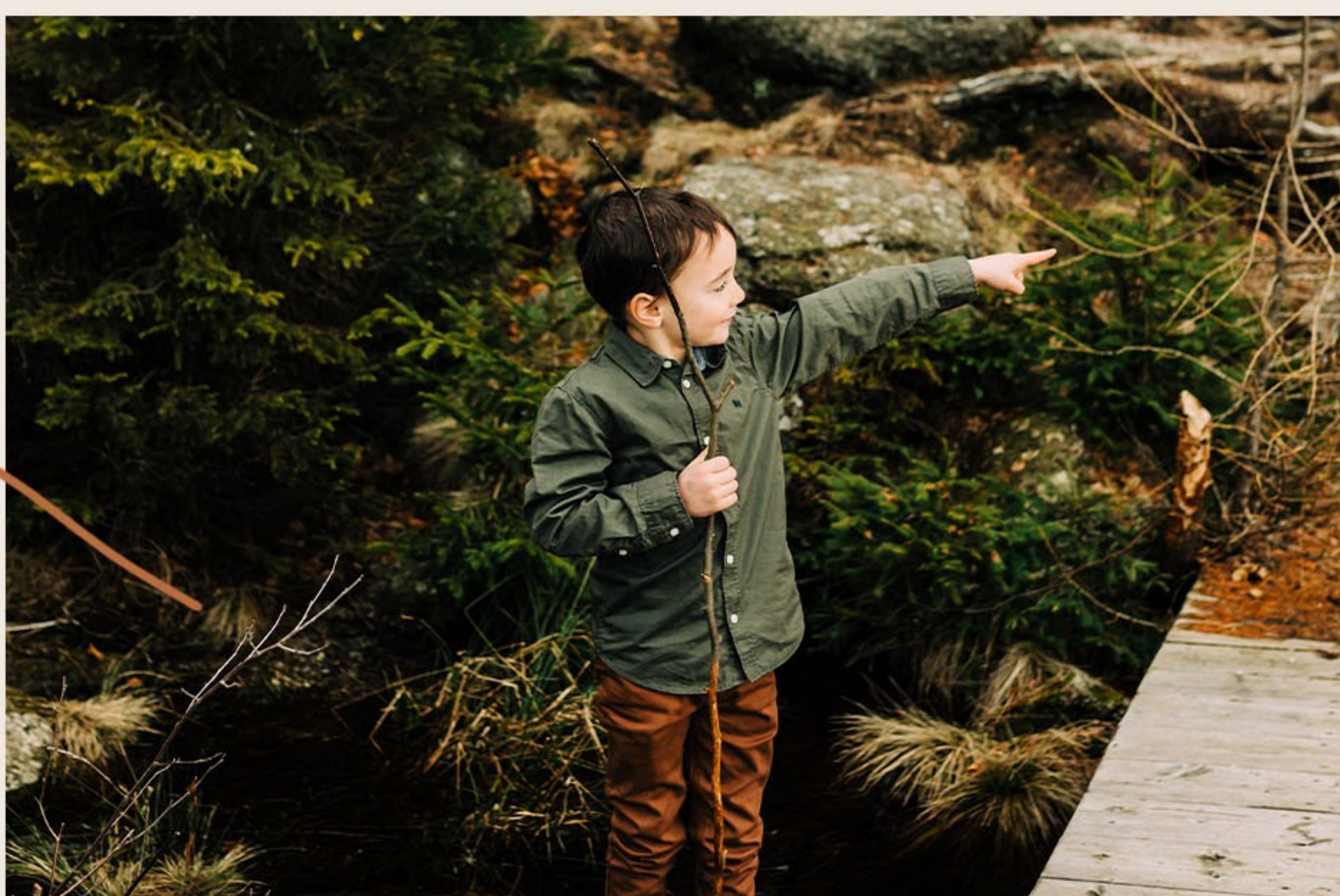
Earth tones, pastels or neutrals will have the best results on camera and give your photos a cohesive look without being "too matchy"

3) ADD LAYERS FOR MOVEMENT & ACCESSORIES FOR INTEREST.

A shawl, dress or loose jacket will accentuate movement in photos. Necklaces, hats, scarves, bracelets etc. add an extra little touch to an outfit and translate really well in photos.

What to wear

outfit examples



- Aim for neutral colors / pastels
- Avoid bright, fluorescent colors
- Pull colors for additional outfits by either:

- using similar color tones in the profile
- complimentary colors on opposite sides of the wheel (these colors pop when contrasted with each other)
- analogous colors that are next to each other on the wheel (they are friendly neighbors and do not overly contrast each other but instead compliment the tones)

COLORS



What to wear

outfit examples



In-Home

- All of the same applies, but for my couples, maternity & newborn in-home sessions I say the cozier the better!
- Pull stuff you normally wear, stuff that's already in your closet that you love and feel yourselves in.
- An old band t shirt and ripped jeans? Perfect. Your husbands fav nerd shirt. Yass.
- As long as it represented what you guys are like right now, thats all that matters.
- Plus, guys are usually not all that stoked about putting on a collared ironed button up with dress shoes if they're used to wearing flannels and Chacos every day. Pinky promise they'll be way more happy to be at the shoot if you don't force an outfit he thinks is stupid.

What to wear



- Props don't have to be stereotypical! Props could be a dominos pizza picnic, a motorcycle, your naked cats (if you have a dog and don't bring it I'll be hella mad), blankets, a truck/car, a campfire, a bouquet, a paddle board, etc.

- Also did I mention food? Food food food



examples

Props



What To Bring

Things to bring

Bringing props along is always a big fat YES in my books. My answer to this is always yes!

In particular there are a few items I find are always great to bring along for your session:

1) Favorite snacks, treats, juice boxes etc

Anything you can bring to help make sure your little kiddo is happy is a definite YES. Bringing along little treats as a reward is a great way to encourage positive behaviour and make the experience fun for your child.

2) Meaningful items / memories

Part of the reason behind family photos is to capture this unique time in your child's life. If there are certain toys or items that you want to document feel free to bring them along.

3) An extra jacket / pair of shoes / outfit change (Just in case)

A backup is always better to have and not need than need and not have.



- Packages -



NEWBORN BASIC

up to 2 hrs

1 in-home location

Vilseck area and 20km radius

2-3 outfits

20 photos

price: €250



MILESTONES

30 mins

Vilseck local location

1 outfit

10 photos

price: €125



NEWBORN LUXURY

up to 2 hrs

1 in-home location

Vilseck area and 20km radius

2-3 outfits

30 photos

price: €300

- Packages -



MATERNITY

up to 2 hrs

1 in-home location

2 outfits

20 photos

price: €225

MATERNITY & NEWBORN BUNDLE

one 45 min maternity session

in-home or outdoor location

10 photos

one 2 hr newborn session

30 photos

2 set total

price: €400



- Packages -



FAMILY LIFESTYLE BASIC

up to 1 hr

1 Vilseck local location

1 outfit

15 photos

price: €225

FAMILY LIFESTYLE LUXURY

up to 1 hr

1-2 Vilseck local locations

2 outfits

30 photos

price: €250



- Packages -



COUPLES LIFESTYLE BASIC

up to 1 hr

1 location

1 outfit

20 photos

price: €250

COUPLES LIFESTYLE LUXURY

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Let's Talk Details

What time should we choose?

Lighting is the number one most important element in creating breathtaking photos! The best light is about an hour before sunset, So ideally we'll meet in the evening.

Where will we go?

The location really comes down to what you want in your photos. Send me a few example shots of photos you love and I can provide some suggestions in our area.

Can we bring our dog/cat/pet turtle?

We can absolutely take photos with your furry family member! If you want to bring along a pet I always suggest you have walked them beforehand so some of their energy is out already. Don't forget treats as well!







Let me start by saying if you have ever had the opportunity to work with Tina, you know that you found a GEM. I have done couple photoshoots with other photographers in the past but after this, the bar is so incredibly high I don't even think it's possible to find someone as wonderful.

LAUREN HITT







DO YOU TRAVEL FOR SHOOTS?

Yes! I love to adventure and explore. Session rates may vary depending on the location, so just let me know what you have in mind and we can go from there.

CAN WE DO MULTIPLE LOCATIONS?

Absolutely. My typical shoots last for about 60 minutes, so we can either split time between locations or add on extra time for a set rate. In general I tend to favor locations that give us lots of variety without having to spend session time travelling from one spot to another.

WHEN / HOW WILL WE RECEIVE OUR PHOTOS?


Post-processing is the most time intensive part of your shoot, and so typically my session turnaround is about 2-3 weeks. Photos are delivered via digital download for instant access and easy sharing.

HOW DO WE BOOK OUR SHOOT?

To book simply send a message or use my booking form on my website and we'll find a date together! In order to hold your session I require a retainer & signed contract.

DO YOU PROVIDE ALBUMS & PRINTS?

Absolutely. While your session fee includes the session & digital files only, I also offer custom designed albums, keepsakes and professional prints after your session.



DO I HAVE TO USE YOUR STUDIO FOR PRINTS?

Many studios add a watermark or force you to print through them – I'm not a big fan of that route. While I offer albums and prints through my studio, the way we see it is you've invested money for great photos, so you should have the freedom to print them wherever you want for personal use.

WHAT IF MY KIDS WON'T ENGAGE?

That's okay! Many children are shy or have a hard time with posing for photos - Which is why we forget the posing and just get you all hanging out and loving on each other! You just enjoy the moment and I'll worry about the photos.

CAN I CANCEL / RESCHEDULE?

Once booked all retainers are non refundable, as I am holding the date for you and turning away other clients. If you need to reschedule, a €25 rescheduling fee will apply.

WHEN SHOULD I BOOK?

Booking well in advance is recommended! My current wait times for session openings are around 6 weeks, but cancellations do happen once in a while! Please reach out as soon as possible and I'll see if I have availability.



ARE SESSIONS INDOORS OR OUTDOORS?

All session locations are chosen in collaboration with you, to bring your unique vision to life. Indoors or outdoors - we'll make it happen!

WHEN IS MY PAYMENT DUE?

Your retainer is due before the date can be reserved. The remainder of your balance is to be paid no later than by the date of your session. Photos cannot be edited until payment has been made in full.

WHAT FORMS OF PAYMENT DO YOU TAKE?


I accept payment via bank transfer, paypal or cash. Contact me for payment details & to book your session.

WHAT HAPPENS IF IT RAINS?

If your shoot date gets rained out, we can either select an alternate location or reschedule on a date that fits you. Or we always can splash around in the rain!

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

If you still have questions, please feel free to reach out to me directly and I'll be happy to help!





That's all there is to it!



I hope this guide has answered
all your questions!

The main goal of your photos is to capture your family and
real, honest moments. So bring your authentic selves and do
your best to relax and have fun!

If you still have any questions anytime along the way just let
me know. You can send me an email at
quesenberryphotography@yahoo.com or reach out to me on
social media and let's connect!

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Talk soon! Bis bald!

-Tina

— THANK YOU! —

perfect moments captured.



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