So You've Decided To Come Our Wedding

A Practical Guide To Figuring Out What Exactly Is Going On Here And Maximizing Your Fun

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What's with the mug?

This is *your* mug now. Drink out of it, use it to save your seat, and after the wedding keep it forever or release it back into the thrift store wilds where our friend Erica Gunderson found it.

What should I do before the ceremony?

The bar is located inside the cabin, so do what you feel with that information. There's also a place inside to drop off anything you brought with you. Clock where the bathrooms are (some inside and a fancy Porta-potty behind the cabin). Mingle. Sign the guestbook.

When the music stops (5:30-ish), please take your seat for the ceremony.

Who are all these fancy people, anyway?

Anne Peepas - Mother of the Bride
Franklin Peepas - Father of the Bride
Janet Noah Nichols - Mother of the Groom
Jimmy Nichols - Father of the Groom

Tasha Robinson - Officiant
Tonya Rae Moore - Matron of Honor
Lani Tucker - Matron of Honor
Amos Bransford - Best Man
Michael Johnson - Best Man
Rubin Ford Spiegel - Ring-bearer
Rosalind Tucker - Flower Girl

Readers: Nancy Williams, Zach Litwack
Ushers: Chase Arbeiter, Marc Suttle, Michael Polino, Jadon Nichols

Well, that was nice. Now what?

The newlyweds and our parents and siblings and wedding party are going to take a few photos. Have a drink and some snacks. Watch adorable small children run all over the campsite. Snap selfies and photos of us & with us. Dinner should be up at 6:30-ish.

Where should I sit at dinner?

There's a table set aside for the wedding party. Other than that, please sit anywhere you like. Dinner will be served buffet-style, so, help yourself.

Will there be toasts?

Darn right there'll be toasts.

Ha-ha, I'm going to clink my glass to make the couple kiss!

No. But you can come up and roll a D20 if you want. Roll 11-20, we kiss. 1-10, you have to kiss somebody.

Have you heard? There's an election coming up!

Yes. As our dearly departed grandmothers Louise Michaud and Nita Noah would say, "We have a secret ballot in this country for a reason. Please keep your secrets!" Translation: For one day, NO
ELECTION TALK, for the love of God. And our grandmothers. And everyone, really.

Party!!!

If you love to dance at weddings, awesome! The dance floor is wherever you want it to be. There's also a karaoke machine and a little stage inside the cabin.

If you're not a big dancing-at-weddings person, well, neither are the bride & groom. We'll probably dance a little but mostly we just want to talk to all of you.

Assuming it doesn't rain, we're gonna light a giant bonfire. You can toast S'mores on it, tell spooky stories around it & try to keep the little kids from touching it.

We've got games of both the "lawn" & "board" variety: Apples To Apples, Cards Against Matrimony, Time's Up, Beyond Balderdash, Kubb, Giant Jenga.

I'm beat. Time to get going!

If you're staying at the Courtyard Marriott nearby, the hotel shuttle is scheduled to pick people up at 11:00 pm and 11:30. The last Metra leaves from Glencoe station at 11:12 pm - throw on some glowsticks so you're visible to cars if you're walking there. Lyft & Uber can take you back to the city or to a nearby hotel, though there may be a bit of a wait.

Whatever you do, please, please do not drink & drive. We have the cabin until tomorrow for just this purpose. Sack out on a lumpy couch & sober up. No shame!

We'll show the folks a brand-new dance that never has been done
I don't care who thinks we're silly
You'll be daffy and I'll be dilly
We'll order up two bowls of chili
Settin' the woods on fire

I'll gas up my hot-rod stoker
We'll get hotter than a poker
You'll be broke but I'll be broker
Tonight we're settin' the woods on fire

We'll sit close to one another
Up one street and down the other
We'll have time, oh brother
Settin' the woods on fire

We'll put aside a little time to fix a flat or two
My tires and tubes are doin' fine but the air is showin' through

You clap hands and I'll start bowin'
We'll do all the law's allowin'
Tomorrow I'll be right back plowin'
Settin' the woods on fire

Does your wedding have an official song?

We're glad you asked. Yes it does.

Settin' the Woods on Fire - Hank Williams

Comb your hair and paint and powder
You act proud and I'll act prouser
You sing loud and I'll sing louder
Tonight we're settin' the woods on fire

You're my gal and I'm your feller
Dress up in your frock of yeller
I'll look swell but you'll look sweller
Settin' the woods on fire

We'll take in all the honky-tonks, tonight we're having fun

Songwriters: Ed Nelson Sr. / Fred Rose
Settin' the Woods on Fire lyrics © Sony/ATV Music Publishing LLC

The mushy stuff:

We are so grateful and happy to see all of you tonight and celebrate our marriage. We couldn't have done any of this without the generosity and support of our friends and families.

All the love and thanks in the world to you. #feelings