Top tips: WARM WEATHER WEDDINGS

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The summer months in both Texas + Oklahoma can get quite warm — but that doesn’t mean you shouldn’t or can’t get married outdoors!

Hosting a warm weather wedding is totally doable! Here at The Springs, we host outdoor weddings all summer long and each and every one is an actual dream.

So... if this happens to be YOUR dream, let’s go ahead and make that happen, shall we? :)

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01. CHOOSE A LATER START TIME FOR YOUR CEREMONY
The later in the day you make it, the cooler it will be outside.

02. KEEP YOUR OUTDOOR CEREMONY IN MIND WHILE DRESS SHOPPING
Same goes for the bridesmaid, groom, and groomsmen attire. We have even seen couples play into the summer heat with tropical wedding themes. The groom and groomsmen opted to not wear suits which was on theme, budget-friendly, and comfortable for a summer outdoor wedding!

03. PRINT YOUR PROGRAMS ON THICK CARDSTOCK OR MAKE THEM INTO FANS
Trust us, your guests will LOVE YOU for this. We have also seen couples order pretty, paper fans. You can have these stationed somewhere on the way to the ceremony site (maybe next to the guest book or water station) or you can have a paper fan preset on each chair.

04. INFORM YOUR GUESTS AHEAD OF TIME THAT THE CEREMONY WILL BE OUTSIDE
Send out an email or some sort of message encouraging your guests to dress lightly — give them permission to dress for the season.
05. CONSIDER WEARING YOUR HAIR UP + HAVE YOUR MAKEUP SET
Having your hair up will keep you as cool as possible throughout the evening and having your makeup set will help keep you from sweating it off. Same goes for your bridesmaids!

06. CONSIDER DOING A FIRST LOOK + WEDDING PARTY PHOTOS BEFORE THE CEREMONY
It may be a bit warmer (since it will be earlier in the day), but it will also cut down on the time you will have to spend outdoors following your ceremony — all that’s left will be family portraits. You will be able to knock these out and get the INDOOR party started much more quickly.

07. HAVE A WATER STATION AVAILABLE UPON ARRIVAL
If you only do one thing from this list, let it be this one. Keeping everyone well-hydrated will be the most crucial component to the success of your outdoor, summertime wedding. The same goes for the bride, groom, and wedding party — lots of water!

08. ALLOW GUESTS TO WAIT INSIDE BEFORE THE CEREMONY BEGINS
You do not have to necessarily let everyone wait inside, but we do recommend letting your older guests do so. If you're up for it, let everyone enjoy some A/C indoors as they wait!
09. ORDER PAPER PARASOLS
These will help keep much of the sun off of your guests during the ceremony and look so cute in photos.

10. HAVE YOUR GUESTS HANG OUT UNDER THE COVERED AREAS UPON ARRIVAL
We suggest setting up your water stations here. In addition to water stations, you could also offer popsicles, snow cones, or ice cream. When the time is ready, have your officiant, DJ, or coordinator make an announcement, informing your guests that it’s time to grab a seat.

11. START YOUR CEREMONY ON TIME & KEEP IT SHORT AND SWEET
This keeps your guests out in the heat for as little time as possible.

12. OFFER YOUR GUESTS COLD DRINKS
As your guests head back inside for the reception, offer cold drinks as part of your cocktail hour.

13. PACK AN EXTRA SHIRT FOR ANYONE WEARING A BUTTON-UP
For anyone in the wedding party who will be wearing a button-up, have them bring an extra shirt (same color) to change into after the ceremony and prior to the reception. This way, they'll be clean and dry and ready to celebrate — no sweat!
Warm weather wedding – let's make this happen!

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Happy Planning!

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