

JHEY PHOTO FAMILY GUIDE



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BEFORE YOUR SESSION

1 **Communication**

I'll reach out the week of your session once we have a better idea of the weather to confirm the details. Feel free if there is a pose or idea you'd like to try. I'm here to capture your idea of your perfect family photos. In the meantime, feel free to reach out if you have any questions!

2 **Location**

If you haven't already chosen your location, now's a great time to decide! I have a location guide available if you need help narrowing it down—just let me know. I recommend choosing location(s) that mean something to you! Otherwise, I would pick locations that match the vibe you'd like to portray. It can be anything from a gravel road, to a sunflower field, to an alleyway. If you need help brainstorming though, please reach out!

3 **Outfits**

When it comes to outfits, I recommend coordinating rather than matching. You don't all need to wear the same color—just aim for a nice balance of tones and neutrals that complement each other. Try to limit busy patterns, and most importantly, wear something that makes you feel confident and comfortable. If you wear blue light glasses or transition lenses, be ready to take them off or wear a different pair of glasses. Dress kids in comfortable clothing! Avoid itchy fabrics, stiff shoes, or anything that might make them too hot or too cold.

DURING & AFTER YOUR SESSION

1 Combos
I usually like to start with the biggest group and then work down from there focusing on when the kids are the happiest.

2 Don't Rush
Trust me. Don't rush it. I've been doing this for a long time and know how to maximize the time we spend together and capture a variety of poses and family combinations.

3 Props
Include props that can show your personality as well! It also helps people relax in front of the camera! Think a picnic blanket, chairs, favorite toys, bubbles, etc.

4 Payment
Payment is due at the time of the shoot, and I accept Venmo, check, cash or PayPal!

5 Gallery
All of my packages include basic editing; color, crop, contrast, and exposure. I will deliver an online gallery within three weeks of the photoshoot. You will be able to create favorites lists, order prints online, and download your images.





TIPS FOR KIDS

- 1 Be excited!**
Talk about how fun photos are going to be and how excited you are. They will feed off your energy.
- 2 Play games instead of posing.**
We can get fun photos having a tickle fight, playing red light green light, running circles around parents, etc.
- 3 Make them feel at home.**
Bring toys, music, or anything that makes them smile and feel comfortable.
- 4 Don't be overwhelming.**
When there are ten people all yelling commands, it can be overwhelming and confusing for the kids. Keep it simple by having one family member behind me so they have a familiar face.
- 5 Don't force anything**
If they don't want to stand still, walk. If they don't want to sit, do a piggyback ride.
- 6 Don't expect perfection.**
Life isn't perfect, especially with kiddos, so let your photos reflect it! Silly faces, hairs out of place, dirt on the outfit, all of it can be part of the shoot! Don't expect your kids to do what the kids on Pinterest are doing (not to mention you probably pinned the best photo from 40 different photoshoots). Let your kids be their best versions of themselves instead of expecting them to be someone else!