

## How to Respect Your Photographer

*A photography session is a fun way to get creative for both the photographer and the subject. Here is how to make the planning and the session a little easier for both of us.*

### Respect the Paycheck

1. Deposits are often required for a reason. Not all clients are guilty of last-minute cancellations or pulling a Houdini when it's time to pay up, but deposits are usually required as a safety net against those who do (this is common in nearly all creative field). Every photographer has been scammed out of payment at some point in their career. The deposit provides us with some security that we will at least receive a little reward for our efforts.
2. Same goes for cancellation fees. While it's easy for a client to pick up the phone and cancel or even reschedule, it does put the photographer in a difficult position. Sometimes we rent equipment or we move things around in our own schedule to work with you. Please, respect our need to charge a cancellation fee, especially if it's last minute.
3. Be honest about YOUR price range. Us photographers love our job! I personally want to shoot as much as I can. If the rate suggested seems out of your budget, tell me up front. A shorter, less expensive session may be arranged.

### Respect the Style

1. Each photographer has his or her own style preferences. I prefer a candid, natural look, while others prefer a posed studio look. Skim over my portfolio and show me photography styles that you like so I can get an idea of what you want.
2. Sometimes a photographer will position or turn you in a way that doesn't feel natural, but usually these efforts are made to slim the body or to help with lighting issues. If it's not completely uncomfortable, just trust that they know what they're doing. If it turns out to be a bad idea, you probably won't see the finished product anyway. Photographers love to experiment, but that doesn't mean every shot works out!
3. Please be mindful of what conditions your photographer likes to shoot in/ is comfortable in. I personally prefer natural light found in the early evening or in the shade. Shooting at noon outside is a little more difficult and can result in lower quality photographs.

### Respect Yourself!

1. You are the subject! We want you to LOVE your photos! Be vocal about what you want, whether that's a certain scenery/location or a style of photography. Thanks to the wonderful world of Pinterest, it's easy to find inspiration to send to your photographer to get an idea of what you want.
2. Be yourself. To me, the most beautiful photos are the ones that really show who you are. Don't be shy (I know it's hard.... I'm shy too).
3. Also be vocal about what you DON'T like. If you think railroad photos are cheesy and overdone, I don't want to waste your time by taking your picture at one.

*I hope these tips help you in planning future session, whether you schedule them with Scribbled Shenanigans or elsewhere!*