

A photograph of a bride and groom in a forest. The bride is wearing a white, long-sleeved wedding dress with a long train, and the groom is wearing a dark suit. They are standing on a gravel path, looking at each other. A large, semi-transparent circular logo is overlaid on the image. The logo features a stylized 'C' with a horizontal line through it, and the word 'aptured' in a serif font. Above the 'C' are two small diamond shapes. Below the 'C' and 'aptured' is the text 'by Midwest Lakeside Photography' in a smaller, sans-serif font.

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this is captured.

WELCOME

Hey there!

You're probably feeling overwhelmed with all the wedding information out there. Don't worry. You aren't alone.

We are seasoned professionals, here to help you document one of the biggest days of your life. Together we'll create beautiful memories for years to come.

This planning guide is meant to help you through all of your photography-related questions. So just read through, relax and get excited for your big day!

If you still have questions, don't hesitate to ask! We are here for you every step of the way.

XOXO

The Team @ MLSP

Meet the Team

At the top, you'll find Scott and Jen. They are the husband and wife team that owns Midwest LifeShots Photography. They love all things Disney, their kiddos and a good game night, bringing their years of marriage experience to each wedding they photograph!

Next, meet Renae and Olivia. Renae is a mama of two and always on the lookout for the sweetest moments on your big day. Olivia is our perfectionist. We'll get you posed, then she'll tweak it and make it that much better!

Then we have Danielle and Hailey. Definitely the coolest people on our crew. These two have a pulse on the latest trends and are our true wildflowers, we love them so much.

Last but not least meet Meredith and Gabrielle. Meredith can crack a joke at any given moment and was born to work in the wedding industry. Gabrielle is also about to get married just like you. She has been such a bright light in our company.

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*a picture
perfect day*



engagements

Engagement sessions add so much to the story of who you are as a couple. They are also an ideal way to become more comfortable in front of our lens before your wedding day.

Your engagement session can be as simple as a stroll through your favorite park, a latte at your favorite coffee shop or even a romantic return to where you got engaged. It can be anything you can imagine to share the imagery of your personal love story.

Formal or informal, images from your engagement session are beautiful for your walls and also make for a wonderful signing book. They help to craft the whole story and can even be used for save-the-date cards, invites or even thank you cards after your big day.

Ali + Alexa

These two are so special. We met up with them during the coldest time of the year and did an indoor studio session. They make each other laugh and their smiles are infectious. Hanging out with them in the studio and creating magic was something we will never forget. Take a peek at some of our favorite images from their engagement session on the next two pages.



ALI + ALEXA



A romantic photograph of a couple in a field of tall, golden-brown grass. The woman, with long blonde hair, is wearing a rust-colored, long-sleeved dress and is smiling as she looks down. The man, with dark hair and a beard, is wearing a red, white, and blue plaid shirt and is kissing her on the cheek. The background is a soft-focus field of similar grasses under a warm, golden light.

Emily + Robert

What an adorable couple. We spent a beautiful fall evening with these two and it was magical. They giggled, cuddled and were just overall adorable. We chatted about their upcoming summer nuptials and it made us even more excited to photograph their big day. Enjoy looking at some of their amazing images from their session on the next two pages.

EMILY + ROBERT





weddings.

You've dreamt about this day forever, planning every little detail. We are here to capture it for you perfectly.

You don't want to forget the look your Groom had when he first saw you or how your Maid-of-Honor cried during your Father-Daughter dance. You'll want to remember how you laughed during your vows.

Weddings are our favorite thing. We love being there to make sure your day goes smoothly. We'll be the ones to grab you a quick snack when you don't want to get bombarded by your guests. We'll fix your hair if the wind takes it out of a bobby pin.

We have your back.



Mariah + Gavin

There are so many words we could use to describe this day; beautiful, romantic, creative, fun, personal. The one word to sum it all up though is perfect. Mariah thought of every detail down to the take home containers with a drawing of one of their engagement photos on them. We cannot be more thankful that Mariah and Gavin chose us to photograph their big day.

MARIAH + GAVIN





Brianna + Grant

These two met in the SEVENTH GRADE! They overflow with love and respect for not only each other but also everyone around them and especially those who are no longer with us. We cried, we laughed, we sang, we hugged. We couldn't be happier to have gotten the honor of photographing their sweet day. From seventh grade to forever, Brianna and Grant!

BRIANNA + GRANT





tips n tricks

Before your engagement session, be sure to try on your wardrobe options to make sure they look & feel the way you want. While it is great to compliment your future spouse, by no means do you need to wear matching outfits.

Bring a few more accessories & outfits than you actually plan on wearing. It's always a good idea to have options!

If you're wondering what to wear on your wedding day while getting ready, wear something comfortable! You'll want to start off your day feeling relaxed, perhaps with a tank top, leggings and a robe.

Is your skin looking a little dry? Remember to stay hydrated the week before your shoot. For an added glow, avoid alcohol & extra salty foods. Hydration helps provide healthy skin!

Are you thinking about getting a spray tan & using tanning lotion before your big day? Don't do it! Aside from the unwanted streaks these products often leave, they also give your skin an orange tint that isn't flattering in photos.

Remember to relax & have fun! We'll take care of all the nitty-gritty details. Just sit back and enjoy every moment!

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Details help tell the story of your wedding and one often some of our clients' favorite images to include in albums & prints.

Gather all your details before the day starts so we can photograph them quickly. This makes the getting-ready portion of the day go by much more smoothly and it allows us to spend more time focusing on the spontaneous moments when everyone is together.

Detail shot ideas: rings, jewelry, hair pieces, flowers, shoes, socks, cuff Detail shot ideas: rings, jewelry links, letters, pictures, gifts, cultural items, invitations, programs, printed pieces and any unique items you treasure.



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