



CONGRATULATIONS SENIOR!

I'm so excited about your upcoming senior session with Summer Bear Photography and that you're officially one of my #summerbearseniors!!

When you book when me, you will receive a senior questionaire to help me learn a little more about you. This will assist me with choosing your locations, helping you put together outfits and making your session experience custom to you. Below is a lof of information regarding hair and makeup, for the ladies and tips for the guys, along with outfit selection, what to expect at your session, and more. Please read it thoroughly! Neglecting to read this guide can result in poor senior portrait experience, and most frequently asked questions are answered right her in this guide.

Your session is going to begin at a pre-determined location based on your answers to your questionnaire. We will meet there approximately 15 minutes before the beginning of the session, so I can help finalize outfit choices. Please try your absolute best to arrive on time, if not a few minutes early. As a mainly natural light photographer, your senior session is scheduled 2 hours before the sunsets. After the sun sets we can no longer shoot, unless agreed upon before hand. If you arrive more than 30 minutes late for your session the final number of images will be effected. If an hour late, we will need to reschedule for an additional fee.



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1. BE COMFORABLE

If you do not like fitted clothing (super tight dresses or pieces that fit awkwardly) then leave them at home! If there are pieces in your closet that make you feel self-concious or uncomfortable, don't include them in your senior portrait wardrobe!

Additionally, we will most likely be sitting on the ground, laying down, walking and doing other things that could be difficult if your clothing is uncomfortable!

2. BE BRIGHT & THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX

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3. ADD LAYERS

In the cold months, adding layers to your outfits always looks STUNNING in portraits! A sweater with a flannel undernath paired with a vest or scarf adds so much dimension to your images and makes for super fun posing options! For guys, simply adding a neutral color t-shirt under a button down looks great! Special note: don't wear shirts with logos or other wording on it, as it distracts from you. Make sure that you wear a slim-fit shirt, even if you are a bigger guy. Boxy loose shirts make you appear wider than you are...no bueno.

Remember: even in the warmer months layers are great and worth bringing along.

4. PLAY WITH TEXTURES

Sometimes textures like sequins, furs, sparkles, and chains can be considered "daring" or "over the top" but in portraits, they are the BEST! Adding texture to your outfit makes the biggest difference, and it prevents the images from looking dull. Combining textures that you may not normally use together like sequins and sweaters or leather and fur can make great pairs.

5. DON'T BE AFRAID TO ACCESSORIZE

During a senior session, or any photo shoot, the more the merrier! When planning your outfits, don't forget to plan accessories!! Stacks of bangles, long necklaces, statement pieces, scarves, hats, bright shoes and other add-ons can make or break an outfit!

Special note to the guys: don't forget a couple options for belts, ties, shoes, socks and feel free to add on a special piece of jewlery, guys can rock it just the same as girls.

6. MIX IT UP

When planning your outfits, make sure that you have a VARIETY of looks! I tell all of my seniors to choose from these categories:
casual, cozy, dressy, school-related, sports-related, preppy or edgy.
I always recommend choosing 2-3 of those categories and finding outfits accordingly.
This provides a beautiful array of looks during your senior portrait session,
so each outfit looks dramatically different!



HAIR, MAKE-UP & GROOMING

Additionally, I highly recommend all Seniors both guys and girls, invest in grooming, (i.e.) hair, make-up,manicure, etc..lf it is within your budget hiring a professional for your hair and makeup will make a drastic difference in the quality of your photos and senior portrait experience..

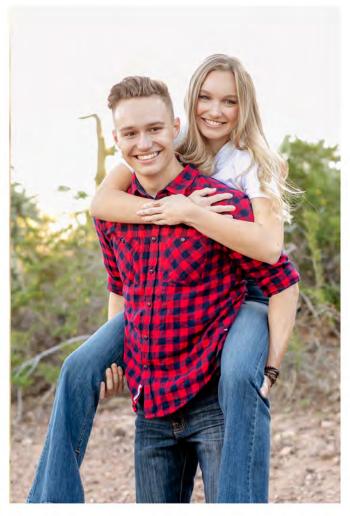
Guys this doesn't exclude you, lol. Make sure you cut or trim your hair at least 2 weeks before your session. Trim up your facial hair, at a barbar shop if possible.

A little make-up isn't going to hurt you, remember all your favorite bad-ass actors wear make--up every time they are on screen.

You have already made a large investment in your senior portraits, so why not make it the best it can be?

So, why exxactly is it so important?





1. THEY ARE TRAINED PROFESSIONALS

When you are investing in a professional photographer, you want to make sure that the images look their absolute best. Professional hair & makeup artists are TRAINED to do hair & makeup so that they photograph well. While your makeup may look AMAZING in person, it will look completely different on-camera, and these professionals are trained to know the difference. They will conceal spots you don't like, contour your face so it looks best in every light, use colors that compliment your skin to make it look flawless, make your eyes POP with false lashes & shadows, manicure your eyebrows to perfection and more! And yes they even know the right amount to apply to guys if that's the route your choose.

2. LESS STRESS

Preparing for a senior portrait session is stressful in and of itself. Trying to do your hair & makeup by yourself can make things even harder. Professional camera equipment is designed to pick up every little detail in an image (even details that the eye can't see) so hiring a professional makeup artisit is best.

3. WHO DOESN'T LIKE BEING PAMPERED?

I don't ever want my seniors to feel like their portrait session is just simply "taking pictures",

I want it to be an EXPERIENCE. So if my seniors arrive after an hour of being

pampered and beautified, the entire experience has already started

on a good note! If a senior arrives frustrated or stressed, it can affect the entire experience,

including the way you look in photographs!

If this is not in your budget, plan to wear slightly heavier make up than normal, including blush and lipstick/gloss that are at least slightly darker than your lip color. I also highly recommend false eyelashes. These can be purchased for very affordable prices at CVS or any pharmacy in the area.

DON'T NEGLECT THE NAILS

And, one last tip for all! Don't forget the nails! During your shoot, a lot of poses we do will have your hands close to your face and in the frame, so make sure your nails look they way you want, or at the very least neat and clean.

If you choose to wear nail polish go with neutral colors.

Feel free to email me if you have any additional questions at summerbearphotography@gmail.com

I am so excited we get to work together!







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