

SESSION TIPS FOR *Family Sessions*

- 1) **Plan an outfit that you love, then plan everyone else around you.** If you feel beautiful it will show in your demeanor and put everyone else at ease. Oh, and do match! A well-coordinated family is SO much more attractive to look at -- and we want to be the envy of everyone, don't we?
- 2) **Do not stress, not even about your children. Kids will be kids, and letting their personality show through is sometimes more expressive than a standard smile.** Remember: we are capturing this time in their life forever, and even a missing tooth is a precious memory later.
- 3) **Don't forget -- you're a part of this process, too, so be conscious of your behavior during the shoot.** Smile and have fun, but don't worry about trying to get the attention of the other photo participants, or you'll look awkward. Keeping them in line and acting like a clown will briefly be my job. Otherwise when you get your proofs and hate the way you look in them it will all have been for naught.
- 4) **Think about wearing a dress, something lovely and feminine.** Take the skirt length into consideration though, since some of the poses will probably be sitting. **Flashing your panties is probably not the ladylike behavior we want to preserve for posterity.** Unless it is, and then we can schedule a boudoir session just for you with no children present.
- 5) Most people like a modest palette for their outfits, but remember that most of my work is done in nature. **Try to select colors that contrast to your desired location, and don't be afraid to be the pop of color in the group!**
- 6) Lastly, **if you and your significant other are only dating, or have an otherwise mixed group, be sure to remind me to take singles with the core family.**

