

The Garrett-Bullock House

Wedding Frequently Asked Questions

What type of events do you hold at the GBH?

We've had birthday parties, weddings, vow renewals, anniversary parties, baby and bridal showers, political parties, holiday parties, business meetings and conferences. If you can plan it we can host it!

When can we tour the GBH?

We make every attempt to meet anyone's schedule. We offer appointments during the day or after business hours. Just call for an appointment and we'll find something that works for both of us!

How many events do you hold per day at the GBH?

Only one! We focus on you and your event for the entire day!

How many people can the GBH accommodate?

The inside of the house can host 65 seated. We use tents to cover the 4000 square foot side tent pad that can accommodate up to 300 people.

What do I have to do to book the GBH?

We require a signed contract and a \$500 Reservation Deposit to secure your date. The \$500 does go toward your total balance.

How do we pay for our wedding?

The GBH offers an interest free payment plan where you can make multiple payments each month before your wedding, or you can pay in full. We take cash, checks or plastic (everything but Diner's Club!). We use your payments to pay all of your vendor's fees and deposits so you only have to write one check!

Wait! I only have to write a check to one company?

You read that right! You have enough to worry about! The GBH takes care of any deposits and payments required from your vendors so that you only write one check and everything else is taken care of!

What is included with rental of the GBH?

Rental includes all day use of the GBH; an Event Coordinator to assist you through the process and your Wedding Day; tables, chairs and to the floor table linens (choice of white, ivory or black), set up and clean up.

Why do you have a preferred vendors list?

The primary reason is to assist you with your wedding planning! Using people we know and trust keeps you from calling vendors you've never heard of and don't know the quality of their work. Our preferred vendors list is a compilation of vendors that we know and have personally worked with. Most of them we have known for multiple years. We know their work, standards and ethics. We know they are vendors who are going to show up on time, set up as required and provide all of the

services that they say they will. To us vendors aren't outside people who come in to do a job. They are an extension of the GBH family who go above and beyond to make your event a success!

Do we have to use your preferred vendors?

You don't have to use our vendors, but we recommend you do. If you choose to use someone not on our list they are required to have a current business license and a current commercial liability insurance policy.

Why do vendors have to have a current business license and a commercial liability policy?

Having a current business license is required because that is Georgia law. Commercial liability insurance policies are required to protect you, the vendor and the GBH. What if a vendor sets their bag on the ground and a guest trips? What if someone gets food poisoning? There are all kinds of "what if" situations that are probably unlikely to happen. However, it's better to be prepared than to come home from your honeymoon and have a lawsuit waiting on you!

My great aunt's sister-in-law has a cousin whose wife's best friend makes cakes. Can she make our wedding cake?

If they have a business license and commercial liability policy then we welcome them to make the cake! If not, then for your protection and for ours, we do not allow this.

Can we hire an outside wedding coordinator?

Sure! We are happy to work with a coordinator that you've hired. However, you will still have a GBH coordinator who your coordinator will be required to have regular meetings with to assist them with the GBH. Your coordinator must still abide by the guidelines of the GBH.

Can we have a band?

Sure! Just remember the business license and commercial liability policies!

Can we have both our ceremony and reception at the GBH?

Of course! Our grounds are large and flexible and can accommodate both events!

Do you have a place to get dressed prior to the wedding?

Boy do we! We have a beautiful Bride's Room with many different sizes of mirrors to assist the bride and her bridesmaids to get ready for the big day. The GBH also offers a Family Room adjacent to the Bride's Room so your family has a comfortable location they can get ready but still be close by! We didn't forget about the guys! Our exclusive Groom's Cottage is located just outside the house and offers all the things "manly" including a 42" plasma television, Xbox, DVD Player, and refrigerator! All of our rooms have private bathrooms, closets, and complimentary sodas and bottled water for your comfort.

Can we get ready at the GBH if our ceremony is at another location?

Sure! As mentioned before our facility is yours for the day! You are more than welcome to have hair and make up done, get dressed at the GBH and even leave personal items while you go to your ceremony.

How early can we arrive on the day of our wedding?

You are welcome to arrive anytime after 9 A.M. on the day of your wedding.

How long can our reception be?

Our rental times include 30 minutes for your ceremony and a 4 hour reception.

Can we pay for more time?

Sure! Additional reception time can be added to your invoice. Arrangements must be made prior to the day of the wedding.

How late can our reception go until?

The Columbus city sound ordinance requires that all music must be turned off by 11 pm.

Do we have to set up or clean up for our reception?

Absolutely not! We take care of all set up and clean up for you! If you have decorations that you'd like used you can bring these early and demonstrate how you'd like these to be displayed. You are welcome to leave items at the GBH on the night prior to your event and return the following day to pick these up. We will gather all wedding items left (gifts, glasses, extra favors, cake servers, etc) and have them ready for pick up the following day at a designated time.

Will someone assist us with getting the wedding party down the aisle?

Your designated event coordinator and our experienced team will not only assist you with getting down the aisle but will be the magic behind the scenes so you can concentrate on your guests and we can make sure everything is perfect! Our philosophy is "to provide the service so you can live your day -- not work your wedding day!"

What if the weather is bad on our wedding day?

As most of our events are outside we watch the weather closely. We wait as late as possible to make decisions based on the possibility of increment weather. We make all attempts to work with the weather and make your event a fun success. With the tents we use, we can add tent walls, air conditioners or heaters. We can add tents to cover the walk ways or provide umbrellas.

Where do people park?

There is parking in the two lots behind the GBH or public parking on 1st Avenue beside the elementary school. We have had events for 300 people and have had no issues with parking.

Can people smoke there?

Yes! We have a designated smoking area behind the fence GBH complete with benches.

What type of decorations can we use?

We encourage you to decorate and provide your own personal touch to the GBH. Decorate with lights, colors, flowers, pictures or any other creative touches. Make the house your own. We do not allow decorations that will deface or damage the GBH. Nothing can be taped, tacked or nailed into the wood, staircase, or walls. Absolutely no glitter or confetti is allowed.

Help! I need my wedding planned ASAP – how much time do you need?

NO PROBLEM! We have planned weddings in 8 days so if you're needing a wedding put together quickly because of deployment or other reasons, we can put together a wedding that looks like you spent months putting it together!

I'm not currently living in Columbus – can you still help me plan my wedding?

Whether stationed overseas or just living out of state, we are the long distance wedding experts! We can assist you with your planning through email as easily if you were here!

Can I have my bridal portraits made at the GBH?

If you are a bride of the GBH, just schedule a time with us and we will make it happen. If you are not a bride of the GBH, then sure! Just schedule a time with us and pay the fee of \$100.

Can we have our rehearsal dinner at the GBH?

Of course! Rental of the GBH for rehearsal dinners is \$350 and includes a 3 hour rental time as well as all chairs, tables and linens.

We don't have a minister. Can you help us find one?

We have several ministers of different denominations that work with us. Some require pre-marital counseling.

What if we need to rent items?

Tell us what you need and we'll take care of it! Our sister company, The Fun Stuff (www.thefunstuff.net), is a party rental store and so we have a great connection with them and can get you any thing you need to make your day picture perfect!

Have questions not listed on here.....just give us a call! We're happy to provide any information possible!

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