

Blame Our Brides + Grooms For Summertime Ideas

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When we set up the ranch and our wedding venue, we decided to add the tagline, "Where She's Never Wrong"... get it, because brides are never wrong! Most of our great summertime wedding ideas don't come from us but come directly from the brides and grooms that book our venue.

Here are the top summertime wedding ideas we have seen at our ranch but could work anywhere in the world:

POPCORN BAR

There are hundreds of different popcorn flavours to choose from for your cocktail hour right through dessert.

FOOD TRUCK

Some of our couples use them for rehearsal dinners or the main event. But think about using them for a specific function, like for appetizers or dessert.

TAKE OFF IN A FUN CAR

To top off the evening, why not exit on a horse-drawn carriage, vintage car, or even an old pickup truck.

GIVE OUT SUNGLASSES

Nothing says summer like a good pair of shades.

RELEASE SKY LANTERNS

As night draws near, have your family and friends release colourful sky lanterns.

USE MASON DRINK JARS

A cheap and fun container for drinks, flowers, and/or candles.

DANCE FLIP FLOPS

Put a basket of flip flops out for guests to wear for dancing and relaxation.

BEACH OR POOL BAGS

Assuming your venue has a pool or beach, put together a kit of fun summertime essentials.

AL FRESCO DINING

Summer weddings can be hot, so make sure your food selection is light and refreshing.

SIGNATURE COCKTAILS

Beyond beer and wine, create a summertime signature cocktail for a light and refreshing drink upon guests arrival. Like mini margaritas!



DECORATE WITH FRESH FRUIT

It does not have to be all flowers, you can use fresh fruit to highlight the summer festivities on your tables (and of course, in your summertime drinks)!

SUMMER SUCCULENTS

Here in New Mexico, nothing says summertime more than cacti and succulents, but they can work anywhere in the world.

OUTDOOR LIGHTS

Probably the most important decorating item to include in your wedding budget. Here at BHR, we provide over 3,000 lights over our great lawn. A spectacular and romantic sight!

PHOTO BOOTHS

Something new we have just added to our ranch. Be sure the vendor offers fun costumes and accessories that emphasize summertime.

PERSONALIZED POLAROID CAMERAS

For my daughter's wedding, each table had a mini Polaroid camera and film. We encouraged people to take pictures and put them on the photo wall. Great way to capture the fun everyone is having at your wedding!

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