

A DESTINATION WEDDING

The Retreat
AT BALCONES SPRINGS

IN THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY



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To the Bride & Groom:

Let me introduce you to The Retreat at Balcones Springs, where we offer a unique wedding weekend experience on our gorgeous two hundred and fifty acre property in the Texas Hill Country. With 42 Cabins scattered through the hills we provide a comfortable feel for your guests and an unforgettable setting for your wedding.

Spend your wedding weekend taking a guided hike, or horseback ride over the hills. Relax in our private, 10 acre spring-fed lake, where you can enjoy canoeing, kayaking and swimming. Take a thrilling ride on the 903-foot zip line across the lake, gather with your guests for lunch at our Thicket Grill. Enjoy a bride's family vs. groom's family competition – volleyball, football, softball – or spend the afternoon fishing, skeet shooting or visiting a local golf course; you can also visit a nearby winery. Possibilities are endless!

Choose from our spacious dining halls, courtyards, patios and outdoor pavilion for your ceremony, rehearsal dinner and reception, for which our talented culinary team will create a unique menu, catering to your style. Because our Wedding Coordinator and staff focus on all details, your wedding weekend will feel effortless and magical.

Over the past 15 years, it has been our pleasure to host countless weddings; we would love to have you join us in creating beautiful memories for you and the people you love. As you read the information attached, know that your ceremony and reception will be a perfect reflection of you and your fiancé, shared with friends & family – and please let me know how we can assist you with your plans for this special day.

Christine Baskin
Eric Cmar

Weekend Wedding Package

Why have one day when you can have an entire weekend?

The wedding weekend experience allows you and your guests to enjoy exclusive use of Balcones Springs throughout the weekend as your own private resort.

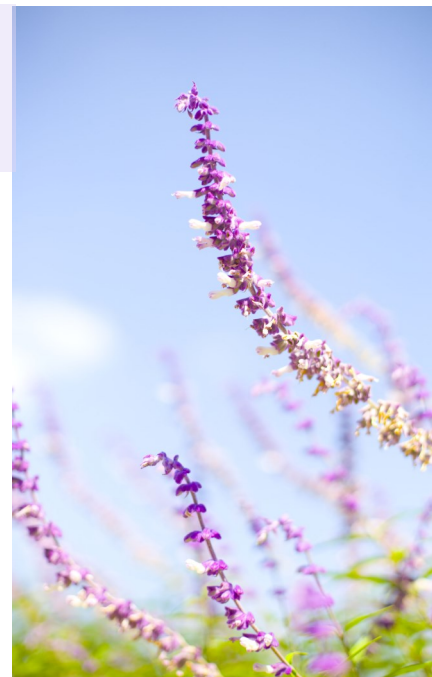
Weekend weddings give you time with your guest before and after the wedding and allows your guest a mini vacation while truly enjoying your wedding.

\$9800 SITE FEE

Exclusive use Friday 3pm through Sunday 11am

\$4800 SITE FEE

Non-Exclusive Use Friday 3pm through Sunday 11am



INCLUDES:

- Choice of indoor or outdoor rehearsal dinner, ceremony and reception site
- Coordination of wedding weekend by on-site wedding coordinator from arrival through departure
(We happily work with outside wedding coordinators)
- 15 coordination hours prior to event with our onsite coordinator
- Private tasting and custom menu planning for up to 5 people
- Simple floral arrangements for rehearsal dinner tables
- White knee-length linens and white napkins for rehearsal and reception dinner
- Your choice of napkin folds
- Rentals (glasses, plates, forks, spoons, knives, tables and wooden folding chairs) for up to 100 people for rehearsal and reception Dinner.
- Set up and break down of tables and chairs for rehearsal, ceremony, and reception
- Bride & Groom Quarters to get ready before ceremony
- Head, Gift & Cake Tables with white linens
- Cake cutting and plating service
- Beautiful Bridal Suite looking over lake Ted for the wedding night
- Use of property for Engagement or Wedding Photos prior to wedding date
- Use of all sports fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, sand volleyball court, canoes, kayaks, hiking & biking trails, fishing equipment, high-speed wireless internet, lounge areas and our renovated French bistro air streamer

Sample Weekend Wedding Timeline



Friday

- 3:00pm Guests arrive
- 6:00pm Rehearsal at the Lake Side Terrace
- 7:00pm Rehearsal Dinner in the Rio Grande Dining Hall
- 9:00pm Welcome Bonfire with s'mores by the Fishing Pond

Saturday

- 8:00am Breakfast in the Live Oak Room
- 10:00am Bride vs. Groom Family and Guests Volleyball Tournament
- 11:00am Skeet Shooting
- 12:00pm Lunch at the Thicket
- 1:00pm Zip-lining and Lake Activities
- 5:00pm Back to Cabins to Dress for the Evening
- 6:00pm Wedding Ceremony at the Lake Side Terrace
- 7:00pm Cocktail Hour in The Rose Garden Courtyard
- 8:00pm Wedding Reception in the Grande Pavilion

Sunday

- 9:00am Breakfast in the Live Oak Room
- 11:00am Check-out

Day Wedding Package

Balcones Springs has several indoor and outdoor locations perfect for your ceremony and reception, accommodating 30-350 guests.

\$3000 SITE FEE*

Non-Exclusive use of the property from 9am—12pm

Day weddings offered Sunday through Friday

Cabins available and must be booked in advance

**Day Weddings are offered Sunday through Thursday.*



INCLUDES:

Choice of indoor or outdoor ceremony and reception site

Coordination of wedding by on-site wedding coordinator

(We happily work with outside wedding coordinators)

8 coordination hours prior to event with our onsite coordinator

Private tasting and custom menu planning for up to 5 people

White knee-length linens and white napkins for reception dinner

Your choice of napkin folds

Rentals (glasses, plates, forks, spoons, knives, tables and wooden folding chairs) for up to 100 people for rehearsal and reception Dinner.

Set up and break down of tables and chairs for ceremony, and reception

Bride & Groom Quarters to get ready before ceremony

Head, Gift & Cake Tables with white linens

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We provide...

Our service will surprise you!

Let us assemble the wedding you dreamed of while you enjoy the company of your family and friends.

Staffing- A professional, detail-oriented staff is absolutely essential to the success of your wedding.

We want your experience at Balcones Springs to be fun and relaxing, and we strive to provide as much (or as little) attention as you and your guests desire. Our friendly staff facilitates activities throughout your wedding day or weekend, and serves as the wait staff during the rehearsal dinner, reception and other meals. Staff pricing is based upon the needs of you and your guests.

Servers=\$25/hour (this includes the length of the event + 1hr set-up and 1hr for clean-up. How many hours the staff is needed may vary depending on the final timeline)

Bartenders=\$30/hour (This includes the length of the event + 1hr set-up and 1hr for clean up. How many hours the staff is needed may vary depending on the final time line.

Event Managers= \$300 a day for each Event Manager (typically wedding weekend require 3 Event Managers)

Wedding Menu- Rehearsal Dinner and Reception Dinner menus start at \$40.00 per person. After booking, we will schedule a private tasting with our Executive Chef to build your menu for up to 5 guest. \$30 for each additional guest.

Beverages- Please see our beverage menu, charged based upon consumption. We are fully licensed as a Private Club and have our own TABC certified bartenders, who must sell and serve all alcoholic beverages consumed on our property.

Personal Touches & Adventures- Please see our extensive list of personal touches and adventures; ask about additional cost.

Cabin Stay- Cabins are typically booked by individual guests at \$200 per cabin, per night, for two adults and \$50 for each additional guest in a cabin. Breakfast and lunch or brunch are included with overnight cabins stays.

**Please note that cabin stays are subject to an 11% hotel tax and 6.25% sales tax.*

***Please note that an 18% taxable service/coordination charge is added to final bill.*

Venues and Capacities

Balcones Springs has several indoor and outdoor options to choose from which allows you to have a unique combination of locations while also providing numerous photo opportunities.

ROSE GARDEN COURTYARD

The Rose Garden Courtyard is a grassy area hosting large oak trees and a rose archway amidst a beautiful natural landscape, perfect for an outdoor ceremony, cocktail hour, or dinner at sunset. **-Accommodates approx. (ceremony 250 people/reception 125 people).**

RIO GRANDE DINING HALL

Our largest dining hall with a 30-foot cedar vaulted ceiling adorned with wrought iron chandeliers, polished concrete flooring, and a limestone fireplace. This is perfect for a ceremony overlooking the hill country through the floor length wall of windows or for a cocktail hour and reception. **-Accommodates approx. (ceremony 300 people/ reception 150 people)**

GRAND PAVILION

Our largest outdoor pavilion is a majestic 40 by 80 foot pavilion with cedar vaulted ceilings and a tin roof graced by iron chandeliers and the evening breeze **-Accommodates approximately (ceremony 300/ Reception 200)**

HILLSIDE PAVILION

Our newest addition, this small pavilion is perfect for an intimate ceremony overlooking the hill country. **-Accommodates approx. 85 people**

LIVE OAK ROOM AND PATIO

This large room is a nice space for rehearsal dinners and brunch each morning and looks out to our deck and stone patio overlook manicured gardens and the grassy lawn; a lovely alfresco host to perfect rehearsal dinners and cocktail hours. **-Accommodates approx. 100 people**

LAKESIDE TERRACE

Our serene limestone terrace overlooks our private 10-acre spring-fed lake with benches perfect for a sunset ceremony.

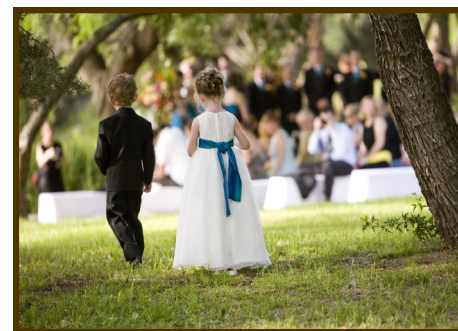
****You can rent white linens to cover the benches for \$450 (this covers the cost of the linens and the staffing fee) -Accommodates approx. 400 people**

LONGHORN ROOM

The Longhorn Room is our most comfortable meeting room with vaulted ceilings, lounge furniture and distressed concrete floors, perfect for smaller dining, guest lounge, bride's dressing quarters or bridal luncheon. **-Accommodates approximately 50 people**

BLUEBONNET ROOM

Our game room hosts a pool table, a cabinet full of board games, a computer station with high-speed internet access, a lounge area, large screen satellite television, a comfortable stone fireplace and bar, perfect for the grooms dressing room. **-Accommodates approx. 50 people.**



Personal Touches

As mother of the groom, I was very pleased with Balcones Springs. The venue was perfect, the food delicious, activities were fun for friends & family, & the service was superb! My son and daughter in law had the best and most FUN wedding! Thanks to you! - Angela Watson



GIFT BASKETS

Allow us to design a welcoming gift for your guests to enjoy. Designed baskets are a minimum of \$35.00 per basket. You may also bring gift baskets that you have designed yourself. We are happy to deliver your self-created baskets to cabins for a fee of \$5.00 per basket.

CUSTOM SPA SERVICES

Schedule manicures, pedicures, massages and other relaxing services in one of our meeting rooms or in your own private cabin. Manicures \$35 per person, Pedicures \$55 per person and one hour massages are \$100 per person. **Min. services may be required

MOVIE UNDER THE STARS

Enjoy watching your favorite movie under the Texas stars on blankets spread in one of our several outdoor locations. It \$8 per person. This includes blankets, popcorn, sodas and candy. There will be a staffing fee. It is \$25/person/hr for set-up, tear-down and the duration of the movie.

BON FIRE

Have a bonfire at the Catfish Pond complete with s'mores and hot cocoa. Rent a speaker from us for \$75 and hook up your Ipod with a customized playlist for your guest to enjoy while they make their s'mores under the stars. It is a \$50 set-up fee and \$2.50 for each person.

BEACH LUNCH

Have your guest enjoy lunch on our private Beach on Lake Ted. You can lounge in our Adirondack chairs; play a friendly game of sand volleyball, canoe, kayak, and stand-up paddle board. Your guest can change in our renovated air stream, and use our adorable solar powered restroom right there at the beach. Arrange for one of our buses to take your guests to and from the beach. *\$350 transfer fee.

THICKET LUNCH

Have your guest enjoy lunch on Saturday at our Thicket where they can play badminton, tether ball, ping pong, hang out in our tree house and watch people go down Ted's Dread. Rent a speaker from us for \$25, customize a play list on your Ipod and let the good times begin.

*\$250 transfer fee.

**Additional rentals may be required depending on the final guest count and the final wedding timeline.

ON-SITE TRANSPORTATION

Arrive on time for all big events! Have one of our staff members escort you and guests on our groovy camp buses around our 250 acre property. *\$35/bus/hr.



Add some adventure

All Facilitated activities must be scheduled 2 weeks prior to the event.

TED'S DREAD ZIPLINE

Take a ride down our 903-foot zip line over our private lake, Lake Ted. \$200 per hour (averages 12 people down the zip line per hour)

THE CLIMBING WALL & SCREAMER

Challenge yourself by climbing up our rock wall and repelling down along with our suspension swing that is almost 200 feet tall. \$200 per hour (averages 10 people an hour)

SKEET SHOOTING

Just say "Pull" as our staff conducts a skeet shooting competition for up to 10 people. -\$250 per hour (includes staff, clay pigeons, shotguns and ammunition)

GUIDED HIKE

Enjoy a guided scenic hike down to Lake Travis where there will be bottle water, lavender scented towels, and trail mix waiting for you. \$125 (hike last about an hour)

HORSEBACK RIDE

Schedule an hour guided trail ride. There must be at least 3 people on a ride and no more than 7 people on a ride. \$50 per person

LAKE ACTIVITIES

Enjoy the abundant lake activities Lake Ted has to offer.

Lake Activities include:

Free Swim (Requires 1 life guard to every 10 ppl)

The Blob (Requires 3 lifeguards)

The Wedginator-water slide (Requires 2 life guards)

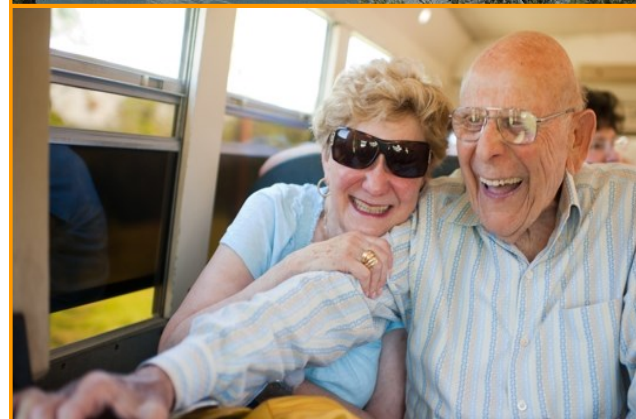
The Twin Slides (Requires 2 lifeguards)

The Rope Swing (Requires 2 life guards)

*Water Toys in the middle of the lake (Require 2 life guards)

**Lifeguards are \$25/hr

*** Recommend around 6 lifeguards to open up several activities at a time



The Menu

No one ever remembers wedding food...
until they come here.



The Retreat at Balcones Springs is honored to introduce you to our talented culinary team and have them create a menu designed to meet your food desires. Our Team is comprised of Chefs all over the US who have spent years perfecting their craft and constantly learning new trade skills. Their credible talent and knowledge accumulated over the many years will impress you and add to your memorable event.

A Sample Menu from a recent wedding weekend

Friday Evening Rehearsal Dinner

Jicama Cucumber Salad with Avocado and a Agave Lime

Fire Roasted Quail with a Guajillo Citrus Rub topped with a Cranberry Cilantro Relish

Seared Beef Tenderloin in a Sherry Adobo Sauce
Sun Ripened Tomato Rice

Petite zucchini filled with a sweet corn and Mexican cheeses

Chocolate Mousse Cake with Raspberry Coulis

Saturday Breakfast

Blueberry Corn Cakes with Warm Maple Syrup
Thick Cut Apple Bacon

Fresh Fruit Platter with Seasonal Berries

Free Range Eggs with Fines Herbs

Fresh Orange Juice, Cereals and Yogurt

Saturday Lunch

Sandwich Bar of Whole Grain Breads
with Spinach Pasta Salad

Pork Loin, Roast Beef and Grilled Turkey Breast
served with sliced cheeses

Saturday Reception Dinner

Passed Appetizers: Spinach Filo Tarts
with Smoked Gouda

and Caponata on Crostini

Salad of Field Greens with Toasted Pecans,
Feta and Infused Pears

Salmon Steak with Shitake Mustard Glaze

Sesame Crusted Chicken with Golden Miso Boullion
Roasted Asparagus with Assorted Vegetable Collage

Miniature New Potatoes with Lemon Aioli
Signature Breads

Sunday Brunch

Salmon Lox with Assorted Bagels and Cream Cheese

Italian Egg Strata with Sausage

Assorted Fruit Platter with Seasonal Berries
Cinnamon Rolls

Fresh Orange Juice, Cereals and Yogurt

Beverages

Balcones Springs has the capability of Offering A Host Bar, Cash Bar, or Cocktail Packages. For the Host Bar Your Master Account Will Be Charged According To The Number Of Drinks Consumed By Guests. For a Cash Bar, your guests Are Charged Per Drink And pay At The Bar using cash or a credit card. Cocktail Packages Allow You To Customize The Beverages And Amount That Are Served To Your Guests. As Always, We Do Take Special Requests And we Will Try To Accommodate.

BEER BRANDS

Domestic: Budweiser, Bud Light, Miller Genuine Draft, Miller Lite, Coors, Coors Light

Premium: Shiner Bock & Corona Extra

HOUSE WINE BRANDS

Hess Chardonnay, Rodney Strong Merlot, & Rodney Strong cabernet

HOUSE LIQUOR BRANDS

Tito's Vodka, Tanqueray Gin, Bacardi Superior Rum, Captain Morgan Spiced Rum, Jack Daniel's Whiskey, Chivas Regal Scotch & Sauza Tequila

SPECIAL ORDERED DRINKS

Other brands can be purchased by the bottle, please request pricing.

WINE OPTIONS:

House Wines- \$25—\$35 per bottle/ \$5 per glass.

Specialty Wines- Must preorder by the bottle at various cost.

BAR PRICING:

House Brands- \$5 per glass

House Wines- \$25 \$35 per bottle/\$5 per glass

Specialty Wine- Available upon request

Domestic Beer- \$4

Premium Beer- \$5

ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS:

Keg of Domestic Beer(serves around 160 glasses)-\$230 per keg

Keg of Premium/Imported Beer-\$275 per keg- prices may vary based market rate

Margaritas on the Rocks(serves around 15ppl per batch)- \$115 per batch

Frozen Margaritas (Machine Rental)- \$225 for the weekend

Frozen Margaritas Batch (serves 60 6oz)-\$260 per batch

All Alcohol must be ordered no later than two weeks prior to the event.

Balcones Springs must supply all food and liquor as regulated by the Texas Department of Health and Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission. Food menu minimums include water& tea. An 18% service/coordination charge and 6.25% sales tax will apply.



Accommodations



SWEET DREAMS

Balcones Springs offers 42 rustic cabins scattered across our 250 acre property. Each cabin is uniquely decorated and they all have air conditioning and wifi. We have 16 cabins that can accommodate 6 people. These rooms have two sets of bunk beds and can have an additional 2 twin beds or 1 king bed. Our other 26 cabins can hold up to 4 people. They can have up to 1 king and 2 twin beds or 4 twin beds. We have two cabins that are specifically designed to accommodate special needs.

Cabins are \$200 per night for double occupancy. Each additional adult is \$50 per night and each additional child under the age of 12 \$25 per night. Cabins rates may be adjusted seasonally.

*These room rates include Saturday Breakfast, Saturday Lunch and Sunday Brunch for guest that stay Friday and Saturday Night.

**Rates include Sunday Brunch for guest that stay just Saturday Night.

SECURING THE DATE

In order to secure your wedding date, a signed contract and deposit are required. A deposit of \$4800 is required to hold your date for a wedding weekend and a deposit of \$3000 is required for a day wedding.

**The deposit is Non-Refundable.

FINAL PAYMENT

Final payment is expected no later than the time of check-in. Any payment by check must be received ten business days prior to wedding. Additional charges incurred during the course of the wedding will be added and presented to you upon check out.

PAYMENT PLAN

\$4800 deposit and signed contract
90 days out of the event- 25% of total invoice
60 days out of the event- 50% of total invoice
30 days out of the event- 75% of total invoice
10 days (by check) out of the event-100% of total invoice
Upon arrival (if by credit card or cash)- 100% of total invoice

"Several of our guests told us that ours was the best wedding they'd ever attended, and it certainly surpasses all of our expectations! We were all so well cared for by you and your staff at Balcones Springs. You especially made sure that every last detail was seen to."

- Emily Perez

