

FAQ's

Who/What/Where are we?

- The Barn at Magnolia Mae Farms is a custom-built, all-white wood barn event venue space that is nestled in the countryside of Chumuckla, Florida.
 - Please review our website and social media pages for other info, photos, virtual tours, and more!
 - www.magnoliamaefarms.com
 - Social Media: Facebook + Instagram
- Where are you located?
 - We are located in the countryside of Santa Rosa County, Florida. We're 12 miles north of Five Points, with direct access to Chumuckla Highway/CR 197.
 - Find us here: 10027 Chumuckla Highway, Jay, FL. 32565
 - How do I tour the venue?
 - We would love to give you a tour of our venue! Tours are by appointment only, so please contact us by phone or email to schedule a day and time:

Phone: (850) 686-2269

Email: thebarn@magnoliamaefarms.com

Venue Details: Capacity + Dimensions

- How many people can the venue accommodate?
 - Max capacity is 200.
- Do you provide tables and chairs?
 - Yes, we have a combination of round and farmhouse tables and chairs to accommodate up to 200 guests.
 - We do not provide linens.
- What are the reception hall dimensions?
 - o 73.5' x 47'

- The approximate total sq. ft is 4,200 for the reception area including bar space.
 (The dressing room suite, prep kitchen, and restrooms are not included in the reception sq. footage totals.)
- o Main reception area: 3,552 sq. ft.
- The staging area in front of the fireplace is 589 sq. ft.
- In addition, there are two covered porches; one measures 888 sq. ft, and the other measures 444 sq. ft. - Great for hosting cocktail hours!
- Is there a bridal suite?
 - Yes, we have a beautiful dressing room suite for the bride and her team that will include:
 - Hair and makeup stations are surrounded by natural lighting
 - Outlets, mirrors, lounging area with small fridge, microwave + sink
 - A separate entrance and exit
 - An adjoined, private powder room
 - A separate A/C system

Before Your Event: Securing Your Date, Deposits + Insurance

- What's needed to secure a date?
 - o A signed contract along with the non-refundable "Save the Date Fee."
 - o The fee is 50% of the total cost, and it is due to book your date.
 - The second payment is due 6 months prior to the event, and the remaining balance is due 90 days prior to the event.
 - A \$500.00 refundable damage deposit is due 30 days prior to the event.
 - If the client books a date a few months or weeks from their event, they will need to catch up to the current stage of the payment schedule.
- How do I pay for my "Save the Date Fee"?
 - We only accept cash, checks, or cashier's checks.
 - We do not accept ANY electronic/card payments due to the many layers of backend fees and scams/fraudsters.
- How do I provide you with a floor plan for my event?
 - All floor plans are due 15 days prior to your event.
 - You will be provided copies of sample layouts that you may choose from, or you can provide your preferred setup.
- Does my event require security?
 - A security officer is required at all events where alcohol is present while alcohol is served. The service must be contracted 30 days prior to the event.
- Do you require event insurance?

- We require that each of our couples obtain special event insurance for \$1 million liability, and, if you are serving alcohol, you are required to get additional alcohol insurance. (Cost is approx. \$150-\$200.)
- This coverage can be obtained through sites such as Vensura.com or TheEventhelper.com.
- Tip: Add on cancellation insurance to cover you in case anything happens prior to your event.
- Do I need a wedding/event planner?
 - No, however, The Barn At Magnolia Mae Farms recommends clients engage the services of a professional wedding/event planner to help with the design, planning, and coordination of the host of issues that must be addressed. They are familiar with wedding layouts, contingency plans for inclement weather, family issues, and etiquette issues and they communicate with ALL vendors you have hired.
- Can we have access to the barn before our event begins?
 - The wedding package you select determines your arrival time on the day of your event.

Vendors, Food + Beverages:

- Can we hire our own vendors (caterer, coordinator, DJ, etc.) or must I select from a preferred vendor list?
 - Yes, you have the freedom to use whichever caterer or bartender you choose. It is your special day, and we want to provide you with the option to choose the vendors of your choice.
- Do you have an onsite kitchen?
 - Yes, we have a caterer prep kitchen with easy access to the private rear entrance. The kitchen includes a refrigerator, freezer, warming oven/drawers and sink. Due to local county regulations, no cooking is allowed in the kitchen.
- Can we bring in our own alcohol?
 - Yes, you can stock your own bar. You will need to hire security and a licensed bartender on the premises when serving guests.

During + After Your Event: Parking + Clean-Up

- Where do I park?
 - o Parking will be available in designated grassy areas.

- A separate entrance for caterers, decorators, DJs, and other vendors for drop off / unloading is conveniently located behind the barn.
- Who is responsible for cleaning during and after the event?
 - All items and trash brought in by you, vendors, or your guest are to be removed from the indoor space by the end of your rental period.
 - You are responsible for making sure that your vendors are completely finished and out by the end of your rental time frame.
 - Tip: Assign individuals to help take on tasks like taking the trash to the dumpster, wiping down tables, and ensuring the venue and surroundings are left in the same manner as they were when you arrived.

Weather:

- What if it rains and I can't have my ceremony outside?
 - If it rains, our venue has enough indoor space to allow for a ceremony space as a backup in case of rain. Our beautiful fireplace wall would make an amazing backdrop for your ceremony.

Pets:

• Sorry, no pets are allowed. However, a family pet actually involved in an event will be considered.