



## Senior Session “FYI”

(I know this is a lot to read, but if you follow these tips, you will look like a rock star!)

- **Sleep** - Try to get a lot of **REST** the night before your shoot. Don't stress over it; trust me - we're going to have a great time together! If you are getting early AM shots, I suggest applying cold compresses to your eye area for a few minutes before applying your makeup to reduce puffiness. Make sure you **EAT** before your session so you're not miserably hungry. If you are bringing family or friends to your session, feed them, too! Bring water too for your session. And be sure they're aware we'll be photographing for a couple of hours.
- **Skin – AVOID SUNBURN!** Not only is it bad for you, but it is bad for your appointment, because we will probably have to reschedule. Red or peeling skin is not a good accessory!
- **Acne** - Don't worry about having a few blemishes! These will be removed during retouching. Please below regarding severe acne.
- **Hair** - Don't try a new hairstyle the morning of your session. Play around in the weeks beforehand to see what works and what doesn't. You might even want to have a professional do this for you. Go for a “timeless” hairstyle. Use a little extra hair spray, but not so much that your hair is stiff.  
Get a haircut at least a month in advance for girls or a week in advance for guys, so that the hair has time to grow a little and look more natural. Don't do anything drastic that you might regret later! Especially a color change!

If you maintain coloring on your hair, try to schedule a color appointment that will give you the right amount of washing before your photos. (Everyone who colors has that “sweet spot” they like better than the first day!)

Remember, you still want to look like YOU in your photos. So if you’ve had long hair for quite some time, now might not be the time to get a short haircut if you’re not sure that you’ll love it.

**Guys** – be clean shaven on the day of your session.

- **Makeup** - Wear what you usually wear, but slightly darker than normal. Please use care while applying eye makeup (eye liner, mascara), as your eyes will be the focal point of many of your photos.

- **Nails** - Your hands will be showing in many of your photos. Be sure that if your nails are painted, the polish is not chipped. Please choose a neutral color. Same applies to toenails if you are wearing open-toed shoes. We might do some bare-feet shots also, so make sure your feet look their best! GUYS – this goes for you, too!!!

- **Shaving** - I know it may seem obvious, but don’t forget to shave your legs and underarms if they may be seen in photos.

- **Glasses** - If you wear glasses, please see your optometrist about loaning you a pair without lenses, or have your lenses removed for your session. If this is not an option, I will do my best to avoid glass glare, but there may be an extra charge of \$10 per image for glare removal when ordering your portraits.

- **Braces** – Braces will not be removed from proofs, but can be removed from your portraits at a charge of \$10 per image.

- **Scars/Birth marks/severe acne** - Scars/birth marks will be removed only at your request.

Please tell me at the time of your session what your preference is. Severe acne may require extensive retouching. Basic retouching is included in your package, but extensive retouching requires an additional fee, which is outlined in your session contract.

## **CLOTHING....**

- Session #1 portrait package includes 3 outfits and Session #2 package includes up to 6 outfits.

We will start photographing the outfit you are wearing when you show up. Mix and match is great! I recommend accessories like jackets, scarves, etc. that can be added/removed for a different look.

- You'll want to wear what you normally wear, but "kicked up a notch". Add some simple jewelry, a hat, leggings, a scarf, a belt, or some other accessory. Just be sure that the accessory is not so loud that it distracts from you. Mix up your clothing from dressy to casual

Can't decide what to wear? Bring lots of wardrobe choices, and between the two of us, we'll make sure you look your absolute best!

- Hats are great for a few shots, but please don't wear one to your session and get "hat hair."

- Be sure to bring along shoes to match each outfit. (Note, you do not need shoes for beach photos.)

- Try your clothing on in advance to be sure it fits comfortably and is flattering. Bend over, sit down, etc. and make sure that you don't have skin showing where it shouldn't be in certain positions and that you're able to do such movements.

- Make sure each piece of clothing is clean and wrinkle-free.
- Regarding clothing colors; mix it up and Bring a variety of colors – not 3 blue outfits.
- Avoid neon colors, super loud patterns, sleeveless too many shirts with writing or

big logos on the front. Solid colors work best; especially for studio portraits. We want the clothes to accent you; not the other way around.

- If you intend to wear a "strappy" dress or light-colored clothing, be sure to wear or bring the appropriate undergarments that will not show in your photos. Bra strap removal will be done at an additional cost.

- Do not wear baggy clothing that may give the appearance that you are larger than you really are and avoid tight clothing that you are uncomfortable in, as you may not be able to do certain poses this way. A very short skirt can also really limit the variety of poses that you will be able to do.

- When we are shooting outdoors, changing locations may be occasionally difficult to find. It is very common for my seniors to change outfits in their vehicle or mine. (I drive a big Yukon with tinted windows).

#### **What to BRING....**

- **Props - I LOVE** props and especially welcome the ones that are a part of who you are. They can add so much to a photo and give it more of a story. Ten or twenty years from now, you'll enjoy looking back at these photos and remembering what you were like back then. Feel free to bring sports equipment (football, football helmet, ball & glove, batting helmet, bat, mitt, soccer ball, volleyball, hockey stick, pom poms, baton, etc.), sports uniforms, trophies/medals, musical instruments (Can't bring drums? Bring the sticks!), tap or ballet shoes, sunglasses, iPod, books, motorcycle or snowmobile helmet, etc. If you are a volunteer firefighter, bring your uniform and helmet. Going into the Army or Marines? Bring along something to represent that major change in your life. Bring your **CLASS RING** if you have one.

- Vehicles are welcome at outdoor sessions (be sure they're clean, inside and out!). I can also take photos of you with your snowmobile, quad, dirt bike, etc. Pets can be included in shots as well. (Please make arrangements to have someone bring and take home your pet so they don't have to come along for the entire session.)

**Please try to let me know in advance if you will be bringing props so that I can come up with some really creative ideas on how to showcase you with them!**

- **Family** – I love an extra set of eyes along with me for our session. Parents are always welcome and/or bring a friend along .
- Your **wardrobe changes**, of course! Go through **EVERYTHING** one more time before leaving the house to make sure you've got it all. Make sure you bring shoes for every outfit!

- **Touch-up stuff** – lip balm, lipstick, powder, hairspray, and oil blotting tissues just in case.

#### **Posing/Expressions...**

- Don't fret! We will have fun and I will help!

**Senior Portrait Session Questionnaire – For the SENIOR to answer!**

Senior's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ O Male O Female

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) I can use to reach you the day of your session: \_\_\_\_\_

Three location choices- Travel outside the FM area is an additional fee.

(If undecided, indicate so & we will be in touch!):

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Tell me about yourself. What are your hobbies? Sports? Other school activities?

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What personal props do you think you might like to include in your session? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Senior Portrait Session Contract**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, ("Client") hereby understand and agree to the following terms set forth by Ten Little Chickens Photography:

Session Fee/Scheduling/Rescheduling:

- Client's session fee is due in full on date of session, or the session will not be

held. Ten Little Chickens Photography accepts hand-delivered cash, check, or Venmo (@Renee-Clasen). Session fees are non-refundable.

- Weather in North Dakota happens. I will always reschedule for a nicer day.

Retouching services:

- Client understands that basic editing (blemish retouching, teeth whitening, stray hair removal, etc) is included with their portrait session.

If the client wears glasses, every effort will be made by Ten Little Chickens Photography to avoid glass glare. However, in order to avoid glare, the client should have the lenses removed or request a lens-free sample pair from their Optometrist.

Extensive retouching services are available at the following costs:

- Glass glare or braces removal: \$10 per image
- Extensive retouching (severe acne or scarring, tan line retouching, bra strap

removal, etc) \$5 per image.

**Gallery Delivery:**

- Ten Little Chickens Photography will deliver an online gallery ready to download high resolution images within 3-4 weeks of our session. The client will be given a link to the gallery and a password. This information may be forwarded to anyone the client wishes to view their gallery.

I understand and agree to the terms outlined above by Ten Little Chickens Photography. (Must be signed by individual aged 18 or older.)

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**Signature** *Print name*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Model Release**

In exchange for consideration received, the undersigned hereby give permission to Renee Clasen, Ten Little Chickens Photography Photography, for the unrestricted use of their names and photographic likeness, as well as any and all photographic images of their session created by Renee Clasen, Ten Little Chickens Photography, in all forms and media for advertising, marketing, trade, and any other lawful purpose. Permission is granted for images to be combined with other images, text, and graphics, and cropped, altered, or modified. Client(s) and/or parent/guardian further forever release Renee Clasen, Ten Little Chickens Photography, from any and all claims or actions arising out of or in conjunction with the use of said images.

**Client name** (list all for family session): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Client signature** (or Parent/Guardian signature if under 18):

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**Client and/or Parent/Guardian name** (printed):

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**(Keep this page to use the checklist below!)**

1) Session Questionnaire must be mailed to Ten Little Photography within **TWO WEEKS** of your appointment.

2) Portrait Session Contract

3) Model Release

Mailing address for checks

(made payable to Ten Little Chickens Photography) is:

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