

Frequently Asked Questions

- Event General Liability Insurance for the Bride & Groom (hosts):

Q: Why is this a requirement?

A: This insurance will protect you and A Line Ranch from claims of injury to guests as well as damage to the venue. It is a requirement of A Line Ranch as well as a requirement from our own liability insurance provider.

- Vendors:

Q: What are vendors?

A: A vendor is anyone that will need access to A Line Ranch property that is not the hosts and is providing a service for you. Such as, but not limited to, caterers, bartenders, coordinators, decorators, DJ's, photographers, etc.

Q: My friend wants to cook all the food for my wedding. Is that ok?

A: If your friend has a catering license, insurance and signs the A Line Ranch Vendor Contract, then yes.

Q: Why does my caterer need to sign a contract with A Line Ranch?

A: Every vendor must sign an A Line Ranch contract. Most importantly so that they are aware of our requirements such as access to the property, garbage collection, parking, insurance and license requirements, etc.

- Vendor Insurance (any person/business that is providing a service for you at our venue):

Q: Why do my vendors need insurance if I already bought insurance?

A: Because the insurance you buy as a host does not cover the services provided by your vendor. For example: If a guest was burnt by a caterers' hot food at your event that person would make a claim against the caterer serving the food. If that caterer did not have insurance the injured person could come after you and A Line Ranch for damages. And because the caterer is a vendor at your event, mostly likely your insurance would not cover the injury and you would be held personally responsible for the claim.

Keep in mind; most vendors that provide a service at a venue are aware of the requirements for insurance and licenses. If your vendor refuses to purchase insurance or provide proper licenses this should be a red flag. Without insurance and licenses vendors cannot work at A Line Ranch. This is why we suggest that you let us know as soon as you have a vendor in mind so that we can pre-approve them and gather all the necessary information. It is a requirement of A Line Ranch as well as a requirement from our own liability insurance provider that all vendors have proper licenses and insurance.

- Alcohol

Q: Can I provide my own alcohol for the reception?

A: Yes, you may provide your own alcohol but you cannot serve it. You must have a designated bartender that is licensed and insured. The bartender must be present at all times alcohol is being served. Once the bartender has left for the evening there cannot be anymore serving of alcohol.

- Set-up, break-down & decorating:

Q: Does someone from A Line Ranch set-up, break-down and decorate for our event?

A: No. If you are using our tables or miscellaneous items then yes of course we will set those up and break those down. However, we do not set-up, break-down or decorate with any personal or rental items from a vendor. For example: If you rent 100 chairs from a rental company please make arrangements with them to unstack or unfold the chairs, place the pads on chairs and place them at the tables. As well as re-stacking them or folding them back up, removing pads, etc. at the end of the event. You may choose to do this yourself or have your friends and family members help you.

- Wedding/Event Planners or Coordinators

Q: Am I required to have a planner or coordinator?

A: No, you are not required to have one. However, it is strongly suggested that you do have one. If not for the entire process; at least for the day of. Planning weddings and events is a lot of work. Having a professional to help you and guide you through the process is priceless. Since A Line Ranch does not decorate for you or make arrangements with vendors on your behalf, having someone there to do these things and guide you along the way will ultimately make for a more successful event as well as a lot less stressful for you.

- Event Schedules

Q: Does A Line Ranch have a required schedule or timeline that must be followed on event day?

A: No. We do not require that you follow a specific schedule or timeline. We can suggest a schedule or timeline for you. But ultimately, this is your day and it's up to you to decide how you want the day to flow. However, depending on what type of

event you're having you need to consider things like lighting for the best photos. This is where having a quality planner/coordinator is such a great idea.

- Cleaning of the property:

Q: Are we responsible for cleaning the property?

A: The property will be clean when you arrive and it will be cleaned after you leave. However, if you are here for multiple days it is your responsibility to maintain a clean area. For example: If you have your rehearsal dinner on site, it is your responsibility to clean up after, take the trash out and keep the property clean for your wedding the following day. It is the responsibility of your vendors to clean the areas that they will use. Refer to your contract for additional points such as cleaning of the cookhouse kitchen, garbage collection, etc.

- Pre-event walk through:

Q: When can I have my pre-event walk through?

A: We suggest doing this 3-4 weeks before your event. Most likely on a weekday or weeknight. If possible find a time that your vendors can meet you here as well. We cannot meet with your vendors without you and make any changes to or approvals to your design plans.

- Visiting the ranch:

Q: How often can we visit the ranch before our event?

A: You will be able to visit the ranch for your engagement photos and your walk through. There will also be open houses scheduled throughout the year that you are encouraged to attend. If you need to visit more often we will do our best to accommodate you. Keep in mind that most weekends are busy with weddings. So, visits will have to be scheduled for a mutually agreed upon time.

- Engagement Photos:

Q: When can I take my engagement photos and do you supply the photographer?

A: As soon as you have made your initial deposit you can set up a time for your photos. Keep in mind the time of day for best lighting. Also, if we are having a wedding or event on the weekend you would need to arrange it for a weeknight. We do not supply a photographer for you. You are welcome to choose your own photographer. Just like all vendors they must provide A Line Ranch with proof of insurance, listing A Line Ranch as additionally insured.

- Animals:

Q: Can I bring my dog or cat as part of my wedding?

A: Yes. We love animals here. You know your animal best so keep in mind how he/she will react in a large crowd. If your animal is in the ceremony and the ceremony has ended, you must keep them on a leash or crated. If you use a crate at home, please bring it with you. Make sure he/she is up to date on vaccinations and provide that documentation to A Line Ranch at least 2 weeks before the start of your event.