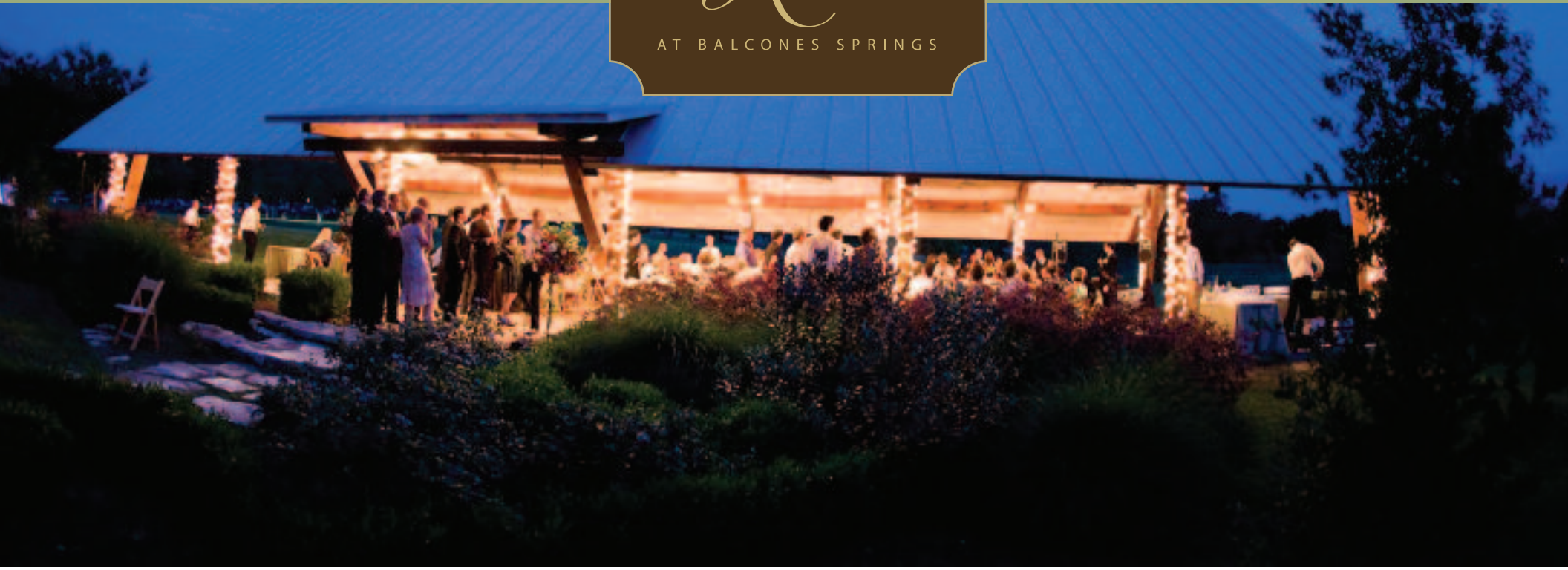




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AT BALCONES SPRINGS

A DESTINATION WEDDING IN THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY



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2009 wedding packet

To the Bride & Groom:

Thank you for expressing interest in holding your wedding at Balcones Springs. We offer a wedding weekend unlike any other for your perfect day. We are nestled in the Texas Hill Country along the north shore of Lake Travis and invite you to enjoy our two hundred and fifty acres. Our charming forty-four refined rustic cabins scattered through the hills are perfect accommodations for your guests.

The day you'll never forget deserves a setting that's unforgettable, a destination wedding in the Texas Hill Country. Imagine taking a guided hike through the Texas Hills or a horseback ride along the beautiful Lake Travis waterfront. Relax in our private, spring fed lake to enjoy canoeing, kayaking and swimming. Shoot down our water slide and have your guests join you for lunch down at the Thicket Grill to take a ride on our 903-foot zipline across the lake. Compete in a bride's family versus groom's family game of sand volleyball, football, or softball. Spend the afternoon fishing, skeet shooting, visiting a local golf course or winery. End your evening with a bonfire complete with s'mores and hot cocoa or an exciting firework show after the rehearsal dinner. The possibilities are endless.

Eliminate the worry of planning and allow our wedding coordinator to take care of every detail from your arrival to departure. Design your own wedding weekend to create treasured memories for you and your guests. Choose from our spacious outdoor pavilions, courtyards, patios, and dining halls for your ceremony and reception. Allow our highly acclaimed Chef Marko and his culinary team to create a specific menu catering to your tastes for the rehearsal dinner and reception menu. Take comfort in knowing your ceremony and reception will be a sheer reflection of you and your fiancé, shared with friends & family.

We have had the pleasure of playing host to countless weddings over the past thirteen years and invite you to join us. Enjoy reading the information attached and please let me know how we can assist you in planning for your special day.

Sincerely,

Courtney Rhode and the Staff of Balcones Springs

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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. It's your own private resort.

\$9800 SITE FEE*

Exclusive Use Friday 3pm through Sunday 11am

\$4800 SITE FEE*

Non-Exclusive Use Friday 3pm through Sunday 11am

**Please note the site fee is with an agreement to book a minimum of 30 cabins each night, or some combination totaling 60 over the weekend.*

Includes:

- 🌀 Complete coordination of wedding weekend by on-site wedding coordinator from arrival through departure, or bring in your own
- 🌀 Bride & Grooms Quarters to get ready before ceremony
- 🌀 Custom menu planning and a private tasting
- 🌀 Simple floral arrangements for rehearsal dinner tables
- 🌀 Head, Gift & Cake Tables to include white linens
- 🌀 Complimentary cake cutting and plating service
- 🌀 Tables, chairs, white linens, plates, glassware & flatware for up to 150 guests
- 🌀 Use of all sports fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, sand volleyball court, canoes, kayaks, hiking & biking trails, fishing equipment, a fitness facility, high-speed wireless internet and lounges areas all available to guests



IN ADDITION TO PACKAGE:

PERSONAL TOUCHES & ADVENTURES – Please see our extensive list of personal touches and adventures, which come at an additional cost.

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. Each staff member is a charge of \$85 per day.

WEDDING MENU – Rehearsal Dinner and Reception Dinner menus require a \$38.00 per person food minimum, based upon 100 guests. After booking, we will schedule a private tasting with Chef Marko to decide on your custom menu.

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 serve and sell all alcoholic beverages.

CABIN STAY – Cabins are typically booked by individual guests at \$200 per cabin, per night, for two adults. Each additional adult per cabin is a \$50 charge and each child is a \$25 charge. Breakfast and lunch are included with overnight cabins stays. Please note cabin stays are subject to an 11% hotel tax and 6.25% sales tax.



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

Day Wedding Package



Balcones Springs has several indoor and outdoor locations perfect for your ceremony and reception, accommodating 50-350 guests.

Day Weddings are offered Sunday through Thursday.

\$2600 SITE FEE

Sunday through Thursdays

**Quoted site fee, with agreement to book minimum of 10 cabins. Please note there may be a maximum number of cabins available, if sharing the property with another group.*

Includes:

- 🌀 On-site wedding coordination
- 🌀 Custom menu planning and a private tasting
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Venues & Capacities



BALCONES SPRINGS HAS THE CAPABILITY OF OFFERING SEVERAL INDOOR AND OUTDOOR AREAS TO HOLD YOUR CEREMONY AND RECEPTION.



ROSE GARDEN COURTYARD

The Rose Garden Courtyard is a grassy area hosting large oak trees and a rose archway amidst beautifully natural landscape, perfect for an outdoor ceremony or dinner at sunset.

-Accommodates approx. 250 people (ceremony 150 / reception 250).

RIO GRANDE DINING HALL

Our largest dining hall with a 30-foot cedar vaulted ceiling adorned with wrought iron chandeliers, distressed 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 cocktail hour and reception.

-Accommodates approx. 150-300 people (ceremony 150 / reception 300).

GRAND PAVILION

Our largest outdoor pavilion is a 40 by 80 foot pavilion with cedar vaulted ceilings and a tin roof graced by iron chandeliers and the evening breeze.

-Accommodates approximately 300 people for ceremony & reception.

HILLSIDE PAVILION

Our newest addition, this small pavilion is perfect for an intimate ceremony overlooking the hill country.

-Accommodates approximately 75 people

LIVE OAK PATIO AND DECK

Our stone patio and wooden deck overlook the grassy lawn, plays host to perfect rehearsal dinners and cocktail hours.

-Accommodates approximately 150 people

LAKESIDE TERRACE

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

-Accommodates approximately 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 approximately 50 people

LIVE OAK ROOM

This large room is a nice space for rehearsal dinners and brunch each morning and looks out to our deck.

-Accommodates approximately 100 people



Personal Touches



SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND
DETAILS TO MAKE YOUR
WEDDING *uniquely yours.*



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.

BRIDESMAID LUNCHEON

Enjoy a brunch or luncheon with your closest family and friends. A luncheon can be designed just for you for a minimum of \$25 per person.

SPA SERVICES

Enjoy 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 \$95 per person.

SPA BRIDESMAID LUNCHEON

Combine the two and enjoy the afternoon with your bridal party. Prices vary depending on services chosen.

CHILDCARE

We can arrange for Angel Watchers, a professional nanny service to provide childcare for \$250 and an additional \$10 per hour/per child.

WEDDING SPARKLER EXIT

Sparklers provide an exciting exit that is great for pictures. Pricing is \$250 for up to 150 guests.

MOVIE UNDER THE STARS

Enjoy watching your favorite movie under the Texas stars on blankets spread across our grassy hill. Prices include freshly popped popcorn in our old-fashioned popcorn machine. Price is \$150 for up to 100 guests. For each blanket used, there is a \$15 cleaning fee, in addition.

BONFIRE

Have a bonfire at the Catfish Pond complete with s'mores and hot cocoa. Price is \$150 for up to 100 people. Also, take a hay ride with your friends down to the bonfire along Lake Travis beachfront.

Choose Your Adventure!



WHETHER YOU'RE LOOKING TO *relax* OR *get your adrenaline going*, WE AIM TO ACCOMMODATE!

TED'S DREAD ZIPLINE

Take a ride down our 903-foot zip line, which is the longest over a body of water in Texas.

-\$150 per hour (approximately 15 people per hour).

SKEET SHOOTING

Let our staff conduct a skeet shooting competition for up to 10 people.

-\$150 per hour (includes staff, clay pigeons, shotguns and ammunition)

CLIMBING TOWER & SCREAMER

Rock climb up our two courses and try repelling down. This allows one climber at a time, additional cost for more facilitators.

-\$150 per hour (up to 10 people per hour)

GUIDED HIKE

Guests learn about the flora, fauna and history of the area.

-\$75 for an hour hike

CHARLOTTE'S WEB

Try bungee jumping with three other friends on our quad bungee trampoline.

-\$150 per hour (approximately 15 people per hour)

ROPES COURSE CHALLENGES

Guests can choose from our high or low elements courses.

-\$20 per person per hour (approximately 10 people per hour)

HORSEBACK

Take a relaxing ride along the north shore of Lake Travis with your friends and family.

-\$40 per person per hour (up to 8 guests per hour)

LAKE ACTIVITIES

Enjoy the abundant activities Lake Ted has to offer. Lake activities include free-swimming, riding down our water slide, rope swinging off the hill, taking the trolley into the water, blobbing, and wrestling the Saturn located in the middle of the lake. Water recreation in Lake Ted requires a minimum of three lifeguards, more may be required with larger groups.

-\$25 per lifeguard per hour



**Personal Touches and Adventures are to be coordinated with our wedding coordinator at least two weeks prior to the event.*

The Menu

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



The RETREAT AT BALCONES SPRINGS IS HONORED TO HAVE CHEF MARKO ELLINGER TO CREATE A MENU DESIGNED TO MEET YOUR DESIRES AND THE NEEDS OF YOU AND YOUR GUESTS. CHEF MARKO HAS SPENT YEARS GLOBETROTTING TO COOK FOR AN ECLECTIC GROUP OF CELEBRITIES, AND NOW WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE CHEF MARKO BACK IN THE BEAUTIFUL TEXAS HILL COUNTRY UTILIZING HIS INCREDIBLE TALENT AND KNOWLEDGE ACCUMULATED OVER THE MANY YEARS ABROAD.

A sample of a recent wedding weekend menu

FRIDAY EVENING REHEARSAL DINNER

"INTERIOR GRILL"

- *Jicama Cucumber Salad with Avocado and a splash of Agave Lime
- *Fire Roasted Quail with a Guajillo Citrus Rub topped with a Cranberry Cilantro Relish
- *Seared Beef Tenderloin presented in a Sherry Adobo Sauce and embellished with a Serrano Chimicurri
- *Sun Ripened Tomato Rice
- *Calabacitas de Elote, a petite zucchini filled with a sweet corn filling 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 and an array of savory condiments

SATURDAY RECEPTION DINNER

- *Passed Appetizers including Spinach Filo Tarts with Smoked Gouda and Caponata on Crostini
- *Salad of Field Greens with Toasted Pecans, Feta and Infused Pears
- *Marinated Flank 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
- *Wedding Cake

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



Beverage Details



BEVERAGE INFORMATION

BALCONES SPRINGS HAS THE CAPABILITY OF OFFERING A HOST BAR, CASH BAR, OR COCKTAIL PACKAGES. FOR HOST BAR YOUR MASTER ACCOUNT WILL BE CHARGED ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF DRINKS CONSUMED BY GUESTS. FOR CASH BAR GUESTS ARE CHARGED PER DRINK AND PAID FOR AT THE BAR OR APPLIED TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL CABIN AND BILLED UPON CHECKOUT. COCKTAIL PACKAGES CAN BE CREATED ALLOWING YOU TO CUSTOMIZE THE BEVERAGES AND AMOUNT THAT ARE SERVED TO YOUR GUESTS. AS ALWAYS, WE DO TAKE SPECIAL REQUESTS AND WILL TRY TO ACCOMMODATE.

BEER BRANDS

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

Premium: Shiner Bock & Corona Extra

LIQUOR BRANDS

House Brands: Tito's Vodka, Tanqueray Gin, Bacardi Superior Rum, Captain Morgan Spiced Rum, Crown Royal Whiskey, Chivas Regal Scotch Whiskey & Cuervo Especial Tequila

Special Ordered Brands: Other brands can be purchased by the bottle, please request pricing.



"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



Raise your glass!



WINE OPTIONS

House wine for \$25-35 per bottle.

Specialty wines come at various costs.

BAR PRICING

House Brands	\$ 5.00
House Wine	\$ 25/35 per bottle
Specialty Wine	available on request

Domestic Beer	\$ 4.00
Premium Beer	\$ 5.00

ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS

Keg of Domestic Beer (serves 160)	\$230
Keg of Premium/Imported Beer	\$275
Margaritas on the Rocks	\$115 per gallon
Frozen Margaritas (Machine Rental)	\$180 for the weekend
Frozen Margarita Batch (serves 60 6oz.)	\$250 per batch

** 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 and coffee service. An 18% service/coordination charge and 6.25% sales tax will apply.*

Accommodations



SWEET *dreams.*

BALCONES SPRINGS OFFERS 44 REFINED RUSTIC CABINS SCATTERED ACROSS THE FRONT OF THE PROPERTY. Cabins can accommodate one to six guests per cabin, set with either twin or king size bed and twins. Cabins start at \$200 per night for two adults.. For each additional adult, there is a \$50 charge per cabin per night. For each additional child, there is a \$25 charge per cabin per night. Accommodations are typically paid for by individual guests and include breakfast and lunch on Saturday and Sunday brunch. We highly recommend all guests staying at Balcones Springs to enjoy the entire wedding weekend experience. Cabins are subject to a 6.25% sales tax and 11% hotel tax.

SECURING THE DATE

In order to secure your wedding date, a signed contract and deposit are required. A deposit of \$5000 is required to hold your date for a wedding weekend and a deposit of \$2000 is required for a day wedding.

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.

"It was like one big weekend party, and everyone really got to know each other. They all want to go back next year!"



"How do you thank someone who has made a dream come true? Jennie and Christopher had the wedding of their dreams, and you and your staff made it happen for them. To this day, I am still getting feedback that Jennie & Christopher's wedding was the most special and memorable wedding that people had attended! Thank you so much!"

-Claire Flynn