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## THE REHEARSAL: DAY OF THE WEDDING? OKIE-DOKIE!

Are you interested in stress relief? Us too. By the way, there is no rule that says you **MUST** have a wedding rehearsal.

With just about 1,000 weddings hosted at Kendall Plantation, we know how to eliminate unneeded stress. Hosting a rehearsal the morning of your wedding is one of the most stress-relieving things you can do. Promise. I am sure most of you have been in a wedding before, whether it be a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, at some point, the bride requested you be in town or available the day before the wedding, or days before the wedding, for a rehearsal. Admit it, you had a little eye roll when you found out you had to be at a rehearsal at 3pm on a Thursday or Friday before a wedding. You had to take off work early, or the entire day, you had an extra hotel night to pay for, and you likely had to purchase a new wardrobe for the rehearsal. Just to follow the person in front of you and stand in a line. Ya, we get it. There are numerous benefits of hosting a day-of rehearsal, but we narrowed it down for you to our 5 favorite reasons to skip the unnecessary stressor.

1. Doing a day of rehearsal allows you to plan your rehearsal dinner anywhere, anytime. You don't have to search for a nearby restaurant and worry about timing of the dinner and traffic getting to and from the venue to the restaurant. Gather with your besties and enjoy the stress-free evening at your favorite hangout spot, or favorite restaurant, and relax. You can even do the rehearsal portion at the dinner location. A Rehearsal can be done anywhere- at any time other than the venue. BONUS: If you have a wedding planner/day of planner or coordinator, guess what? They are going handle all the details the day of. They will be there to direct traffic and tell the wedding party exactly what to do and where to stand that day. Why do it twice?
2. Out of town guests/travelers? Awesome! Save them an extra day and let them get settled in before the celebrations commence! Day of wedding rehearsals give your out-of-towners a little wiggle room in case of travel delays, traffic, and or unexpected flight changes.
3. 10am-Midnight. That is how long you have the Kendall Plantation. That's 14 hours folks. Ample time to run a day of rehearsal in the morning, or even afternoon of the wedding depending on your timeline. How many times have you been at a rehearsal the day before the wedding and you are waiting on the last bridesmaid or groomsmen to arrive? Ugh! Without fail, someone is always late and will put you way behind schedule for getting the rehearsal dinner started. When you host the rehearsal on the day of the wedding, it's real. Real, real. The wedding party will switch into wedding mode and be more focused and ready. And guess what, it will be

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fresh on their mind too, because the wedding is the same day. You can even sweet talk the wedding party and promise them coffee and tacos the morning of the rehearsal. Once the rehearsal is over, the girls head straight to the brides room and begin their hair and make-up. Boom, everyone already there, and ready to jump right into the wedding day preps. The guys can hang out at the venue, but we mostly see them all jump in a car and head to SA (10 minutes away) and hit Top Golf, or grab a quick lunch, maybe even bowling. Ohhh...you don't want to see the Groom on the day of the wedding? Good. (We love that tradition!). We typically see the bride stashed in the bridal suite during the rehearsal. The bride already knows what to do! Am I right?! The rehearsal can just be for the bridal party and the groom! Let's face it, you have had this planned out for some time now, and you already know exactly what to do when it's go time. Don't forget about that planner you hired! The planner will follow your wishes/guidelines for the rehearsal, so everything will be just as it should be. Trust the process, trust the professionals, we got this!

4. Guys coming in later? Cool, don't panic. When the girls arrive at KP to start hair and make-up at 10am, do a quick run through with just the bridesmaids, 15-20 minutes tops. Then, when the guys arrive later in the day, the planner can do a run through with them too. Now both parties have practiced their steps, and know exactly what to do, and it is fresh on their minds! Feeling better about the day of rehearsal yet?
5. It's just a quick walkthrough (everyone knows how to walk, correct?). Don't over-rate the rehearsal. The procession down the aisle and standing at the alter are self-explanatory. Don't over think it. Don't let other people make you crazy about these things. Have a dinner if you want, don't if you don't. Absolutely not necessary. The planner will help everyone get down the aisle, and the officiant will take it from there and tell you exactly what to do.