



### **A three-generation photo session on a family farm!**

Cori contacted me from Liechtenstein to book her family session for when they travelled to Canada to visit her dad and step-mom on their farm. I felt like I already knew her and her family by the time we met in person. We had set up a 45 minute Skype session before they arrived so I could get to know what her needs were and to talk about her family.

What made it even better was the warm welcome from Len, her Dad, and Dorothy when I visited to scout their beautiful farm location for the best place to photograph the family when they arrived. There were props galore!

Cori wanted a golden hour session, and I was so glad she did! The beautiful natural light allowed us to capture some great images.

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# FAMILY PHOTOS GAME PLAN

## **1 Figure out what time of day works best for you and your family.**

That beautiful 'golden hour' (an hour before sunset) works for families who are not morning people. If you're morning people, then before noon is better for you. Although there are two 'golden hours' in a day, the morning one isn't very popular being so early!

Toddlers best time is right after their nap? No problem. I can find a location and good light when they're ready in the afternoon.

## **2 Book your photographer early!**

You've figured out what works best for your family, now pick up the phone or send an email and make that appointment!

This may seem obvious, but most often with procrastination, the best spots are already filled up, especially in the busiest times of the year, near Graduation in May, and September to October for fall sessions for holiday photos. I do my best to accomodate as many sessions as possible, but waiting too long to book could result in not getting a time that works for your family, or not getting a spot at all!

## **3 Find a location that reflects your family's lifestyle.**

Here's a little secret...you can find a great place almost anywhere to take a photo. Some of my favourite places around Prince George are from photo sessions in client's backyards or nearby parks. There are two things to consider: Will your family members feel comfortable enough to be themselves in the place you've chosen? Does the location fit your family's personality? (The graffiti wall down the alley probably won't work with those who are on the shy side.)

## **4 Pick your outfits with confidence.**

Throw away the rules about picking clothing for your session. If everyone is comfortable looking like themselves, great!

Just try to avoid stripes, prints and logos on tees. Wear clothes you feel confident in and you'll look and feel fabulous!

Clothes can be coordinated for colour harmony, but avoid matching outfits!

## **5 Commit to enjoy your session with everyone!**

Parents often get tense at photo shoots when they worry about their kids behaviour. Don't worry! I've had kids, I love kids, and kids will be kids!

Take a deep breath and enjoy the memories you make together.

**SPOTLIGHT ON:  
the Thony-Gritsch  
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