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# Seniors

CLASS OF 2013  
SENIOR SESSION GUIDE

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and more!





it's nice to meet you!

i'm emily, and i'm the photographer behind e. gilbert photography: seniors. if you're reading this, you're either a member of the graduating class of 2013, or a parent of a member of the class of 2013. either way, CONGRATS! this is a big milestone in your life, and you definitely want photos to capture it before it's time to go off to college. parents, you probably want photos of your grad to send out as an announcement to friends and family. grads, you probably want awesome photos to show off to your friends {and maybe a new facebook photo, right?}.

what you probably don't want, if you're reading my senior session guide, is those same old boring studio shots. you know the ones, the subject is posed really unnaturally, probably in front of a tie-dyed backdrop of some sort. everyone always has that same "i hate everything" look in their eyes. those photos aren't fun, and they definitely don't show any personality!

showing off your personality is the main goal to my senior sessions. everyone wants that photo with the genuine smile and the real laugh, and it's so much easier {and waaaay more fun} to get those photos outside, just hanging out somewhere. and that's what my seniors have said to me after every session - "that was so relaxed!" or "you're not fussy like other photographers!", or my absolutely favorite - "that was **fun!**"

if you're looking for awesome, unique, and FUN senior portraits, you've come to the right photographer! i look forward to meeting you "for real," and to taking some amazing photos for you!

Hello!



# investment!

for the class of 2013, i have two different "standard" packages to choose from. i don't like to add in any extra products that i don't think you'll need, to save you money. if you want to use one of the packages as a base and add or change any of the products, that's totally fine with me! please contact me with any questions or ideas and we can go from there!

## the "silver" package - \$275

the silver package includes:

- an hour long photoshoot {up to four outfit changes}
- a CD with 25 of your images {sized for print and web}
  - 16 custom wallet sized prints {2 poses}
  - two 8x10 prints
- a brag book with 10 of your favorite images



## the "platinum" package - \$450

the platinum package includes:

- an hour long photoshoot {up to four outfit changes}
- a CD with 50 of your images {sized for print and web}
  - 24 custom wallet sized prints {up to 3 poses}
  - four 5x7 prints and three 8x10 prints
- two brag books with 10 of your favorite images

you can also add a **spiral bound proof book** to any package for only \$35.







# other products

in addition to the silver and platinum packages, i also offer other unique, fun products at a la carte prices!

## brag books!

the perfect gift for grandparents!  
10 of your favorite images in a wallet sized {2.5"x3.5"}, faux-leather, black accordion album.

**\$35 FOR ONE, \$55 FOR TWO**



{SHOWN WITH CELL PHONE FOR SIZE COMPARISON}



## facebook timeline covers

an awesome way to show off your favorite photos {up to 3 per cover} from your session online!

**\$5 PER COVER**

## floating metal prints

the newest, coolest innovation in large-scale prints! show off your favorite images with this new method. your photo is printed directly onto a high-quality, scratch resistant, and fade-free aluminum panel for a display that gleams! revolutionary hanging methods make the prints "float" off of your walls. these look more awesome the bigger they are!

8x10" - \$35    10x20" - \$65

20x30" - \$145

**MORE SIZES ARE AVAILABLE - JUST ASK FOR PRICING!**



# What do i wear?

this can be one of the most stressful parts of planning your senior session - WHAT TO WEAR! it doesn't have to be stressful at all, though. i promise! i've put together a guide to help you out with your outfit decisions, so take a deep breath, relax, and read on!



i recommend bringing at least (and i mean at the very least) three different outfits for your session. these should be complete outfits - with shoes, accessories, etc. girls, you might even want to bring different jewelry for each outfit.

most seniors choose three outfits along these lines:

## 1. SOMETHING A LITTLE (OR A LOT) FORMAL.

for guys, it can be jeans and a jacket, or even a suit. if you're extra stylish, this could involve a vest, bow-tie, or suspenders. for girls, you can wear a dress you love, or get as fancy as your prom dress. you could also do something more "high fashion," if you're into that. don't forget accessories! girls, show off your favorite shoes! guys, if you have a collection of snazzy socks, wear your favorite pair!

## 2. SOMETHING THAT REFLECTS AN INTEREST.

if you play a sport, bring your uniform, or your team jacket over a tee shirt and shorts. don't forget your ball/racket/bat/stick/etc. if you love to read, bring a few of your favorite books, and wear a coordinating outfit. if you play an instrument, maybe a hipper version of all-black concert wear {you know, what you wish you were allowed to wear for concerts! black jeans and a leather jacket, anyone?}, accessorized with your instrument. you can also always do an outfit based off of your favorite musician's style, or wear your favorite nerdy shirt, or band tee-shirt. it's totally up to you! another option here would be your cap and gown {if you have early access to them - or maybe an older sibling graduated from the same school as you and you can use theirs}.

## 3. SOMETHING CASUAL AND RELAXED.

guys, this usually means a v-neck shirt and some shorts or jeans. not the rattiest pair you own - you still want to look awesome, right? make sure you bring your favorite sneakers, too. girls, you can pretty much do whatever you want. shorts and a tank top, a sundress, jeans and a tee-shirt, a jumper, high-waisted shorts and a blouse. i know you have at least two outfits you never get to wear that you want to show off, and now's your chance.

## A FEW OTHER NOTES:

- if you have access to a cap and gown, it doesn't have a to "count" as a whole outfit. we can usually snap a few shots in it over another outfit, and then lose the cap and gown for the rest of that outfit's photos.
- remember: you want to look good, but you also want your parents to be happy. compromising is awesome! wear mom's favorite dress for some photos, and we can do some in your favorite dress too!
- **you're totally free to bring even more options**, especially if you're not sure what will look best in photos. i'm happy to help you decide! don't forget shoes for every outfit, too. and girls, please bring appropriate underwear for each outfit - if you have a strapless dress, don't forget a strapless bra, etc.
- if you don't want to change outfits a bunch of times, layers are your friend! adding a jacket can give an outfit a totally different look.





# getting ready...

make sure you get a good night's rest the night before your session. i know i sound like an old person saying that, but it'll make you look extra bright-eyed and awesome for your photos. also, try to drink a few extra glasses of water with dinner the night before your session, and some in the morning, too. hydrated skin is pretty skin!

girls, make sure your nails look nice! you don't necessarily need to polish them, just make sure they're filed and uniform, and that you're not wearing a nail polish color you don't want in the photos or that might clash with any of your outfits. boys, you might want to trim or file your nails before your session, too, especially if you have a class ring to show off.

don't try a brand new hairstyle or makeup look for your session, it might make you feel uncomfortable, and that doesn't make for a fun session! plus, you want people to recognize you in your photos, don't you? if you want to do something a little different with your hair or makeup for your photos, practice a few times in advance so you know what to do and how it will turn out. also, make sure you bring a hair tie and some bobby pins to your session, so you can change your style easily if you need to! you can also bring along a makeup bag if you want to adjust your makeup partway through the session - maybe darker eyeliner or a different shade of lipstick for with a more formal outfit. whatever you do, don't go overboard on makeup! show off your naturally gorgeous self - you just want to accent your best features (and maybe conceal some spots, if you're worried about those). i retouch every single photo, so if you're usually nervous about how your skin looks, don't go overboard with covering it up - just relax, use your normal amount of makeup, and i'll do the rest.



# f.a.q.

## DO YOU RETOUCH PHOTOS?

- yes! all of your photos will be retouched {minimally - you don't want to look like plastic} before you receive your proofs. if there is anything you want touched up in any of your photos before you receive your final products, just let me know and i can do that!

## SHOULD I BRING SOMEONE WITH ME?

- absolutely! i recommend bringing at least one person with you {no more than two or three guests, please} - whoever makes you the most comfortable and who will be helpful with your outfit choices is always the best bet, whether it's a parent, a sibling, or a friend.

## WHAT LOCATIONS DO YOU USE? DO YOU HAVE A STUDIO?

- i don't have a studio, and i prefer it that way! i do all of my senior sessions at a location of your choosing {within 30 miles of zip code 34747}. we can use a park, your house, your school, urban areas, or anywhere you like the look of. my favorite places to shoot are the Disney resorts - they provide tons of backdrops and different spots for posing. if you need help choosing a location, please ask! i love to help.

if you have any other questions for me, feel free to email me!





# other info...

so you're ready to book your senior session with e. gilbert photography - what do you do now? here's some info you'll need to know before booking your session:

- a 50% deposit is due at the time of booking your session, along with signing a contract {with a parent, too} to save your session appointment

- the rest of your fee is due at the time of your session

- any senior under 18 years of age must bring a parent to their session

- your proofs will be uploaded to a password protected gallery online within four weeks of your session, and product orders may take from two to four weeks to ship once you've decided on your order {please keep this in mind when booking your session! earlier is better.}

- travel fees will apply to any session location not within 30 miles of zip code 34747

- the best time for sessions is either first thing in the morning {think 9am} or just before sunset {around 6:30pm}

- if you wish to reschedule your session for any reason besides inclement weather {i'll be in contact if it looks like the weather won't be cooperating}, i require at least 48 hours notice

- any client who cancels a session will forfeit the 50% deposit placed at the time of scheduling

FULL TERMS OF YOUR SESSION CAN BE FOUND IN YOUR CONTRACT.



# booking!

the fastest, easiest way to get started on booking your senior session is to send me an email, or to have one of your parents send me an email.

you can also use the contact forms on my website and blog, or send me a facebook message. you can also contact me with any questions, concerns, or ideas before we start the booking process.

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