

WHITEHURST LAKE HOUSE

1515 STICKS ROAD
WASHINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

PRICING AND PAYMENTS

RESERVATION FEE & DAMAGE DEPOSIT – Payment of \$850 is required to reserve your chosen date, and this payment is *nonrefundable for a cancellation or change of date*. There are no courtesy holds for dates. Requested dates are reserved only when the fee has been received. Of this \$850 fee, \$350 is considered a damage deposit and will be refunded by mailed check three weeks after your event pending no damages. The reservation fee of \$500 is separate and not included in your rental or package price.

The Reservation Fee should be made payable to **Eastern Wedding Venues** and can be taken to or mailed to the WLH/EJE Recycling Office. The office is open M-F 8am-5pm.

April Whitehurst Haltigan
EJE Recycling – WLH Office
802 Recycling Lane
Greenville, NC 27834

Please note that the lake house's address (1515 Sticks Road, Washington, NC 27889) is a physical location address only (for your invitations). The lake house does not have a mailbox. All payments and correspondence should be mailed to the office address above (802 Recycling Ln).

PAYMENTS – A payment schedule will be given after your rental package has been chosen, and the reservation fee has been received. Your balance is to be paid in full 30 days prior to your event. Late fees will apply for payments received after due dates. If no payment has been received by the eighth day after a due date, your event is canceled, and all payments are retained. Please mark your payment due dates in your calendar! Upon a requested cancellation, all payments are retained and a credit will be issued for one year from the date of cancellation notification.

VENUE RENTALS - Our Venue Rentals packages are described below. The reservation fee is not included in the venue rental price. Please let us know if these packages cannot fit your event needs. Venue rental packages do not include catering. Tablecloth color choices: white, ivory, beige, gray/silver, navy, brown, black (*\$50 upcharge for champagne or gold*). For an added fee, we can provide napkins, table runners, or specialty linens.

Monday Ceremony, \$250. This is for one-and-a-half hours of rental time for a wedding ceremony on the wedding dock or under the pavilion. Your time slot would include 30 minutes for arrival and prep, 30 minutes for ceremony, and 30 minutes for pictures. Maximum of 20 attendants/guests including wedding couple. Chairs will be provided. Client is responsible for arranging an officiant and obtaining a marriage license.

Weekday Rental, \$1500. Includes four hours of rental time for indoor **or** outdoor set-up of guest tables and chairs for up to 100 guests, tablecloths, and a candle or lantern centerpiece for each guest table. Great rental for rehearsal dinners or cocktail parties. **Venue Rental 2 cannot be booked for Saturdays or Sundays.**

Event Rental, \$2500. Includes five hours of rental time and indoor set-up of tables and chairs for up to 150 guests, table linens, and a candle or lantern centerpiece for each guest table. Cocktail tables will be scattered under the pavilion. Great rental for dinner or cocktail parties. **Venue Rental 3 cannot be booked more than 90 days out.**

Reception Rental, \$3000. This is a Saturday 1pm – 11pm rental time. No early setup/deliveries/decorating/rehearsals. This is a great package for a Saturday evening reception or party. Your vendors can setup starting 1pm Saturday. This rental includes tablecloths on indoor tables as well as cocktail tables scattered under the pavilion.

Ceremony & Reception Rental, \$4000. This is a Saturday 11am – 11pm rental time plus time for ceremony rehearsal on Friday 4pm-5pm. Includes up to 200 white padded chairs for ceremony (please see policy on ceremony chairs). This rental includes tablecloths on indoor tables as well as cocktail tables scattered under the pavilion. *Ceremony & Reception rental is reduced to \$3000 for dates in the months of January and February.*

Wedding Weekend Rental, \$4750. Rental time includes Friday 10am – 8pm for setting up and rehearsal, Saturday 11am-11pm for wedding, and Sunday 11am-1pm for retrieval of personal items. This rental can include setup for a rehearsal dinner under the pavilion (client provides catering). Includes tablecloths for the inside tables and cocktail tables scattered under the pavilion for Saturday. This rental also includes up to 200 white padded chairs for your ceremony on the Wedding Dock or under The Pavilion. (Please see policy on Ceremony chairs)

POLICIES/RULES/REGULATIONS OF WHITEHURST LAKE HOUSE

EVENT DETAILS

An event coordinator is needed to ensure well planned, organized events take place at WLH. *Wedding events will not take place without an organized, detailed timeline in place.* This timeline should be turned in 10 days before wedding date. Please ask about event coordinating service if needed. All events have to end by 11pm. If you wish to stay later than this, please ask about the additional fees for extra hours for our staff. We do not have outdoor audio in place and require that for outdoor ceremonies, the renter hire a professional DJ or an instrumentalist (violin, guitar, harp). No iPod-blue tooth speaker setups or the like allowed. Ceremony music has to be professionally executed.

ALCOHOL

Whitehurst Lake House is not responsible for the purchase of or disbursement of alcohol. You, the renter, are responsible for making arrangements for any distribution of alcohol. Our property is not permitted for hosting a cash bar or for any alcohol sales. If your catering staff is handling purchasing and serving alcohol to your guests, please be familiar with the Laws (#3) and Rules (#4) listed below. If you are getting bar service through your caterer, ask WLH if we have a copy of the caterer's insurance on file. If your caterer carries host liquor liability insurance and is serving your alcohol, you do not have to purchase event insurance. If you are purchasing alcohol to be served to your guests, you must hire a WLH bartender for serving, and you must acquire Event Insurance. An additional permit is required to serve hard liquor (described below in #1, 2).

1. **Permit.** If you are serving liquor on our property, you must apply for a one-time special occasion permit. <http://abc.nc.gov/application/menu.aspx?f=124>. This permit is not required to serve beer, wine, or sparkling wine/champagne.
2. **Insurance.** If you, the renter, are purchasing the alcohol to be served to your guests, WLH requires you to purchase **event insurance with host liquor liability coverage**. This needs to be done 30 days prior to your event, and a copy should be emailed/mailed to WLH. Your insurance agent can get a policy for you, or you can purchase one easily online (theeventhelper.com is one site that carries). The cost of event insurance is approximately \$150, depending upon number of guests. If you are getting bar service through your caterer, ask WLH if we have a copy of the caterer's insurance on file. If your caterer carries host liquor liability insurance and is serving your alcohol, you do not have to purchase event insurance.
3. **Laws.** BY LAW, NO ONE UNDER 21 MAY CONSUME OR TASTE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. Management may ask guests for identification to verify age. Whitehurst Lake House reserves the right to ask **the entire party** to leave if a minor is consuming alcohol or if an adult is providing alcohol to a minor. The party renting our facility shall ensure that no underage drinking is allowed. We assume no responsibility or liability for underage drinkers. You, as the buyer of alcohol, are liable for anyone drinking alcohol at your event. All bartenders are obligated to check IDs for age verification and refuse to serve anyone who has had too much to drink. Taxi cab numbers have been listed on the refrigerator.
4. **Rules.**

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- a. ALCOHOL IS NOT PERMITTED BEYOND THE TREE LINE OR IN THE PARKING LOT AREA. Your guests are welcome to have alcohol inside our building, on our covered porch, or in the wedding dock area. If alcohol is being consumed in the parking area, the guest will be notified of our rules once and if not obeyed, asked to leave the property. If ALE becomes involved, you, the renter, will be responsible for all fines.
- b. ALL ALCOHOL CONSUMED AT WLH IS SERVED BY A BARTENDER. ALCOHOL CANNOT BE PLACED IN SELF SERVE TUBS. There must be a bartender present where alcohol is served. If any alcohol is being consumed on the WLH premises, it should have come from a bartender – if not, you will lose your security deposit and be asked to leave the property. **This includes alcohol consumed by family and wedding party before the ceremony, or during your rehearsal/rehearsal dinner.** If your wedding party would like to drink alcohol before the ceremony (not recommended), this needs to be done off WLH's premises, unless a bartender is hired for pre-ceremony time.
- c. No Glass Beer Bottles. No keg stands on lake house property. No shots of liquor are to be served; mixed drinks are allowed.

OUTDOOR EVENT CHAIRS

Our white resin padded seat chairs are available for rent for \$2 each if they are not included in your venue rental. This includes a one-time setup under the pavilion or on the seating platform by the wedding dock. A decision on where the chairs are to be placed must be made by 12pm the day before your event (there should be a good hourly forecast by that time). If you have not given your decision and cannot be reached, a placement choice will be made for you. After the chairs are set up, they are the renter's responsibility to move due to weather, etc.

CATERING

Whitehurst Lake House requires that only licensed/insured caterers are hired to cater your event. We can provide you a list of caterers that are familiar with Whitehurst Lake House. You are responsible for setting up a meeting time for your caterer to visit our site if they are unfamiliar with the layout. Whitehurst Lake House shall not be held responsible if the caterer cancels, and no refunds will be given in the event the caterer cancels. No food is to be cooked in the Lake House kitchen, only heated. No roasters may be used inside. You are responsible for ensuring your caterer collects all their equipment and removes and/or disposes all food into the proper trash cans. Please talk with your caterer about who is responsible for clearing your tables throughout your event. **If food is left on your guest tables, serving tables, or kitchen area, you will lose your security deposit.** WLH staff is not responsible for bussing your tables.

PARKING

Up to two parking attendants provided by WLH will be present for the first hour of your event for events with 100+ guests. Your guests are parking in a natural setting without borders. It is recommended one attendant per 100 guests. If you are expecting over 200 guests, WLH can provide additional parking attendants for \$100 each.

FACILITY

The lake house has an inside capacity of 320 standing guests (without table and chairs) and about 175 seated. You are welcome to use our attached pavilion and the lake house grounds for additional tables, seating, tents, etc. You are responsible for setting up the available tables at the lake house as well as any additional tables/seating you have rented unless stated in your venue rental package. Tables and chairs are available for rent for the pavilion, patio, and dock.

Tables, chairs, and barstools inside the lake house are not to be removed or placed outside the lake house unless prior approval is given by WLH staff. We would be happy to arrange rental for outdoor tables and chairs for you. Keep in mind in addition to the number of tables needed for guest seating, you may need the following: tables for food, extra beverages/punch, cake, discarded dishes, gifts, favors, and signature books/frames.

- This is a **smoke free** facility. Smoking is allowed outside with proper disposal stations around the pavilion area.
- First aid kits are located under the sink of each bathroom. Fire Extinguishers are located behind the bar and by the staff storage room.

WEDDING VENDORS/GATES

All traffic associated with your event must use the entrance on 1515 Sticks Road. The Whitehurst Lane Gate is not to be used and will not be opened as this is a private entrance for residents only. The Lake House is located in a gated community on private property. All wedding vendors should have a prearranged time for delivery and pick-up.

DECORATING

Any and all decorations are solely your responsibility. Whitehurst Lake House décor, such as paintings, mirrors, and candle sconces are not to be removed. All of your decorations/rental items must be removed and taken with you at the conclusion of your rental time. This includes if you use a professional decorator. A breach of contract fee will be charged if you or your decorator fails to abide by this per the contract. No decorations are allowed that leave any kind of residue. This includes, but not limited to: confetti, sparkles/sequins/glitter, silly string, loose marbles, stones, feathers, beads, etc, either inside or outside our facility. No tacks, staples, pins, or tape on walls. Candles within glass hurricanes and floating candles are allowed on tabletops. **No artificial flower petals or flowers are to be used under the patio, pavilion, or on the dock outside.**

CLEAN UP

All food must be disposed of into kitchen waste bins by catering staff. No food is to be left outside. Your guest tables are to be cleared of all food within an hour of the conclusion of your meal. A WLH staff member will be present during your event to switch out full waste bins and refill paper products in the restrooms. If there is excessive clean up to be done because of bodily fluids or waste on the surrounding grounds instead of in the bins, the renter will lose the damage deposit.

OTHER

Please make sure your guests are mindful and respectful of the neighboring private residence. **Absolutely no trespassing onto that property (including the swimming pool) or law enforcement will be called, and your entire party will be asked to leave Lake House property.**

No jumping/walking/dipping/swimming in the lake. No objects or people are to be thrown or placed into the lake.

No bottle rockets, firecrackers, or any other fireworks are allowed. Sparklers are allowed outside on the grass but not under the pavilion.

No Chinese (floating) lanterns. Absolutely no firearms are allowed on Lake House property.

All music must cease by 11pm.

Whitehurst Lake House personnel and Judson Whitehurst (neighboring private residence) have the authority to contact law enforcement officials to protect Whitehurst Lake House property and personnel.

Liability Clause

Whitehurst Lake House cannot and will not be responsible for acts of God, inclement weather, or your change of plans. Whitehurst Lake House will not be held liable for injuries or property damage/loss to others during this function, including, but not limited to: death, personal injury, property damage, or any other incidents that may occur to any person(s) by use of the building and premises during the term of this contract. The term of the contract starts when the first representative (guest/vendor) arrives on the property and concludes when the last person leaves the property.

DAMAGE DEPOSIT, CANCELLATIONS, BREACH OF CONTRACT

A damage/breach of contract deposit in the amount of \$350.00 is due upon reserving a date at Whitehurst Lake House. Your deposit (less any damage charges) will be refunded by mailed check within 21 business days following your event. Please make sure WLH has your after-event mailing address for this.

You are liable for any damage done to Whitehurst Lake House property. If repairs or replacement costs exceed the damage deposit, you will be responsible for the excess amount, and charges will be made.

Cancellations must be received in written/emailed form. All payments submitted by the renter will be retained minus the damage deposit of \$350. If cancelled event is within six months of notice, the damage deposit will be retained as well. Whitehurst Lake House retains the right to rent the facility if a cancellation occurs. Whitehurst Lake House reserves the right to change the conditions of, or cancel this contract up to 90 days prior to rental. If Whitehurst Lake House cancels this event, all payments will be refunded.

Authorization

This document becomes a legal and binding contract when the reservation deposit fee is received. The original signed contract becomes the property of Whitehurst Lake House.

The undersigned has read, understands, and is agreeable to the breach of contract arrangement, damage deposit and cancellation policy, and facility policies and rules as listed in this contract.

Renter Name Printed: _____ Phone#: _____

Renter Signature: _____ Date: _____

WLH Staff: _____ Date: _____