

Debbie's Senior Session Tips

Arrive for your appointment 10 minutes early

Make sure to get a good nights sleep the night before. It really shows in your eyes if you don't.

CLOTHING CHOICES

Pick a variety of clothing. Some casual, something a little dressier. Don't bring all one type of clothing such as ALL spaghetti straps or ALL T-Shirts with words--or ALL pink tops. Mix it up, variety really is best. If you are unsure bring extras and I can help you pick what would work the best. Some really simple choice ideas that always look good are an all white or all black T shirt with jeans or toss in a blue jean jacket. They always photograph well. You'll be happiest with your session if your clothing choices vary in sleeve length, style and colors. Last and most important on clothes is don't just scrunch them all in a bag. Wrinkles really do show!

If mom wants to iron your stuff then let her!! And then hang them on hangers.

HAIR

Please check your hair as often as you like during your session. Bring hairspray and anything else that you use to style your doo with you. If it is a humid sticky day then you will really want to use some hair spray. Don't try a new style just for your session! Your haircut – color – perm – should be at least 7 days old to look best.

ZITS

Yep they happen..... Try to minimize them as much as possible with a cover stick. Then let my awesome retouch services take care of the rest!

GLASSES

Here's the facts..... Glasses reflect light. Retouching on glass glare can be quite costly. I suggest asking your Eye Dr to borrow a pair of lens- less frames for you session. Most Eye Drs are really good about doing this. Just make sure to ask your Eye Dr a week or so ahead of time. If you wear contacts and are extremely sensitive to light (flash) then don't wear your contacts for your session. You don't want that DUH look!

PROPS & BUDDY SHOTS

Bring any props that are important to you. Your music, your car, your friend, whatever... Please let me know ahead of time if you will be bringing large props such as an animal or vehicle, and also if you plan on doing buddy shots. The first buddy shot is free with every senior session. If you want to do buddy shots with a second group or buddy add \$5.00 to your session. One clothing choice for buddy shots, and, either inside or outside.

WET & WILD SHOTS

My specialty! A Debbie's Photography original! The only studio around that developed and perfected this technique! I love doing Wet & Wild shots!!!! They are very fun and different. If you would like to try some Wet & Wild shots I suggest #1 you bring a spare set of under garments...going home wet can be yucky. #2 be ready to get wet... We can get you totally wet or just stand in the water wet or the edge of the beach wet or whatever. You will see all kinds of options when you come to the studio. You might want to bring 2 options of tops/outfits for Wet & Wild. Some clothing photographs better wet then others. I can help you decide which one to use when I see the clothing in person. Wet & Wild Shots are always done at the end of your session.

TAN & STRAP MARKS

Very expensive to fix! I suggest using the tanning bed to minimize that as much as possible before your session. Just work on it a week or 2 before your session and you will be amazed how fast you can get rid of those lines! If you do use a tanning bed make sure to move around some when tanning so you don't end up with bulb stripes from the bed and white underarms! If you play ball and wear a hat a lot try to remember to take it off for a couple of weeks before your session so you don't have white hat forehead. Guys mow the yard a couple of times without a shirt on to get rid of farmer tan lines.

GUYS

Guys I am going to say this here...AND IT IS TRUE.....remember, if mom gets her nice shot, she is much cooler on letting you get what you want ! So make her happy and keep her off both of our cases!!! LOL Then we can do whatever fun shots you want.

A fresh shave is a must! If you have a beard or a mustache make sure it is trimmed to your liking. Retouching stubble costs extra and it still doesn't look as good as a clean shave. Guys bring more than one pair of shoes and socks. Docs and sandals photograph well. Bright tennis shoes work with sports and some blue jean or short outfits. If you have dark pants you will want to bring a pair of dark socks, white socks looks dorky with dark pants.

GIRLS

Wow where to start ????? Makeup -- Bring it with you !!! Fresh, Natural and Evening makeup photograph the best. So your makeup for your session should be slightly more than what you normally wear. White and sparkly eye shadow does not photograph well. Make sure your mascara is a fresh tube and not old and clumpy. Eye liner when applied correctly can really make the eyes pop and come to life in photographs. The correct use of makeup can considerably enhance your portraits and reduce the cost of retouching. Using foundation is a good way to smooth out any blotchy look of your skin. Powder reduces sheen, fixing shiny foreheads and noses is easy to do with powder and hard and expensive to do with retouching. I strongly recommend bringing powder with you. Color enhancing makeup such as blush, eye makeup and lip color, will brighten your entire face. Frosted makeup will reflect light and frosted lip color will make your lips look thick. You will want to refresh your make up as your session goes. And I will probably remind you. Don't take that as an insult please, I consider it part of my expertise. And absolutely DO NOT use the powder with glitter in it!

NAILS

Nails do show! Make sure you have a fresh Pedi and Manicure or wear none at all. Chipped paint looks nasty! Many casual shots are done barefoot, so don't forget about those toes!

GIRLS CLOTHING SELECTIONS

Again read my first part on clothing.... Then add the idea of making sure that you bring all the undergarments that you will need with you. If you are wearing white pants then the flowered panties you have on will really show. If one of your tops is strapless tucking in straps shows and or depending on your size going without may not be the best solution for you. If you want to appear slimmer a way to fool the camera is to double layer your tops, such as a tank top with a long sleeve top over it. Long sleeves are always more slimming. Another slimming tip is to bring a jacket with you. Sometimes the blue jean jacket look is really a cool

look. Also make sure to have freshly shaved those pits. We may decide to take one or two shots that your pits show. Also freshly shave and lotion your legs. Lotion on your bare legs is a must for photographs. Makes them look tanner, longer and leaner. Exactly the look you want on legs.

JEWELRY

A good tip on jewelry is organize your choices for each outfit and then put those choices in a zip lock bag and attach the bag to the clothing hangers. There again bring a variety. However if mom wants a really classic look for one outfit then keep the jewelry for that outfit classic and simple.

Your Senior Session is booked for

<i>Day</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	.
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In case of bad weather I will call you the day of your session and discuss it with you. Please be 10 minutes early for your session I have included a map for your convenience. The entrance to the photography studio is underneath of the deck on the east side of the house. Please follow the sidewalk to the right of the garage and go down the hill.

I look forward to seeing you! Just relax and have fun. I can help your senior photo session Fun and Easy with great results!

Thanks,

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