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That special day is finally here.

For the bride, it's the moment she has always dreamed about. Ever since that fourth grade crush, she has thought about the arrival of this extraordinary occasion.

For the groom, it is a time of responsibility. Leaving behind the carefree days of bachelorhood, to now care for that one special person and perhaps a family too.

What better setting for this momentous event than nature and the effect it has at outdoor weddings. Standing beneath a gazebo to take your vows. With blue skies overhead, green grass all around and the natural surroundings that only Mother Nature can provide. Gentle breezes or even an embracing wind will bring smiles to you and all of your loved ones who are here to share in your new life's beginning.

What better way to accommodate as many guests as you may require than the expansive setting provided by outdoor weddings. Include all the little ones in your life and watch them run and jump under the sun's energy. This is, after all, a celebration, is it not?

What about the world's other creatures, such as your beloved family pets. They will bring a sense of friendliness to the ceremony that cannot be enjoyed indoors.

But let us take it a step further, besides all the possibilities of space and inclusion of children and animals, why not expand the outdoor weddings to include a theme. Not only will the actual ceremony take place outdoors, but the reception as well.

Use your imagination, but what about a garden party?

Supplement the majestic trees and shrubs surrounding the event with beautiful flowers of your own, set about on patio tables and chairs. Bottles of wine and a platter of cheese with crackers displayed on each. Tell your guests to bring a pair of shorts along to change into for the utmost in fun and relaxation. It feels like stringed instruments for the audio portion of this gathering.

How about a picnic, complete with barbeque, potato salad and beer? Volleyball anyone? Or a friendly game of horseshoes? Old fashioned rectangular wood tables will fit this scenario to the tee. Don't forget some blankets for the children and even some of your more childlike of adult friends. Possibly, these can be specially made or modified with the bride and grooms name and date of the event woven into the fabric.

I'm thinking country music here from a band or DJ, but any tunes you prefer can be played as loud as you (and possibly the local noise ordinance) desires.

You say you and your friends have more exotic tastes?

Alright, would a Hawaiian setting suit your needs.

That's right it's Luau time. Island music with the smell of a roasting pig on the rotisserie. Cocktails with fresh fruit and mini umbrellas floating in the mix. Outdoor lanterns should provide enough light before the romantic campfire is started.

No matter which theme you choose, or if you decide on a more traditional ceremony outside, you will not find a better setting for those very special wedding pictures, than those available at outdoor weddings.

Posing with the wedding party with the backdrop of a sunny blue sky cannot be reproduced in an indoor accommodation. Better yet, some small puffy white clouds floating by cannot be replicated on canvas.

If there's a lake and bridge nearby, better yet.

No flashbulb can substitute for sunlight in these images you will retain for a lifetime.

So let me be the first to propose a toast to the bride, groom and to wonderful outdoor weddings!

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