

*how to:*

# COLD WEATHER WEDDINGS



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EVENT VENUE

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a quick note

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Is it possible to get married outdoors during a cold weather month? *Absolutely!*

We recently took a poll in our Facebook group (**SPRINGS Brides + Wedding PROs**) and found that over 60% of our couples get married during a potential cold weather month (September-February).

So... if being a fall or winter Bride or Groom is your dream, let's go ahead and make that happen, shall we? :)

xoxo, **THE SPRINGS**



## **01. CHOOSE A VENUE THAT ENABLES YOU TO HOST BOTH YOUR CEREMONY + RECEPTION AT THE SAME PLACE**

This leads to less transportation time and less time spent “out in the elements.” Looking for a venue that can make this happen? **THE SPRINGS** has locations all across Texas + Oklahoma!

## **02. CONSIDER HAVING BOTH YOUR CEREMONY + RECEPTION INDOORS**

If you will be getting married at **THE SPRINGS**, ask us about our guide to indoor ceremonies -- it has just about everything you need to know, plus lots of photo inspiration + FAQs!

## **03. KEEP YOUR OUTDOOR CEREMONY IN MIND WHILE DRESS SHOPPING**

Same goes for the groom/groomsmen attire. For the bride + bridesmaids, consider long dresses/long sleeves. *PRO-TIP: it's easy to sneak a pair of warm leggings beneath a long dress.* For the guys, wool suits should help keep out the chill and also happen to look oh so dapper.

## **04. CHOOSE WEDDING PARTY GIFTS TO KEEP YOUR PEOPLE WARM**

We're thinking cute scarves, wraps, or furry coats for the bridesmaids + thick socks for the groomsmen.

## 05. RESEARCH + CHECK THE SUNSET TIME

When choosing your ceremony start time, be sure to check the expected sunset time. During these colder weather months, the sun sets earlier in the day and you may want to keep this in mind, as even just a little bit of sun can help keep your guests warm + happy. Our favorite app for all weather-related things is Dark Sky. That said, if you're dreaming of a moonlit ceremony, we can certainly make that happen, being that all **SPRINGS** ceremony sites are readily illuminated! *PRO TIP: the addition of twinkle lights or cafe lighting is so, so romantic.*

## 06. INFORM YOUR GUESTS AHEAD OF TIME THAT THE CEREMONY WILL BE OUTSIDE

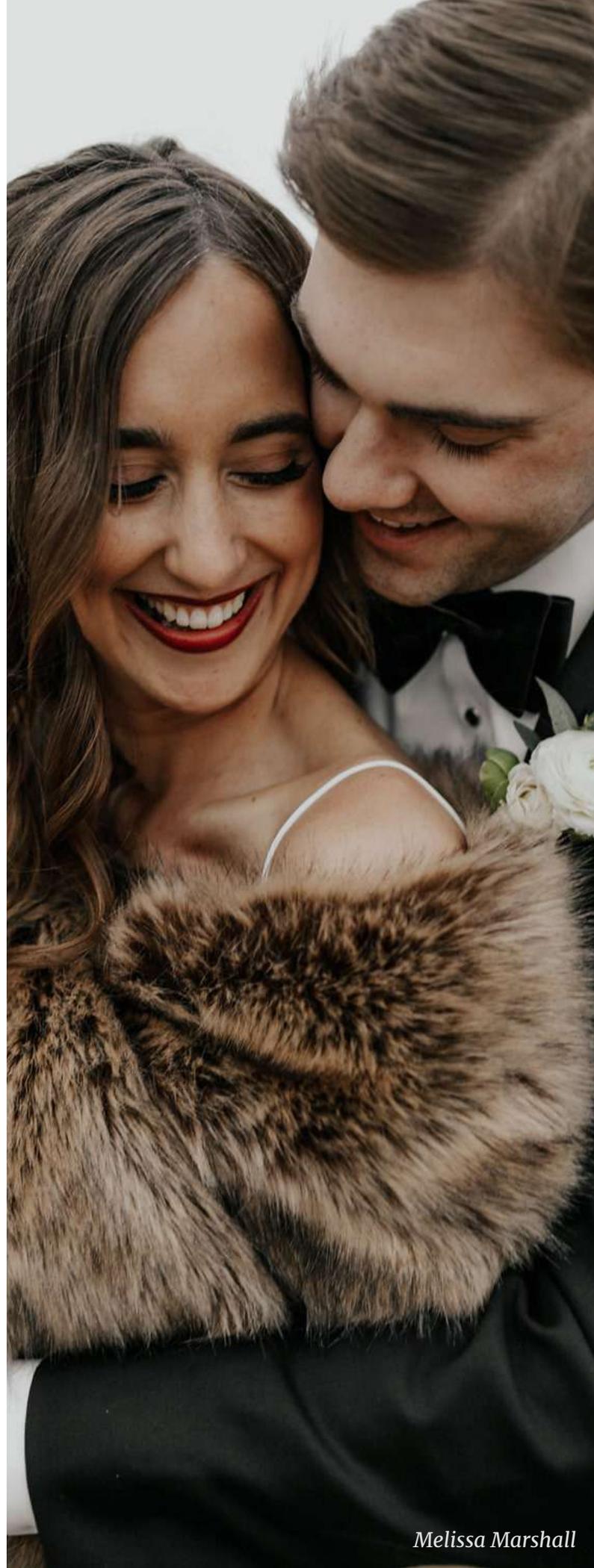
Send out an email or some sort of message encouraging your guests to dress warmly, bring a coat or even a blanket!

## 07. INVEST IN A GOOD FACE MOISTURIZER

Be sure to use a good face moisturizer so your skin does not dry out in the cold weather.

## 08. LOOK INTO RENTING OUTDOOR, PATIO HEATERS

You are welcome to surround the ceremony site with these heaters, keeping your guests nice + toasty while you say your vows.





## 09. CONSIDER DOING A FIRST LOOK + WEDDING PARTY PHOTOS BEFORE THE CEREMONY

Since these will be earlier in the day, you'll have great lighting for your photos, PLUS it will also cut down on the time you'll have to spend outdoors following your ceremony. All that's left will be family portraits!



## 10. ALLOW GUESTS TO WAIT INSIDE BEFORE THE CEREMONY BEGINS

You don't have to necessarily let EVERYONE wait inside, but we do recommend letting your grandparents + older guests do so. If you're up for it, let everyone enjoy the warmth indoors for a few minutes before heading out to the ceremony site!



## 11. OFFER WARM DRINKS UPON ARRIVAL

As your guests make their way to their seats, encourage them to stop by the drink station and grab a warm drink to sip on throughout the ceremony -- we're thinking hot chocolate, coffee, apple cider, etc. Yummy drink + a handwarmer all-in-one!

## 12. START YOUR CEREMONY ON TIME

This keeps your guests out in the cold for as little time as possible.

### **13. PROVIDE BLANKETS FOR YOUR GUESTS TO USE DURING THE CEREMONY**

You can normally find fleece blankets for a pretty decent price at Walmart, Academy, Amazon, etc. Choose a few colors that match your theme and make a cute sign to go alongside them. You could also make little hand warmers + mini Kleenex packets available here. :)

### **14. KEEP YOUR CEREMONY AS SHORT + SWEET AS POSSIBLE**

### **15. CONSIDER HAVING A COAT CHECK AS YOUR GUESTS MAKE THEIR WAY BACK INSIDE**

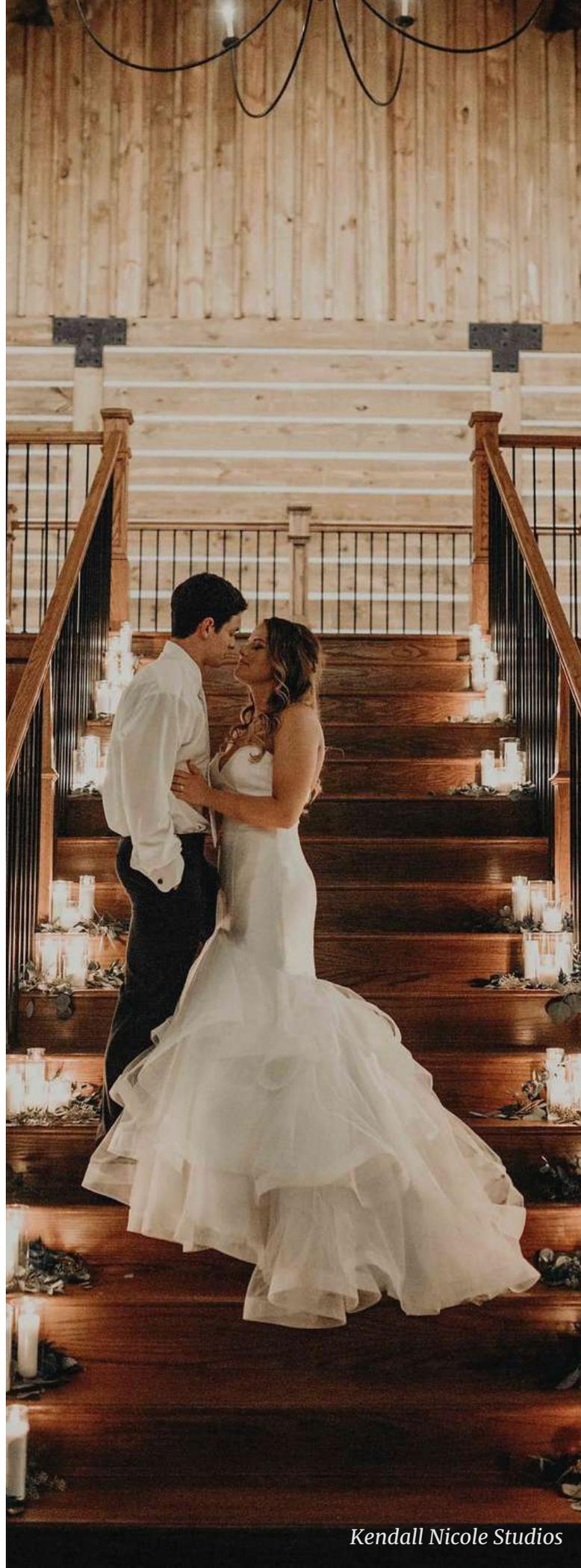
This is by no means a “must have” -- just something special that could set your event apart.

### **16. OFFER YOUR GUESTS WARM SNACKS**

As you guests head back inside for the reception, offer warm snacks as part of your cocktail hour. S'mores station. Tomato soup shooters. Mini grilled cheeses. The options are limitless and so yummy!

### **17. HAVE A SPIKED (OR NON-SPIKED) HOT CHOCOLATE // COFFEE // APPLE CIDER BAR**

Because when the weather gets chilly, we like to cozy up with some warm drink options.





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Cold weather wedding – *let's make this happen!*

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Happy Wedding!

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