Wedding Cimeline

12 Months Ahead:

- Decide on the type of wedding you want
- Decide on Budget
- Finalize wedding date
- Reserve ceremony site and officiant
- Work on guest list for a rough count
- Visit reception sites and reserve one
- Hire wedding consultant (for help with all planning, certain aspects of it, or day of coordination only)

9-12 Months Ahead:

- Shop for and order wedding gown, veil and accessories
- Compile guest list
- Choose attendants
- Select bridesmaids' attire
- Plan details of reception: colors, decorations, balloons
- Select photographer
- Select videographer
- Select band or DJ for reception
- Discuss honeymoon plans
- Mail save the date cards
- Get engagement photo taken

6-9 Months Ahead:

- Reserve wedding day transportation
- Register for gifts at one to three stores
- Book Musicians for ceremony
- Select Florist
- Reserve party rental equipment (table, chairs, tent, etc...)
- Order wedding cake
- Order invitations, personal stationery and thank you notes
- Reserve accommodations for out of town quests
- Finalize honeymoon plans (get passport if needed)
- Purchase wedding rings

4-6 Months Ahead:

- Order men's formalwear
- Book stylist or salon for bridal party hair, nails, and make-up
- Select and purchase guest favors
- Find and reserve rehearsal dinner location
- Reserve accommodations for wedding night
- Finalize guest list

2-4 Months Ahead:

- Address wedding invitations
- Buy and wrap attendants' gifts
- Confirm delivery dates of bridal gown and bridesmaids' dresses
- Meet with caterer to discuss menu and do tasting
- Select ceremony music, readings and vows
- Meet with officiant
- Arrange ceremony rehearsal and notify participants

1-2 Months Ahead:

- Get marriage license
- Mail invitations
- Arrange for final fittings on your gown
- Make reservations for bridesmaids' luncheon
- Confirm honeymoon arrangements
- Record gifts received and write thank you notes promptly
- Prepare printed programs for ceremony
- Start reception seating chart and place cards
- Purchase wedding accessories (guest book and pen, unity candle, toasting glasses, cake knife and server, and flower girl/ring bearer accessories)
- Contact local paper with wedding announcement

2-4 Weeks Ahead:

- Arrange for professionals to preserve your gown and bridal bouquet
- Follow up on missing RSVPs and finish seating chart/place cards
- Confirm final guest count to caterer and reception site
- Write rehearsal dinner and wedding toasts
- Confirm honeymoon arrangements

1 Week Ahead:

- Have final consultations with caterer, florist, DJ, musicians, photographer, and videographer
- Host bridesmaids luncheon
- Begin packing for honeymoon
- Put fees due on wedding day in envelopes, for the best man to distribute