



The  
**Bidwell House**  
a bed & breakfast inn

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## Wedding Information

Thank you for considering the Bidwell House for your wedding event. Bidwell House is a unique historic Inn located in Old Town of Chester. We offer a beautiful site and many services and amenities to make your special day a memorable one. We take great pride in our service, and will work with you to accommodate your special needs. Whether it is a small intimate ceremony just for two, or a large garden party for 150, it is our job to take the anxiety out of planning and preparing for your special day so you can relax and savor every moment of it.

Our amenities include:

- ◆ *Outdoor wedding ceremony and reception site is on an expansive lawn in a garden setting with beautiful cottonwood trees and an aspen grove.*
- ◆ *Indoor wedding ceremony site, the front room of the Bidwell House, with lovely antique furniture and a large fireplace.*
- ◆ *Twelve distinctly different guest rooms, many with King-sized beds and Jacuzzi tubs, three diamonds rated to ensure your comfort.*
- ◆ *Superb cuisine from created by our chef. We tailor our menus to meet your needs.*

Please take time to review the enclosed information, which includes our menus and policies. If you have any questions, just call and we will be glad to help you.



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## *Spectacular Wedding Ceremony Site*

Bidwell House has two unique sites available depending on the size of your group and the season you pick. Outdoor weddings are held on our beautiful lawn and indoor weddings in the historic Bidwell House by the fireplace. Weddings generally start after 1PM and could be held till 9PM.

Our outdoor wedding site is on an expansive lawn in a garden setting with beautiful cottonwood trees and an aspen grove. This is ideal location for your wedding during the summer months (June through mid of September). We can accommodate up to 150 people on our spacious grounds for your special occasion.

Our indoor site, the front room of the historic Bidwell House, contains lovely antique furniture and a large fireplace. We can accommodate your wedding inside any time of the year with maximum of 20 guests.

The Bidwell house has great setting for any type of wedding. You can choose our property for just wedding ceremony or for complete wedding with reception and overnight accommodation for your guests. Site rental starts from \$500 (depending on the size of party and services provided). Decorative additions of flowers, bows and the like may be coordinated with your personal floral designer.

Please feel free to telephone for assistance with your wedding plans or to schedule an appointment for a site tour. We look forward to meeting you and your family!





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## *Just Wedding Ceremony*

Outdoor or Indoor ceremony (2hr property rental)

Wedding Consultant

White Chairs for Ceremony

Setup and break-down

*Starting at \$500*





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# Wedding Ceremony & Reception

For all the wedding packages there is a facility rental fee starting at \$1,500 that includes:

Beautiful Ceremony site and setup in garden and gazebo

Wedding Reception site and setup

The whole day is reserved just for your wedding

Use of facility for ceremony practice

Bidwell House wedding specialist to help you plan your Ceremony and Reception

Complete wedding reception setting package including 60" round tables, white chairs, ivory linens, ivory napkins and full elegant table settings.

6' and 8' banquet tables for gifts, sign-in book, bar, buffet and DJ

Setup and Break-down for ceremony and reception (bride and groom representative should be present at the day of wedding to discuss any questions regarding setup)

Cleanup after the wedding (there might be extra charge if excessive cleaning is necessary)

Staffing related to serving and preparing the reception



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Please find below our most popular options for wedding reception. If you have other ideas or food requests, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate your special needs. We would be more than happy to tailor the food to your request.

We typically serve food in a beautiful full-service buffet style setting. All prices are based on buffet style service; plated meals or family-style service priced higher.

Please add 18% service charge and prevailing sales tax on all food and beverage charges. Prices are subject to change; pricing is guaranteed 30 days prior the function date. Children under 10 are half-price for food.





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## *Hors d'oeuvres*

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### **Passed hors d'oeuvres**

- Assorted crostini | \$2.50 each  
Gorgonzola Cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, fresh basil  
Smoked salmon, mascarpone & capers  
Artichoke & spinach
- Curried chicken salad with currants and golden raisins | \$3.50 each
- Shrimp cocktail shots | \$4 each
- Teriyaki chicken satay with peanut sauce | \$3.50 each
- Sesame-ginger chicken satay with sweet chili sauce | \$3.50 each
- Shrimp on cucumber canapé | \$4 each
- Red pepper humus on mini flatbread | \$3 each
- Homemade meatball with romesco sauce | \$4 each
- Caprese skewer | \$4 each

*~ Minimum order 30pcs ~ Must be ordered in 10pc increments ~*





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## *Pasta dinner*

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*Choice of one of the following salads  
for additional choices, please add \$3 per person*

Field greens, cucumber and tomatoes with blood orange vinaigrette  
Chopped Caesar with shaved Parmesan cheese and homemade Croutons

*Choice of two of the following pastas*

fusilli, penne, bowtie or linguini

*Choice of two of the following sauces  
for additional choices, please add \$3 per person*

Homemade red sauce with sun dried tomatoes and artichokes

Creamy Alfredo sauce

Basil-Pesto Sauce

Bolognese sauce with chorizo and beef | add \$1.50 per person

*Choice of two of the following meats  
for additional choices, please add \$4 per person*

Grilled Chicken Skewers

Smoked Fennel Sausage

Homemade Meatballs

Pasta station includes shaved Parmesan cheese, chopped parsley,  
black olives & toasted pine nuts  
Garlic bread

*\$ 35 per person*



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## *BBQ dinner*

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*Choice of one of the following salads  
for additional choices, please add \$3 per person*

Field greens, cucumber and tomatoes with blood orange vinaigrette  
Chopped Caesar with shaved Parmesan cheese and homemade Croutons

*Choice of two of the following meats  
for additional choices, please add \$5 per person*

BBQ chicken breast and thighs with homemade BBQ sauce  
Slowly roasted marinated Tri-Tip with creamy horseradish  
Smoked Brisket with creamy horseradish  
Beer Braised Pulled Pork

*Choice of two of the following sides  
for additional choices, please add \$3 per person*

Garlic smashed potatoes  
Seasonal hot summer vegetable  
Bidwell House famous Potato salad with eggs and peas  
Corn and black bean salad with cumin vinaigrette  
BBQ Baked beans  
Homemade coleslaw salad

Fresh artisan bread & rolls and butter

*\$ 40 per person*





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## *Mountain dinner*

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*Choice of one of the following salads  
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Field greens, cucumber and tomatoes with blood orange vinaigrette

Chopped Caesar with shaved Parmesan cheese and homemade Croutons

Spinach salad with tomatoes and homemade Black Pepper Gorgonzola dressing

*Choice of two of the following meats  
for additional choices, please add \$5 per person*

Chicken Marsala with mushrooms, sun-dried tomatoes, Marsala wine and cream

Wild Salmon with miso glaze

Braised Short ribs with rich demi-glace

*Choice of two of the following sides  
for additional choices, please add \$3 per person*

Baby roasted potatoes

Garlic smashed potatoes

Seasonal hot summer vegetable

Brussels sprouts and mushroom succotash

Fresh artisan bread & rolls and butter

*\$ 45 per person*



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*Add-on options*

Fire-Grilled Shrimp Skewer | \$6 each

Grilled Portabella | \$6 each

Sautéed mushrooms | \$4 per person

Bourbon-brown sugar caramelized onion | \$4 per person



*Cake service*

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Cake table, plates and utensils, cake cutting, organic Coffee & Decaf \$4.50 per person

*Beverage options*

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Ice water, Iced Tea, Lemonade | \$3 per person

Soda & Bottled water | \$2 each

Sparkling Wine toast | \$5 per person

Domestic bottled beer | \$4 each

Microbrews and Imports bottled beer | \$5 each

Keg domestic, microbrews & import beer | \$450 – \$650 estimate

Wine | \$18 - \$250 bottle



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## *Additional Features*

Beautiful Indoor and Outdoor Ceremony Sites

3 Picturesque Arches

Gazebo

Custom Layout for Guest Seating

12 elegant rooms available for your Guests

Ample Parking

Electrical Outlets provided for DJ

Special meals for Children upon request

Garden games: disc golf, bocce ball, badminton, tetherball, croquet



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## Local Suppliers

### *Photographers*

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Kim James Photography - kimjamesphoto.com	530-258-3220
Lassen Peak Photography – lassenpeakphotography.com	530-636-6008
Composing Reality Photography – composingreality.com	530-205-7124

### *Florists*

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Sunshine Flowers & Gifts	530-258-4543
Milwood Florist – milwoodfloristweddings.com	530-257-9194

### *Cakes*

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Cakes by Sarah Robinson	530-310-9061
Angela's Bakery – quincybaker.com	530-591-2509

### *Live music & DJ's*

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Rickety Bridge – ricketybridgemusic.com	530-310-2674
A Beautiful Sound - abeautifulsounddjandguitar.com	239-677-8241
The Wedding DJ Company – chicoweddingdj.com	530-636-0305

### *Salons & Services*

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Rustic Roots Salon	530-259-5800
Serenity Hair & Nails	530-258-7848
Laura Semrau – Essential Skincare & Reflexology	530-575-1568
A Balanced Touch Massage & Wellness Studio	530-816-0583



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## Overnight Accommodation

Twelve distinctly different guest rooms, the swing on the porch, the unusual collection of antiques and attention to little details are all for the comfort of our guests. No matter which bedroom you choose, The Bidwell House is three diamond rated by AAA to ensure you comfort. Our Inn is also recommended by Frommer's Guide, Northern California Best Places guidebook, Lonely Planet guidebook, featured on KGO newstalk "On the go..."; and proud member of Professional Association of Innkeepers International.

All rates include:

- Gourmet breakfast served in the historic dining room or Al Fresco on the patio
- Free high-speed wireless internet access
- House library with selection of movies on DVD, books, board games and puzzles
- Selection of coffees & teas, hot chocolate, freshly baked cookies and fruit available during day
- Afternoon sherry served by fireplace

To ensure room availability for you wedding guests, we will set aside "block of rooms" for your party at the time of the wedding booking. Your guests will have to call us directly and make their individual reservation against this block, or you can assign particular rooms to them. All the rooms at the Inn must be rented by wedding guests (2 night minimum stay during weekends). Bride and Groom will be responsible for any unrented rooms.



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# *Bidwell House Policies*

## *COVID-19 Compliance*

The Inn is required to comply with all the local, state and federal regulations regarding the COVID-19 as applicable at the time of the wedding; and is liable to enforce all applicable rules such as mask wearing, social distancing, guest number totals etc.

If, due to the local, state or federal regulations regarding the COVID-19 applicable at the time of the wedding, the event is not able to proceed as planned; Bride & Groom have the following options:

- ~ to adjust event scope and/or total number of guest to adhere to applicable regulations
- ~ to change the wedding date to any available date in the future, retaining all deposits
- ~ or to cancel the wedding completely (all the wedding and lodging deposits will be fully refundable in this case)

This decision must be made by Bride & Groom no later than 30 days before the wedding, unless new stricter regulations are put in place within the 30 days before the wedding.

## *Non-refundable Deposit*

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 to hold the date is due at the time of reservation. No portion of this deposit will be refunded if the event is cancelled for any reason. If the Wedding occurs, the non-refundable deposit will be applied to the cost of the wedding.

## *Menus and Head Count*

Menu for a wedding reception will be finalized no later than thirty (30) days before wedding. Bride and Groom must communicate a final count of the number of wedding guests no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the reception. The cost of the wedding as adjusted according to the final count will be the actual charge for the wedding unless the number exceeds the final count in which the final cost will be adjusted to reflect an additional charge for each guest over the final count that attends the wedding. The cost for each additional guest at the wedding over the final count may, at the election of the Inn, be deducted from the Security Deposit.

## *Cost of Wedding Deposit*

Fifty percent of the total estimated cost will be due thirty (30) days prior to the wedding. The balance of the cost will be due fourteen (14) days before the wedding. All payments must be by a major credit card, cash, cashier's check or certified check made payable to The Bidwell House B&B. In addition to the cost of the food and drink, there will be an 18% service charge and prevailing sales tax added.



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## *Security Deposit*

The Inn requires either a major credit card number be on file with the Inn or a \$500 cash security deposit. Credit card slip or check with security deposit return will be mailed to Bride and Groom along with an explanation for any money withheld (such as for damages or additional last minute attendees) from the security deposit.

## *Cancellation*

The wedding may be cancelled by written notice to the Inn delivered no later than thirty (30) days prior to the wedding. If the wedding is cancelled within the cancellation period, the Inn will return all deposits paid prior to that date except for the \$500.00 Non-Refundable Deposit which shall be retained by the Inn. If cancellation occurs within that deadline, all deposits will be non-refundable.

## *Lodging*

All 12 rooms at the Inn must be reserved by wedding party or their guest. These reservations must be made directly with the Inn and secured with credit card. All policies of the Inn (minimum stay, maximum occupancy, pets, children, smoking, etc.) still apply. Bride & Groom will be responsible for any rooms not rented.

## *Outside Catering*

Use of caterer other than the Bidwell House for your wedding will be considered on case by case basis.

## *Alcohol*

Any alcoholic beverages not purchased from The Bidwell House are permitted only with advanced written consent. If consent is given, there will be a corkage fee added to the invoice.

## *Rentals*

The Inn will provide dinner tables, chairs, table for gifts, sign-in book, cake table, tablecloths, cloth napkins, utensils, high quality plastic cups for drinks and eco friendly palm leaf tableware. Bride and Groom will arrange, and pay separately, for the rental of any additional furniture and equipment related to the wedding functions they desire.

## *Smoking & Vaping*

Smoking or vaping is allowed only on the porch and patio. No smoking or vaping is allowed indoors. There are no exceptions to this policy.



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### *Pets*

Pets are not allowed.

### *Decorations*

Decorations must have prior written approval. The Bidwell House is a historic home and management does not permit anything to be affixed to the walls, floors, ceiling, windows, fixtures, furniture, or any other property. Candles and open flames are prohibited indoors.

### *Entertainment*

All contracts for entertainment must have the prior written approval of the Bidwell House. Live or reproduced music or entertainment will end no later than 9PM and we respect quiet hour after 10PM.

### *Subcontractors*

Subcontractors must have prior written approval of The Inn. Bride and Groom have to abide any subcontracted companies (rental companies, decorators, audiovisual, production companies, etc.) by all the Inn policies and regulations. It is understood that the premises will be left in a neat and orderly condition, free of debris or display refuse, no later than the completion date. Based on time and labor, Bride and Groom will incur additional charges for the removal of party's materials by The Inn staff at the close of any event. The expenses of removal of a party's materials may, at the election of the Inn, be withheld from the security deposit.

### *Insurance*

The Inn shall not be responsible for any damage to or loss of any article or merchandise. Any equipment of the Inn used by Bride & Groom is subject to replacement if lost, damaged or stolen. Bride and Groom shall, at their sole cost and expense, for the mutual benefit of The Inn and Bride and Groom, maintain through the term of this agreement, general public liability insurance against claims for personal injury, death or property damage occurring in or about the premises (The Bidwell House B&B Inn). Such insurance shall have a combined single limit of not less than One Million Dollars. A certificate in insurance naming The Bidwell House B&B Inn as additional insured shall be delivered to the management prior to commencement of the Wedding.

### *Security*

The Inn shall not be liable for damage claims for injury to persons or property, including Bride and Groom, their agents, guests or sub-contractors, from any cause except for the active negligence of The Inn, its agents or employees. Bride and Groom





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hereby agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless The Inn from any and all claims, liability, loss and expense by reason of injury to person or property arising out of the use or condition of the premises or any portion thereof over which the Bride and Groom has control, except for injury to person or property resulting from the active negligence of The Inn, its agents or employees while on the premises.