

# CEREMONY AND RECEPTION SITES

The Morton Arboretum

## MAY–OCTOBER VENUE RATES

RECEPTION AND CEREMONY LOCATIONS	Friday Evening	Saturday Evening	Sat.–Sun. Daytime	Sunday Evening
<b>Visitor Center (East Side)</b>				
Ginkgo Room (includes Ginkgo Terrace)	\$5,000	\$9,000	n/a	\$3,000
Ceremony sites:				
Meadow Lake Pointe (2022)	\$1,000	\$1,000	n/a	\$1,000
The Grand Garden (2023)	\$1,500	\$1,500	n/a	\$1,500
White Pine Pavilion	\$3,000	\$6,000	n/a	\$2,500
Ceremony sites:				
West Lawn (2022)	included	included	n/a	included
Meadow Lake Pointe (2023)	\$1,000	\$1,000	n/a	\$1,000
Sycamore Room	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$ 750	\$1,000

### Thornhill Education Center (West Side)

Founder's Room	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$1,000
Arbor Room (includes The Morton Terrace)	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$1,500
Arbor Room and Founder's Room	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$2,500	\$2,500
*Fragrance Garden	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500

\*Fragrance Garden available for ceremony-only location  
Ceremony chairs are an additional \$5 per chair for all outdoor venues.

## NOVEMBER–APRIL VENUE RATES

Visitor Center (East Side)	Friday Evening	Saturday Daytime	Saturday Evening	Sunday Daytime	Sunday Evening
Ginkgo Room	\$3,000	n/a	\$6,000	n/a	\$2,500
Sycamore Room	\$1,500	\$750	\$2,000	\$750	\$1,000
<b>Thornhill Education Center (West Side)</b>					
Founder's Room	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$800	\$800
Arbor Room (includes The Morton Terrace)	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$1,200	\$1,200
Arbor Room and Founder's Room	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$2,000

Rates are subject to availability and vary by season. Sunday evening weddings over Memorial and Labor Day weekends are charged at Saturday evening rates. Revised September 2021.





The Grand Garden



Fragrance Garden



White Pine Pavilion



Ginkgo Room



Founder's Room



Arbor Room



Sycamore Room

## OUTDOOR CEREMONY AND RECEPTION SITES\*

### The Grand Garden – East Side

This magical garden creates an elegant celebration space. With a central lawn for seating, a terrace for wedding ceremonies, and delightful water features, it will be a place to make lifelong memories. This new reimagined space will be available for ceremonies and paired with the Ginkgo Room in 2023.

### Meadow Lake Pointe – East Side

This picturesque location encircled in trees provides an exceptional view overlooking the beauty of peaceful Meadow Lake. This ceremony site is paired with the Ginkgo Room in 2022, and the White Pine Pavilion in 2023.

### Fragrance Garden – West Side

Seats 50

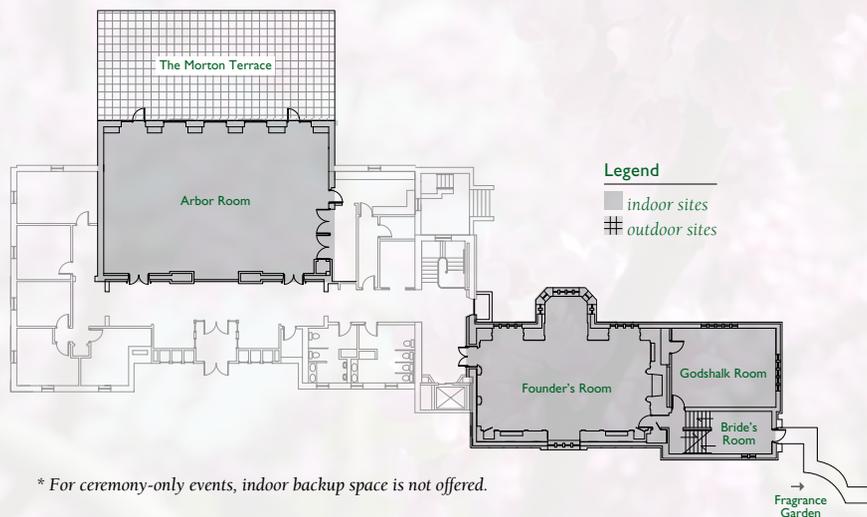
Captivate guests with the refined elegance of the Fragrance Garden. This intimate garden, accented with a charming trellis, fountain, and pond, has vivid colors, alluring textures, and fragrant plants that enhance its beauty and grace. The Fragrance Garden is a perfect location for small ceremonies.

### White Pine Pavilion – East Side

Seats 150

The 4,000-square-foot white open air tent is set on a large lawn and is steps away from the Ground Cover Garden. This site pairs with the West Lawn in 2022 and with Meadow Lake Pointe in 2023 for an outdoor ceremony.

### Thornhill Center (West Side)



\* For ceremony-only events, indoor backup space is not offered.

## INDOOR CEREMONY AND RECEPTION SITES

### Ginkgo Room – East Side

Seats 300

With floor-to-ceiling windows, the Ginkgo Room offers breathtaking four-season views of Meadow Lake. Guests can enjoy cocktails in Orientation Hall, dinner and dancing in the Ginkgo Room, and a picturesque lake view from the outdoor terrace.

### Sycamore Room – East Side

Seats 75

Located in the Visitor Center's West Pavilion, the Sycamore Room has expansive glass walls overlooking the lovely Ground Cover Garden. This warm and inviting space is perfect for intimate groups.

### Founder's Room – West Side

Accommodates 100 for ceremony or 130 for pre-dinner reception

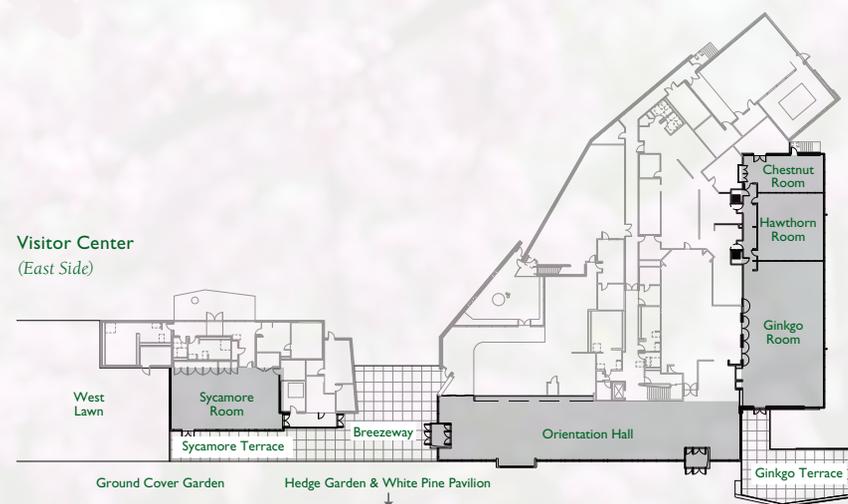
Host your ceremony or pre-dinner reception in the Founder's Room, formerly the library of the Morton family mansion. The room features ornately carved woodwork, a marble fireplace, and stained glass windows that provide an elegant setting.

### Arbor Room – West Side

Seats 130

Celebrate your special day with an outdoor ceremony on The Morton Terrace followed by an indoor reception in the Arbor Room overlooking an expansive landscape and beautiful stone terrace.

### Visitor Center (East Side)



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# WEDDING MENU

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The Morton Arboretum



  
**GINKGO CATERING**  
at THE MORTON ARBORETUM

**OLEGARIO SOTO** | Executive chef

**CATERING OFFICE** | 630-719-2457 **EMAIL** | [ginkgocatering@mortonarb.org](mailto:ginkgocatering@mortonarb.org)

## THIS WEDDING PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Five and a half hours of food and beverage service
- Champagne or sparkling grape juice toast
- Four-hour premium bar package
- Wine service with dinner
- Gourmet coffee and hot tea
- Four-course dinner including a plated salad with artisan bread service, intermezzo, choice of entrée with vegetable and grain sides, and a custom wedding cake
- Tableware including classic white china, glassware, flatware, and poly-cotton full-length linen in an array of colors

## BUTLER-PASSED HORS D'OEUVRES

🍷 <b>Beet and Goat Cheese Crostini (V)</b> Arugula, balsamic truffle vinaigrette	\$3.25 per piece
<b>Bacon-Wrapped Date (GF)</b> Mint mojito glaze	\$3.50 per piece
<b>Mini Lump Crabcake</b> Spicy avocado mousse	\$3.75 per piece
<b>Arancini on Mini-Fork (V)</b> Parmesan and panko-crusting risotto, tomato garlic sauce	\$3.25 per piece
🍷 <b>Shrimp Mousse Tartlet</b> Avocado, Boursin cheese, micro-cilantro	\$3.50 per piece
<b>Chipotle Chicken Bites</b> Cilantro, avocado mousse, radish	\$3.25 per piece
<b>Chicken Meatballs</b> Korean barbecue sauce, chives	\$3.25 per piece
🍷 <b>Blackberry Beef Tenderloin</b> Blackberry stout glaze, arugula, caramelized onion, crostini	\$4 per piece
🍷 <b>Tequila Lime Shrimp (GF)</b> Bacon, tomatoes, cilantro, tequila lime butter sauce	\$4 per piece
<b>Smoked Salmon</b> Dill, cream cheese mousse, pumpernickel crisp	\$3.75 per piece
🍷 <b>Caprese Skewer (V) (CN) (GF)</b> Cherry tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, basil, pesto sauce	\$3.50 per piece
<b>Portobello and Brie (V)</b> Grilled apples, caramelized onion, toast round	\$3.25 per piece
<b>Kalbi Beef (GF)</b> Korean barbecue sauce	\$3.75 per piece

## BUTLER-PASSED HORS D'OEUVRES (continued)

<b>Prosciutto-Wrapped Asparagus (GF)</b> Chervil pesto	\$3.25 per piece
<b>Mini Potato Croquettes (V)</b> Truffle aioli, chives	\$3.25 per piece
🍷 <b>Bourbon Barbecue Meatballs</b> Whiskey Acres bourbon sauce	\$3.25 per piece

**Menu Specifications:** 50-piece minimum order.

State tax and 21% administrative charge apply.

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🍷 Chef recommends this item.

## APPETIZER STATIONS

🍷 <b>Artisan Cheese Board (V)</b> Imported and domestic cheese to include: cheddar, Boursin, smoked Gouda, herb-crusting goat cheese, and manchego cheese. Served with dried fruit, preserves, flatbreads, and crackers.	\$12 per guest
<b>Trio of Tapenades (V)</b> Roma tomato bruschetta, Mediterranean olive tapenade, and edamame hummus, served with artisan breads.	\$10 per guest
<b>Seasonal Fruit Display (V) (GF)</b> Seasonal sliced fruit	\$8 per guest
🍷 <b>Chilled Shrimp Cocktail Bar</b> Poached tail-on gulf shrimp, zesty cocktail sauce, lemon wedges (Pricing estimate is based on 3 pieces per guest.)	\$14 per guest
<b>Vegetable Crudités (V) (GF)</b> Seasonal raw vegetables, edamame hummus, and ranch dipping sauce	\$7 per guest

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## SALAD AND SIDE SELECTIONS

### PLATED SALAD COURSE

**Mixed Field Greens (V) (GF) (CN)**

Poached pear, honey pecans, blue cheese, champagne vinaigrette

**Caesar Salad**

Romaine hearts, Parmesan cheese crisp, garlic croutons, creamy Caesar dressing

• **Artisan Baby Greens (V) (GF) (CN)**

Dried cranberries, goat cheese, cucumber knot, candied spiced walnuts, poppy seed dressing

**Baby Spinach with Berries (V) (GF)**

Seasonal berries, manchego cheese, toasted almonds, raspberry vinaigrette

### VEGETABLE SELECTIONS

**Baked Cauliflower with Cheese (GF)**

**Roasted Baby Carrots (GF)**

• **Asparagus with Garlic-Roasted Red Peppers (GF)**

**Haricots Verts with Shallots (GF)**

### ROOTS AND GRAINS

• **Rosemary Fingerling Potatoes (GF)**

**Wild Rice Pilaf (GF)**

**Whipped Garlic Potatoes (GF)**

**Whipped Sweet Potatoes with Honey Butter (GF)**

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## ENTRÉE SELECTIONS

**Chicken Asiago (GF)**

Artichokes, black olive tapenade, asiago cream

*\$97 per guest*

• **Chicken Saltimbocca (GF)**

Provolone, prosciutto, sage cream sauce

*\$99 per guest*

**Stuffed Chicken Florentine (GF)**

Goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, spinach, natural jus

*\$99 per guest*

**Filet Mignon (GF)**

Roasted shallots, natural jus

*\$108 per guest*

• **Short Rib (GF)**

Port wine natural jus

*\$103 per guest*

**Pan-Roasted Salmon (GF)**

Citrus chive cream sauce

*\$102 per guest*

• **Seared Sea Scallops (GF)**

Herb butter sauce

*\$112 per guest*

**Seasonal Vegetable Napoleon (VG) (GF)**

Roasted red pepper coulis, wild rice

*\$96 per guest*

**House-Made Gnudi (V)**

Sautéed shiitake mushrooms, sun-dried tomatoes, spinach, sage béchamel

*\$96 per guest*

**Risotto-Stuffed Mushroom (V) (GF)**

Sautéed spinach, sun-dried tomatoes, Parmesan cheese

*\$96 per guest*

• **Roasted Zucchini Cakes (V)**

Shredded zucchini, garlic, onion, bread crumbs, lemon vinaigrette

*\$96 per guest*

**Grilled Cauliflower Steak (Vegan) (CN)**

Sauteed spinach, almonds, garlic, romesco sauce

*\$96 per guest*

**Filet Mignon and Choice of Chicken (GF)**

*\$105 per guest*

**Seared Sea Scallops and Filet Mignon (GF)**

Herb butter sauce and natural jus

*\$110 per guest*

• **Short Rib and Choice of Chicken (GF)**

*\$101 per guest*

**Pan-Roasted Salmon and Filet Mignon (GF)**

Citrus chive sauce and natural jus

*\$104 per guest*

**Children's Meal**

Seasonal fruit cup (V), breaded chicken tenders with ketchup, macaroni and cheese

*\$28 per child*

**Boxed Vendor Meal**

Boxed turkey sandwich or grilled vegetable wrap, bagged chips, fruit salad, cookie

*\$28 per vendor*

**Plated Vendor Meal**

Same as guest entrée selection

*\$50 per vendor*

**Menu Specifications:** When choosing multiple entrees, a \$3-per-guest fee applies to all guests.

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## DESSERT

### Warm Cobbler Station (V)

Cherry cobbler, cinnamon apple cobbler, vanilla ice cream

\$10 per guest

### Ice Cream Sandwich Station (CN) (V)

Vanilla and chocolate ice cream with the following warm cookies: chocolate chip, sugar, and macadamia nut

\$8 per guest

### Deluxe Coffee Bar (CN) (V)

Gourmet coffee and hot tea served with the following: chocolate shavings, sugar sticks, biscotti cookies, caramel syrup, fresh whipped cream, and assorted flavored creamers

\$6 per guest

### 🌿 Ginkgo Brownie Bar (CN) (V)

Milk chocolate and blondie brownies with caramel sauce, raspberry sauce, cherries, pecans, whipped cream, and vanilla ice cream

\$10 per guest

### 🌿 Gourmet Sweets Buffet (CN) (V)

Assorted petits fours, fresh fruit mini-tarts, French macarons, dessert bars, chocolate mousse cups, chocolate-dipped strawberries, assorted mini-cheesecakes, seasonal fruit display, mini-biscotti

\$13 per guest

### Wedding Cake

Custom wedding cake included in the package.

**Menu Specifications:** 50-guest minimum.

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## LATE NIGHT SNACKS

### Build-Your-Own Sliders

Mini Angus beef burgers served with ketchup, mustard, pickles, diced onion, cheese, house-made chips.

\$7 per guest

### 🌿 Arbor Street Tacos (GF)

Shredded chipotle chicken, carne asada, and fire-roasted vegetable tacos, corn tortilla, cojita cheese, sour cream, salsa verde

\$8 per guest

### Warm Pretzel Station (V)

Salted soft pretzel nuggets, whole-grain mustard, cinnamon icing, warm cheese sauce

\$6 per guest

### Flatbread Pizzeria

Margherita, barbecue chicken, and pepperoni with sausage

\$9 per guest

### 🌿 Mini Chicago Hot Dogs

Served with mustard, relish, tomato, pickle spear, celery salt, onion, sport pepper, house-made chips

\$7 per guest

### Macaroni and Cheese Bites (V)

Warm cheese sauce

\$6 per guest

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## BEVERAGE SELECTIONS

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### PREMIUM BRANDS LIQUOR PACKAGE *(included in wedding package)*

Amaretto Disaronno, Tito's Vodka, Beefeater, Bacardi, Jose Cuervo Gold, Dewar's, Jack Daniels, Whiskey Acres Bourbon, Korbel Brandy, Baileys

**Choose any four beer selections:**

Miller Lite, Corona Light, Heineken, Blue Moon, Seasonal Arboretum Beer

**Choose two premium wine selections from Canyon Road:**

Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir

### PRESTIGE BRAND LIQUOR PACKAGE *(additional \$10 per guest)*

Amaretto Disaronno, Captain Morgan, Jose Cuervo Gold, Jack Daniels, Maker's Mark, Johnny Walker Black, Ketel One, Hendrick's, Korbel Brandy, Baileys

**Choose any five beer selections:**

Miller Lite, Corona Light, Heineken, Blue Moon, Seasonal Arboretum Beer, Revolution Anti-Hero, Two Brothers Domain DuPage, White Claw Hard Seltzer (assorted flavors)

**Choose two prestige wine selections from The Hess Collection:**

Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir

**Choose white or red seasonal sangria.**

*Upgrade the champagne toast to Caposaldo Sparkling Rosé or Torresella Dry Prosecco for an additional \$3 per guest.*

**Menu Specifications:** *Ginkgo Catering will not serve liquor to any person under 21 years of age and reserves the right to request identification from any guest before serving an alcoholic beverage. Ginkgo Catering also reserves the right to cease alcohol service to any person whom staff believes is intoxicated.*



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# WINTER WEDDINGS

## The Morton Arboretum

**WINTER WEDDING PACKAGES** Available January through March

Choose from reduced-rate winter wedding packages:

### Ginkgo Package

*\$4,500 room rental, plus catering*

Exchange vows in the Ginkgo Room overlooking Meadow Lake, followed by cocktails in Orientation Hall, and enjoy dinner and dancing in the Ginkgo Room. *Catering price includes table linens, china, glassware, and flatware.*

### Thornhill Package

*\$3,000 room rental, plus catering*

Say "I do" in the Founder's Room, formerly the library of the Morton family mansion, complete with stained glass windows, ornate bookcases, and fireplace. Ceremony is followed by cocktails in the foyer, dinner in the Arbor Room, and dancing in the Founder's Room. *Catering price includes table linens, china, glassware, and flatware.*





## WINTER WEDDING SAMPLE MENU Available January through March

Choose one of the seasonal selections below, or select from the standard wedding package at a 10 percent discount.

### Spirits

Four-hour premium bar  
Champagne toast  
Featured wine selections with entrée

### Seasonal Salad

Mixed field greens with poached spiced pears, honey pecans, blue cheese, and champagne vinaigrette

Artisan baby greens in a cucumber knot with dried cranberries, goat cheese, candied spiced walnuts, and poppy seed dressing

### Intermezzo

Seasonal sorbet

### Entrée

**Short rib with port wine au jus, \$103 per guest**  
Served with garlic whipped potatoes and haricot verts

**Chicken Asiago (GF), \$97 per guest**  
Artichokes, black olive tapenade, Asiago cream served with seasonal roasted vegetables and wild rice pilaf

### Dessert

Custom wedding cake included in the package.  
Fresh-brewed coffee and tea selections

*This is a sampling of the many gourmet menu items The Morton Arboretum offers through our exclusive in-house caterer, Ginkgo Catering. To establish your event menu, contact our caterer at 630-719-2457. Prices and menu items are subject to change. Current applicable sales tax and a 21 percent service charge will be added to pricing.*



# PREFERRED VENDORS

## The Morton Arboretum

### CATERING

**Ginkgo Catering, our exclusive caterer**  
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**Elegant Event Lighting**  
847-841-3890 | [eelchicago.com](http://eelchicago.com)

**Atmosphere Events Group | AEG Productions**  
847-378-8586 | [aegproduction.com](http://aegproduction.com)

### EVENT COORDINATOR

**Effortless Events | Cindy Shanholtz**  
630-416-5056 | [effortless-events.com](http://effortless-events.com)

**LOLA | Michelle Kurinec**  
708-307-2903 | [lolaeventproductions.com](http://lolaeventproductions.com)

**Sarah Kathleen Events | Sarah Kathleen**  
630-947-9421 | [sarahkathleenevents.com](http://sarahkathleenevents.com)

### FLORISTS

**Andrew's Garden**  
630-456-4689 | [andrewsgarden.com](http://andrewsgarden.com)

**Floral Wonders**  
630-945-6559 | [floral-wonders.com](http://floral-wonders.com)

**Shamrock Garden Florist**  
630-629-4412 | [shamrockgardenflorist.com](http://shamrockgardenflorist.com)

**Town & Country Gardens**  
847-742-1135 | [eventsbytcg.com](http://eventsbytcg.com)

**Walden Floral Design Company**  
630-353-0570 | [waldenfloral.com](http://waldenfloral.com)

**Wallflower Designs**  
630-747-0674 | [wallflower-designs.com](http://wallflower-designs.com)





## HOTELS

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### Chicago Marriott Naperville

630-505-4900 | [chicagomarriottnaperville.com](http://chicagomarriottnaperville.com)

### DoubleTree Hilton Lisle/Naperville

630-505-0900 | [hilton.com](http://hilton.com)

### Hotel Arista

630-579-4100 | [hotelarista.com](http://hotelarista.com)

### Hyatt Regency Lisle

630-852-1234 | [lisle.hyatt.com](http://lisle.hyatt.com)

### Sheraton Lisle

630-505-1000 | [sheratonlisle.com](http://sheratonlisle.com)

### The Westin Lombard Yorktown Center

630-719-8000 | [westin.com/lombard](http://westin.com/lombard)

## MUSIC – Disc Jockeys

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### Crestline Entertainment

630-935-8552 | [crestlinedj.com](http://crestlinedj.com)

### Just Press Play Productions

224-232-7822 | [justpressplaypro.com](http://justpressplaypro.com)

### Nicky Avalo Studios

630-901-8036 | [nickyavalostudios.com](http://nickyavalostudios.com)

### Spin Productions

773-622-9052 | [spin-chicago.com](http://spin-chicago.com)

### Third Coast Live!

630-634-2366 | [3rdcoastlive.com](http://3rdcoastlive.com)

### Toast & Jam

773-687-8833 | [toastandjamdjs.com](http://toastandjamdjs.com)

## MUSIC – Live

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### Dawn Bishop

630-291-9090 | [dawnbishop.com](http://dawnbishop.com)

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630-941-9418 | [tri-l-comusic.com](http://tri-l-comusic.com)

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630-960-1400 | [elanphotography.com](http://elanphotography.com)

### Golden Hours

630-913-0875 | [goldenhoursweddings.com](http://goldenhoursweddings.com)

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