

SENIORS

by Tucker Creative Photography



**FUN LOCATION
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WELCOME

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM YOUR TUCKER PHOTOGRAPHY SENIOR PHOTO SESSION



Downtown St. Joseph

BEFORE we begin shooting your senior photos, you'll probably want to get your hair and / or makeup done. Guys should visit their barber a few days in advance. Girls should arrive with their hair session-ready, but may want to use our makeup artist who specializes in makeup for photography.



Riverview "light-painting"

Once you're happy with your look, we'll begin in our 1500-square foot indoor studio. Then we'll head out to our 7- acre outdoor studio. We can also go to the beach and other locations. And you can use as many outfits as you like!



An outdoorsy grungy location



Lincoln Township Beach at sunset



Themes & Ideas

FOR FUN SENIOR PHOTOS

YOUR HOBBIES

If you have a hobby, chances are you have some cool props to use for your senior photos.



“DOWN ON THE FARM”

We have a great place for farm photos... it's a family farm in the area that we have exclusive access to.



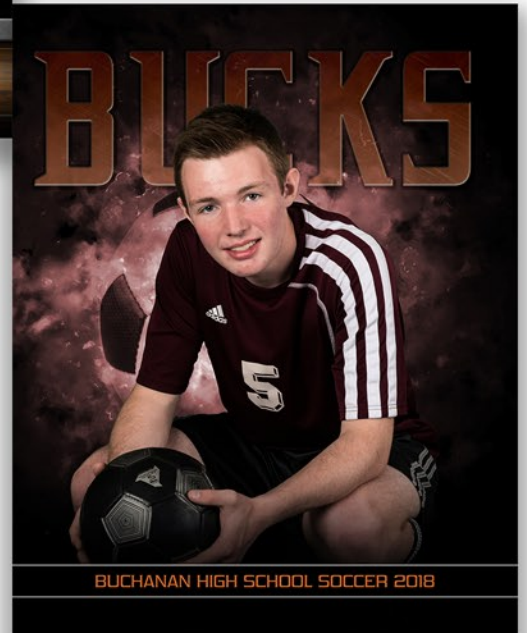


Themes & Ideas

FOR FUN SENIOR PHOTOS -- (CONTINUED)

SPORTS!

Seniors with sports props always make for great portraits.





Themes & Ideas

FOR FUN SENIOR PHOTOS -- (CONTINUED)

Band and Music

Bring your instruments and let your portraits sing.



GRUNGE AND STUFF

We've got some great & exclusive spots for grunge & unique backgrounds.





Themes & Ideas

FOR FUN SENIOR PHOTOS -- (CONTINUED)

HEAD DOWNTOWN

Urban settings provide lots of great photo opportunities.



GOT WHEELS?

If you love your wheels, bring them along.





Themes & Ideas

FOR FUN SENIOR PHOTOS -- (CONTINUED)

FLOWERS

If you'd like a beautiful backdrop of trees, flowers, and wide open spaces, we have some great places to go!



TO THE WATER

Take advantage of our local lakes, beaches and sand dunes.





Themes & Ideas

FOR FUN SENIOR PHOTOS (CONTINUED)

BLACK & WHITE

Some photos just look great in Black & White.



OUR 7-ACRE OUTDOOR STUDIO

We have a beautiful 7 acre outdoor studio.





Themes & Ideas

FOR FUN SENIOR PHOTOS (CONTINUED)

OTHER POSING IDEAS

Here are just a few of our great contemporary backgrounds at our 1500-square foot indoor studio....





MISTAKES

THE SENIOR SESSION MISTAKES TO AVOID

WEARING THE WRONG OUTFIT

The wrong clothing can really make a big difference to your senior portraits. If you want your photos to look great, make sure that your clothing is fitted and suited to your body shape and type.

CUTTING YOUR HAIR JUST BEFORE YOUR SESSION

Your hair plays an important role in your overall look, and if you decide to get a haircut or try a new hairstyle too close to your senior session, you could end up with photos that you hate. If you'll be changing your hairstyle, plan to do so at least a week before your shoot.

CHOOSING AN AMATEUR

This is your senior year, which is a very special time in your life. A milestone. And while your friends and family will take some photos of you, they simply won't be able to produce what a good, professional photographer can. You only get to be a senior once so don't miss the chance to capture some great photos of yourself by just using a friend or family member instead of a professional for your senior shoot.

CHOOSING THE WRONG PHOTOGRAPHER

You need to feel completely comfortable around your photographer, which is why it's important to take your time and do your research before you decide on someone. Be sure to meet with photographers face to face, to make sure that they're a good fit for you. If you're going to feel uncomfortable during your shoot, it's going to show in your photos. An experienced professional photographer is always happy to meet with you before you decide to hire them!

RUSHING THROUGH YOUR SESSION

If you want to be happy with the results of your senior session, it's very important not to rush. The results will be totally worth it.

FORCING A POSE OR A SMILE

The more natural you are in front of the camera, the better your photos will look. A good pro will know how to bring your unique style and personality through in each and every image and will guide you on how to pose and smile in order to get the best photos.



DIFFERENT

WHY OUR SENIOR SESSIONS STAND OUT

We have years of experience and know how to work with natural and studio lighting, where to find the best locations for your shoot, and how to compose a great shot. We also have extensive editing experience and know exactly how to make you look incredible in every photo.

A professional photographer is the best person to guide you during the photo selection process, by helping you choose the best shots for printing and your album. Since most photographers have been shooting and printing images for years, they know exactly which paper, canvas sizes and professional labs to use, to create beautiful portraits that you can display in your home, in an album or on social media.

By pairing our elaborate sets and makeup artists with our impressive photography skills, we produce senior portraits that are unique, stylish, and memorable.

Every year we employ new and exciting themes and ideas that make your senior portraits outstanding.



CLOTHING

CHOOSING OUTFITS FOR YOUR SENIOR PORTRAITS

THERE are many factors that contribute to an amazing senior session and your clothing is one of them. We recommend bringing more than one type of outfit to your senior session, and here are a few ideas....

LOVE IT

Bring along an outfit that you simply love wearing. Not only will it show the real you but it'll also help you feel comfortable and confident during your session.

SIMPLE & CLASSY

Choose an outfit that you can use for some formal shots. Keep it simple by choosing safe, solid colors such as white, black or brown. Basically, bring an outfit that you would wear to church or a formal family gathering.

GET CREATIVE

This is your chance to let your unique personality really shine through. What inspires you and gets you smiling? Who do you want to be? Keep this in mind when choosing this outfit.

ACCESSORIZE

Simply adding in a few accessories such as a hat, scarf or sunglasses will give you a completely different look. You can also choose to throw in a few props to add more interest to the shot.

TRADITIONAL

If your culture and family traditions are a prominent part of your life, why not use a traditional outfit or one that represents your culture as one of the clothing changes during your senior session?

GET ACTIVE

If you participate in any sport, bring your sports uniform to your senior session as an outfit change. You can even add bats, helmets or gloves as props to add interest to the shot.



EDITING & ORDERING

THE EDITING PROCESS

Once we've captured some great shots, the editing will begin. During the editing process, we'll touch up each photo and remove any minor imperfections.

ORDERING YOUR PHOTOS

At your order appointment, we'll help you choose the best images, sizes, and the final finishes for your portraits.





Summary of Tips for the Best Portraits

Glasses:

If folks wouldn't recognize you without glasses, you want to wear glasses in your shoot – HOWEVER, the glare on glasses can detract from your eyes in photos. You can have your lenses removed from your frames for your shoot (don't worry, it's what Hollywood does to avoid glare in movies) or ask your eye doctor to loan you a pair of similar frames.

Lips:

Bring your lip gloss or lipstick for touch-ups. Use lip balm for a few days in advance of your shoot to make your lips look their best.

Teeth:

If you want to brighten your smile, start your treatments about two weeks before your shoot.

Make-up:

A subtle application of makeup can really soften your skin and accent your facial features. But make sure you know what you're doing, and make sure your makeup matches your skin tone, or your face may look orange compared to the rest of your body. If you'd like to use our makeup artist, who specializes in makeup for photography, call us to schedule.

Hair:

Girls, if you're getting a haircut for your shoot, do so about two weeks beforehand, just in case it goes wrong – you just never know. For men, a fresh cut a couple of days before the shoot is fine.

Hair accessories:

If you're shooting outdoors, be ready to put your hair up and make it look nice in case of a windy day. Bring bobby pins, hair clips, headbands or any other favorite accessories.

Facial hair:

Men, be freshly shaved with a new razor, shaving cream and a moisturizing aftershave lotion to avoid bumps and redness. Trim your beard, sideburns, mustache or goatee, especially looking for wiry stray hairs. Ladies, don't worry, we'll retouch your unwanted facial hair away. Men and women both, pluck and clean up those eyebrows.



Summary of Tips for the Best Portraits (continued)

Nails:

Girls, a fresh coat of nail polish will make a world of difference in your photo shoot. Pick a neutral color that won't distract in your shoot or clash with your outfits. Freshen the morning of the shoot, then be careful not to scuff it while prepping. Your photo shoot is a great excuse for a fresh manicure, but if you can't go to the salon, make sure your nails look tidy and clean, including the cuticles. Guys, make sure your nails are camera-ready, too.

Undergarments:

Bra straps won't do anything to help your outfit look its best. Be sure you bring a set of bras and strap-adjusting accessories to work with any outfit you want to shoot in, to keep those straps well-hidden.

Sun burns and tan lines:

If your shoot is booked for Saturday, don't go to the beach on Friday. If you plan to tan before your shoot, do so at least a week beforehand and don't get burned. Be mindful of clothing tan lines, sunglass tan lines, hat tan lines, etc.

Ironing:

If you iron, iron the night before and then hang the clothes for your shoot. If you're wearing something that wrinkles easily, don't wear it in the car on the way to the shoot – just change at the location.

Shoes:

Remember to bring a variety of nice, clean shoes to accompany your outfits.

Bring a variety of outfits:

Something casual, something stylish, ladies slip a dress in there to throw folks off, fellas try a formal look to impress. Wear what you think you look best in, but take the opportunity to also try a new look, just to surprise folks.

Bring props that recall your high school years:

Band instruments, sports gear like a volleyball or a baseball bat, your beloved (or cursed) high school car, letter jacket, or hunting, fishing, or other hobby items. Most of all, represent your style, whatever that may be. Your senior photography should express your unique personality.