



Frequently Asked Questions/Thistle Hall, A Texas Dance Hall Style Event Center

Facilities

Q. What is included with my (2017 & 2018)) rental fee for lrg group weddings at Thistle Hall?

A. 280 white padded chairs as well as up to 16 wood benches, these tables: 2 3X3 square, 4 8' rectangular, 2 4' rectangular, 2 6' rectangular, 1 3' round, 6 48" round (seat up to 8), 16 60" round (seat up to 10), the Peachick House for brides, Groom Room in Thistle Hall, Thistle hall itself, outdoor fireplace and Thistle Hall Tavern to serve drinks. If you need to seat more than 200 in the barn event center, you might consider seating some tables outside. Guests LOVE to sit outside here.

 Please "like" us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/thistlehallpeacockriverranch

Q. How can I see the facility so I can book?

A. You can come any Monday and look at the venue, 10 am til 7 pm. You can find open house dates on the Facebook page at Thistle Hall at Peacock River Ranch. For privacy reasons, we will not have dates that are booked on the calendar. You can schedule an appointment by going to the "schedule an appt" tab under Thistle Hall at Shady Grove venue on peacockranch.com. Check the calendar, as we are closed on Monday holidays. The buildings will usually be open on Monday, but no staff will be present, unless an appointment is booked. Call us at 254 223 8228 during those times with any questions. TO BOOK: call the same number, tell Lisa you have the rental contract filled out, are putting it in the mail or scanning to us, with the \$1000 deposit, and we will put you on the calendar.

Q. Do you have onsite accommodations? Book ASAP as these can be rented to Thistle Hall guests with or without a wedding reservation. You can book 6 months and sooner.

A. We do. Go to www.peacockcabins.com or the lodging button from the PRR website to book cabins. You can book the Peachick Suite (bridal suite) from us directly and it can be taken out of your deposit. All terms and conditions on the website apply. We do have a package that includes the full weekend and all 6 cabins.

Q. Does Thistle Hall offer complete, everything included, wedding packages?

A. We do have all-inclusive packages. We have preferred vendors. We have several wedding planners available that will put together anything you desire. You can use either of our planners, vendors and our expertise OR you can DIY and we can provide you a list of our preferred vendors. It's up to you and your budget!

Pricing: Thistle Hall - \$3500 Saturday, high season, off season Saturday \$2950, \$1995 Sunday through Friday. There are other specials, check out pricing page on www.thistlehall.com. Monday through Wednesday is less. Don't think you can't afford us!

Q. Does PRR Thistle Hall have a ceremony site?

A. Yes, we have a designated site. Beautiful white or wooden chairs and wooden benches are provided for your large group or small group (not elopement) ceremony.

Q. Do you have a rain plan?

A. Yes, in the event of rain, the ceremony can be held on either the deck or inside the event barn. We are in the process of making a covering at the fireplace area. We can also rent a tent if you want even more insurance from the rain.

Q. Do you know anyone who can perform the ceremony?

A. Yes, we do know several JPs and clergymen we can recommend. See our vendor list.

Q. Does the indoor facility have air conditioning and heating?

A. Yes, definitely. Air conditioning is required in these hot Texas summers! There are also 2 fans on the outdoor deck for your use at SG. We have two outdoor heaters for Thistle if you need them in winter.

Q. How long do we get to use the facility?

A. For small and large group weddings, the gate/door opens for you from **10 AM** in the morning. You have the whole day to decorate, welcome vendors and enjoy the day at the facility, then you have five (5) hours from the start of your event – no event to be held later than **12 AM**. For the all-inclusive package, you have rented cabins and Thistle Hall Vintage Barn from noon Friday to noon Sunday.

Q. Do you have dressing rooms?

A. Yes, the Peachick House for brides has changing facilities as does the Groom Room in Thistle Hall Barn (not included with elopement package).

Q. Are pets allowed?

A. Only if medical reasons dictate, or if they are part of the ceremony, please bring and leave them on a leash. The longhorns tend to chase them at SG!

Q. How far in advance should we book?

A. Generally, 4-18 months, but don't hesitate to text or email us to find out if your date is open.

Q. What is provided at the ceremony site?

A. Chairs, the ceremony site and an iPod ready sound system at Thistle Hall and the deck.

Q. Where do the guests park?

A. Signs will direct you to Thistle Hall at Shady Grove from our entrance on South St and Live Oak Street. Parking is by the fence in the back of the event barn. We have 31 acres so we have plenty of room!

Q. Do you provide tables, chairs and linens for the reception hall?

A. At SG, 60" and 48" round tables and chairs are provided as well as serving tables. There are wooden benches at the deck. Check our vendor list for linen providers or we do have white, black or champagne tablecloths to rent, depending on the size of your crowd.

Q. Do you have caterers?

A. Yes, several. We have vendors who can provide snacks to full meals. Ask us for a list!

Q. Tell me about the outdoor *Shady Grove Deck*.

A. This is a new add-on to increase the size of wedding parties we can host. We have 300 total white chairs. The inside event barn can accommodate up to 220 with round tables. The outside (under the covered deck) can accommodate another 75 to 100 guests. There are nice wooden benches on the deck. Total seating outdoors can be as much as 250. We have 6 farm tables that can be utilized.

Q. Can I hire you to set up and take down the tables/chairs and can we hire you for clean up after the event?

A. Absolutely. We can do all three and you can hire us for all, letting us know on your reminder. For birthday parties or other events, call Lisa to schedule cleaning and set-up at 254 223 8228.

Decorations

Q. Can we decorate how we choose?

A. Of course, with the exception of the restrictions in the contract. No paper confetti, glitter, unprotected candles, silk flower petals, bird seed or sand. You can use hay outside, but not inside. Do not use **nails, screws or staples** on the walls, nothing that goes into the wall. For the bride and groom's departure, you can use organic flowers, sparklers or bubbles. Sparklers have to be purchased from us in bundles of 40.

Q. Are fireworks allowed?

A. The only way they are allowed is if you hire a certified professional. We have one we can recommend. He is the only one allowed on the property.

Q. Can we decorate the day before?

A. If an event is not reserved for that day, check with us five days before the event. We also control sound, so sound either outside or in the dance hall barn will be controlled and be turned down at 10 pm.

Pictures

Q. Do you have recommendations for photographers?

A. We do - ourselves! We have been professional photographers for over 30 years and you can read about us at www.strawhatphotos.com or like us on Facebook at Straw Hat Photos to see our work.

Q. May we have our bridal shoots at Thistle hall?

A. No, sorry. If you use us as photographers, we get to use the entire 31 acres as many of our props are around the property. Your other photographers can use the PRR truck and the wedding facility on your wedding day but cannot go beyond the fence due to liability with the longhorns.

Alcohol

Q. Can alcohol be served?

A. Yes, the bride and groom bring their own alcohol, with certain restrictions, and they have to use a TABC certified bartender from our list. **Alcohol cannot be brought in by guests of the bride and groom** and cannot be served by anyone other than the certified bartender. We also have a beer and wine policy only, no hard liquor at any event. Remember that security is required for your event if you serve alcohol OR if there are more than 30 people.

Prices, Payments & Deposits

Q. What is the payment schedule for reserving a date at Thistle Hall Shady Grove?

A. A non-refundable \$1000 deposit is required to hold the date, \$500 of that is toward payment of the venue, but all of it is non-refundable. ½ of balance is due 5 months prior to event, the other ½ is due 3 months prior. If you need to re-schedule, there is a \$250 re-booking fee. All monies paid are lost if event is cancelled. You will get the \$500 deposit back 14 days after the event if all conditions of the contract are met. If you cancel your event, the deposit and \$500 and any monies paid in are lost.

Q. What are the prices?

A. Deposit of **\$250** for parties and **\$1000** for weddings (non-refundable) holds your date, refunded 14 days after the event, for any non-wedding or wedding event or for Thistle Hall. Deposit is lost if party is cancelled within 120 days of event. Money is due for parties 60 days before the event. No refund after payment is made.

☞ **Weddings at Thistle Hall**

- \$3500 for 2017/2018 on a Saturday evening, high season, for wedding & reception, large group.
- \$2950 for 2017/2018 on a Saturday evening, low season, for wedding & reception, large group.
- \$1750 for 2017/2018 on a Sunday or Friday evening for wedding & reception, not on a holiday weekend, high season.
- \$1595 for 2017/2018 on a Sunday or Friday evening for wedding & reception, not on a holiday weekend, low season.
- \$895 for 2017/2018 on a Monday through Thursday afternoon or evening for wedding & reception.
- \$6500 for 2017/2018 for weekend wedding package at Thistle Hall, includes all 6 cabins and more.
- Low season is July and August, December, January and February. Other months are high season.

☞ **Parties at Thistle Hall**

- \$295 for birthday party/office party/other event for less than 30 people. Barn only.
- \$350 for birthday party/office party/other event for 31-60 guests. Barn only.
- \$395 for birthday party/office party/other event for 61 to 100 guests. Barn only.
- \$595 for birthday party/office party/other event for 101 to 275 guests. Barn only.

Events can be up to **4 hours** for this price. Add **\$75** for each additional hour.

- ◆ Payments for non-wedding parties can be paid by check, cash or credit card. The **outdoor fireplace** and **Shady Grove Tavern** are also included with these events.
- ◆ To include the **Shady Grove Deck** for any above parties, add **\$100**.
- ◆ **Shady Grove Deck only: \$195**, will hold up to 100 guests.

Security will be required if alcohol is served at your event. **A TABC certified bartender** will be required.

Security and bartender will be required for any group over 50.

We accept Visa, MasterCard, cash and checks as payment for weddings.

Cash or check only for party rentals.

Things for Rent:

- Easels to display wedding portraits or photos (2) - \$25.
- Containers for holding bottle water for guests (2) - \$30.
- Bottled waters and ice to fill your container, per container.
- Photographers for weddings, see: www.strawhatphotos.com.
- Sparklers, in bundles of 40.

Thank you.  *PRR LLC Management*