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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the first step in planning a tea party?

A: Call A Touch of Tea at (636) 405-1178 or go to the Party Planner and fill out the Tea Party Planner. You may email the information or fax it to: (636) 405-2813.

Q: What is the length of an afternoon tea party?

A: Afternoon tea parties may be for an hour but most parties are two hours in length. The occasion may dictate an hour in the early afternoon while children are in school or two hours for a more leisurely tea affair.

Q: Is there a minimum number of guests for A Touch of Tea catering?

A: The minimum is determined by the type of event. Most parties include at least 10 guests but I can certainly design a party for fewer guests.

Q: What time of day is best for a tea party?

A: A tea party may be planned anytime in the afternoon but some clients prefer to have an early luncheon tea party, anytime after 11:00 in the morning.

Q: Where should I hold my tea party?

A: Depending on the weather, you may choose to have a tea party on your deck or patio. Comfort is important, so be sure there's shade for your guests and the sprinklers are turned off! Some homes lend themselves to having guests throughout a few rooms, some with larger tables and a few smaller tables.

Q: Does a Touch of Tea cater to businesses?

A: A catered tea party in a show room allows customers to enjoy tea and goodies while casually shopping; other businesses prefer a tea party for a co-worker who is retiring, having a baby, getting married or a significant birthday.

Q: Why would someone want a tea party catered?

A: Hiring A Touch of Tea allows a hostess to attend to her guests, to enjoy herself as much as her friends. Guests so enjoy an elegant tea; it is a wonderful memory for your friends.

Q: What items are included in the menu?

A: A variety of caffeinated and decaffeinated teas are offered as well as scones, tartlets, finger sandwiches such as egg and sprout circles, cucumber and dill hearts, ham and apricot pinwheels, and poppy seed chicken salad in phyllo cups, just to name a few. Finger desserts may include honey madeleines, lemon shortbread, key lime bars, cranberry-pecan pumpkin cookies, pistachio cookies, and more. As the hostess, you will choose menu items that your guests will enjoy.

Q: What is the price for a Touch of Tea party?

A: The number of guests, length of party, menu items and any special requests involving florists, rental companies and number of personnel will determine the costs of a tea party. We can provide tea settings or you may choose to have us serve tea from your own tea pots and use your china. You may fill out the Party Planner and email or fax the planner without any financial obligation.

Q: What if I need additional tables or seating?

A: We will be glad to make arrangements for special equipment, additional tables and chairs through a rental agency. We will also secure and deliver floral arrangements and a professional photographer to meet your needs. In many instances, a hostess prefers to cut flowers from her own garden or to take photos and share them with her guests.

Q: Do I use my own china and linens?

A: You may certainly use your own china and linens but we can also supply or add to your own settings for no or little additional charges. We have a variety of delicate cups, saucers and dessert plates as well as antique linens.

Q: What do I wear to a tea party?

A: Many women love to put on a hat and gloves along with an antique purse. Dresses, slacks or skirts are the norm for such a fun event. The idea is to have fun and be comfortable while chatting with friends.

An afternoon tea party is a place to explore the lost art of relationships while enjoying a soothing cup of tea and delectable goodies.