

invitation

# WEDDING VERBIAGE ETIQUETTE

## TRADITIONAL

As seen below, the bride's parents traditionally announce/host the wedding. The verbiage is then altered to reflect the location of the wedding ceremony itself, whether in a house of worship or secular venue. Depending on the family dynamic or faith of the house of worship, other verbiage may be altered as well.

For a more formal appearance, the traditional English spelling may be used ("honour" in place of the Americanized "honor", for example). If the English spelling is used, subsequent spellings within the wedding suite should remain consistently English - such as the reply card's traditional use of "favour".

### HOUSE OF WORSHIP (Protestant)

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Edward Park  
request the **honour of your presence**  
at the marriage of their daughter  
Jenson Taylor  
to  
Mr. Jackson Crawford Jeffries  
Friday, the seventeenth of April  
two thousand fifteen  
at seven o'clock in the evening  
Woodlands Church  
The Woodlands, Texas

### SECULAR VENUE

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Edward Park  
request the **pleasure of your company**  
at the marriage of their daughter  
Jenson Taylor  
to  
Mr. Jackson Crawford Jeffries  
Saturday, the twenty-third of January  
two thousand sixteen  
at half past six o'clock in the evening  
Mahana Estates  
Upper Moutere, Nelson

## ETIQUETTE EXTRAS

Write in Full

Divorced Parents

Deceased Parent(s)

Professional Titles

Suffix

Venue Address

Gifts

Attire & [No] Children

Names, dates, times, titles, etc. should be written in full where space allows

Listed on separate lines (step-parents may be included)

Although a sweet sentiment, it's not proper to list her/his name

"The Reverend", "Doctor", etc. may be used for parents or the groom  
(only medical doctors should use "Doctor" as their professional title)

For example, either: "\_\_\_\_\_, junior" or "\_\_\_\_\_, Jr."

Forgo the address unless at a private residence or property that is  
not well-known - never include the zip code

Advertising gift registries is considered poor taste and should be spread via  
word-of-mouth or (if absolutely necessary) on a wedding website

If necessary and it cannot be spread via word-of-mouth, attire  
(such as "Black Tie") or "Adult Only Reception" may be written in the  
lower right corner of the reception card - never on the invitation

## SLIGHTLY MORE MODERN

Nothing is wrong with tradition, but sometimes couples want the illusion of tradition without the fuss of technicalities or deciphering how certain loved ones or circumstances fit the standard format. Below are a few other options, for example (using secular venue verbiage).

### GROOM'S PARENTS INCLUDED (Bride's Parents Hosting)

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Edward Park  
request the pleasure of your company  
at the marriage of their daughter  
Jenson Taylor  
to  
Mr. Jackson Crawford Jeffries  
son of Dr. and Mrs. Henry Bolton Jeffries

### CO-HOSTING WITH GROOM'S PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Edward Park  
together with  
Dr. and Mrs. Henry Bolton Jeffries  
request the pleasure of your company  
at the marriage of their children  
Jenson Taylor  
to  
Mr. Jackson Crawford Jeffries

### BRIDE & GROOM HOSTING 1

You are cordially invited to witness  
the wedding of  
Jenson Taylor Park  
and  
Jackson Crawford Jeffries

### BRIDE & GROOM HOSTING 2

Jenson Taylor Park  
and  
Jackson Crawford Jeffries  
request the pleasure of your company  
at the celebration of their marriage

### FAMILIES INCLUDED 1

Together with their families  
Jenson Taylor Park  
and  
Jackson Crawford Jeffries  
invite you to share in their joy  
as they exchange vows

### FAMILIES INCLUDED 2

Together with their families  
Jenson Taylor Park  
and  
Jackson Crawford Jeffries  
request the pleasure of your company  
at their marriage

## CUT LOOSE!

Ultimately, all that really matters when inviting friends and family to share in the big day is noting the date, time, location, and names of the happy couple. More contemporary invitations keep the class while stripping down to the basics or embracing the festivities. These are best used with designs pre-planned around the wording.

### ANYONE COULD BE HOSTING 1

Kindly join  
Jenson Taylor  
and  
Jackson Crawford Jeffries  
as they say "I do"

### ANYONE COULD BE HOSTING 2

Jenson Taylor Park  
and  
Jackson Crawford Jeffries  
can't imagine getting married  
without you!

### ANYONE COULD BE HOSTING 3

Jackson asked  
and  
Jenson said "yes!"

### ANYONE COULD BE HOSTING 4

Jenson Taylor Park  
and  
Jackson Crawford Jeffries  
are getting married!