

Frequently Asked Questions about Rentals at Landis Valley Village & Farm Museum

1. How many people will the Yellow Barn accommodate?

200 to 225 is the maximum. 225 will fit but is crowded and with this amount there is not space for a dancing area or a buffet. However, there is plenty of room in the North Stable for your buffet and to expand your seating. To expand for more guests, a tent can be rented and put in the courtyard or Millstone Grove. Landis Valley can assist you in planning a tent rental.

2. What is included with rental of the Yellow Barn?

The rental fee includes the barn, the courtyard, the North Stable, and special lighting in the barn. Also included is a daytime and evening attendant from the museum and trash receptacles with liners. Parking, lighting, heat and fans are also included. Table set-up is also included for a minimum fee.

3. How is the Yellow Barn set up?

We will give you a floor plan of the space so you can design the layout you want. Round and/or rectangular tables can be configured to fit your needs. As a general rule, round tables are more elegant but may require a little more space. Rectangular tables will allow you a larger dancing area if you have high numbers and are more casual.

4. Does the rental fee include tables and chairs?

NO. Rental of tables and chairs is additional. Landis Valley has three (3) table sizes for guests and head table seating: 60" round (seat 8), 8' rectangular (seat 8), and 6' rectangular (seat 6), unless you add someone on the ends then you can fit two more. There are other sized tables available for the cake, sweetheart table, DJ, bistros, etc.

*See the rental rate sheet for a complete list of table sizes and costs. Our wood chairs are used indoors and our white and cream chairs are used outside for the ceremony.

5. Who sets up the tables and chairs?

Landis Valley sets the tables in place with chairs placed on top of the tables (this is what is included in the \$35.00 setup fee that is charged to all rental events). Ceremony chairs may be set up by Landis Valley for a small additional fee. You may opt to set the ceremony chairs up yourself.

6. What is included in the Ceremony Fee?

A rehearsal time is included in addition to your rental and a dressing area for the bride and her court.

7. Is the Yellow Barn heated?

YES. A powerful torpedo propane heater and 2 patio propane heaters comfortably heat the Yellow Barn.

8. Is the Yellow Barn air conditioned?

NO. There are ceiling fans. We also include two industrial floor fans.

9. What happens if there is inclement weather?

You can have your ceremony and reception in the barn having your guests sit at their assigned tables. If room permits, rows of chairs can be set up moving tables back to allow for space. However, this would require a bit of last minute arranging. Also, a tent can be set up in the courtyard; however, tent rentals must be made in advance. The best option is to rent the Firehouse, if available, in conjunction with the Barn for an additional discounted fee. The Firehouse will accommodate up to 185 guests for ceremony seating. The Firehouse cost must be paid in advance to hold the Firehouse, and it is non-refundable.

10. How does one proceed to rent a tent?

Landis Valley can assist you in planning any tent rental. There are several rental companies that have set-up tents at Landis Valley such as: Tents For Rent, Tents For You, Rental World, Witmans and Event Central.

11. Do you have preferred caterers?

We have many wonderful caterers that have provided services at Landis Valley. We have a short and longer list and that you may find helpful. You may use any caterer of your choice. If your caterer has never been here, we ask that they make an appointment to view the site and sign our caterer contract. All caterers need to provide a certificate of insurance.

12. Are alcoholic beverages permitted?

YES. Beer and wine may be brought in by you or a distributor. Other spirited alcoholic beverages are allowed but require a "spirited liquor" rider. Your insurance rider can be obtained through your's or your parents' home owner's insurance. If kegs are used, drip pans are required and we recommend having the bar located in the North Stable. Landis Valley does not provide alcohol.

13. Does Landis Valley supply linens or china?

NO. China and linens and any table covering can be obtained through your caterer or you can supply them yourself.

14. Can the Millstone Grove be used for a reception or ceremony?

YES, but only in conjunction with the rental of the Yellow Barn. The Millstone Grove can be used for a ceremony or reception. Any tents needed are additional. The Millstone Grove rents for an additional fee, in addition to the Yellow Barn rental.

15. Where is the dance area in the Yellow Barn?

You can designate any area in the barn for dancing. You have the opportunity to have the barn set up as you prefer. We have previous set-ups and recommendations to share with you.

16. How many people will the Firehouse accommodate?

The Firehouse will hold 100 people for a sit down reception. To expand for more room/guests, a tent can be rented and set up in the front of the Firehouse with the double doors open to the tent. Landis Valley can assist you in planning a tent rental. This will expand your space to accommodate 150.

17. How is the Firehouse set up?

We will give you a floor plan of the space so you can design the layout that you want. Round and/or rectangular tables can be configured to fit your needs. As a general rule, round tables require slightly more space

18. When can the wedding party use the Yellow Barn and/or Firehouse to set up, decorate, rehearse, etc.?

If there is no other event taking place in the Yellow Barn or Firehouse the day prior to your scheduled date you can come the day prior between 3:00-6:00pm to set up and have a rehearsal. If the day prior is not available you would have access to your rented area the day of your scheduled event starting at 9:00 AM and throughout the day. Rehearsals can be scheduled in a different area if the evening before is not available.

19. What is required to rent the space?

Once you decide on a definite date, we will issue a contract for you to sign and return with a required \$600.00 deposit.

20. Is the Deposit Refundable?

A partial refund of \$300.00 is refunded if and only if the date you cancelled is re-booked. If it is not rebooked then you lose your entire \$600.00 deposit.

21. Is an insurance policy needed?

YES. A Certificate of Insurance is required for all functions. You may obtain this as a rider on your existing home owner's policy or parents' policy, or you may purchase a policy for the day through the internet. We have links listed on our website. A complete explanation of what is required is included on the rental contract.