

Dear Friends and Family,

Welcome and thank you for being here for our wedding! We are so excited for all the festivities these coming days will hold, and we are very glad to share this time with you. We have put together information about the events happening during this weekend, and also some information about the hotel. Please read through everything on the day before so that you don't miss anything important!

It's finally here and time to celebrate! Your presence will make this wedding remarkable, and we thank you so much for spending this time with us. Enjoy your stay!

Love,
Anika & Tobias

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HOTEL INFO

GETTING AROUND

The hotel offers a complimentary shuttle service within a 5-mile (approx. 8-km) radius. Speak with the front desk to pre-arrange for transportation to the local train stations, Chicago Botanic Gardens, and Ravinia Park.

There are two local Metra stations reachable by the hotel shuttle: the Braeside Station along the Union Pacific North Metra line and the Lake Cook Station located along the Milwaukee District North Line. Both lines go north into the suburbs and south into downtown Chicago.

There is a Trader Joe's grocery store located approximately a 5-minute walk south from the hotel, among other shopping options.

LIST OF HOTEL GUESTS

Here are the other hotel guests in our wedding block, in case you want to make transportation plans with anyone:

- Anika and Tobias Lohse
- Inge and Klaus Böhle
- Georg and Christiane Wagener-Lohse
- Luise Holzhauser and Patrick Mesenbrock
- Viktor and Sina Konitzer
- Mina Skowronek and Sascha Groß
- Ulrike Ribbe and Philipp Gutowski
- Erich Colzman
- Thomas Mayer and CJ Baba
- Armin Eichhorn
- Jannis Funk
- Lisa Hannemann
- Javiera Reyes
- Jens, Mia, and Theo Riedel
- Jordaan Williams and Heather Ruetsche
- Tom and Daryl Nederveld
- Alec Sampson and Becca Johnson
- Jill, Jason, Ella, Allison, and Sam Kelly
- Merri and Henri Jones-McKeown
- Pete and Jeanne Williams
- Stephanie and Evan Williams
- Josh, Katie, and Owen Williams and Jenn Aikins

WEDDING DAY PROGRAM

WEDDING SHUTTLE

For the day of the wedding we have chartered a shuttle bus (this is not the hotel shuttle, but one operated by Infinity Transportation) to get people from the Hotel to the Church and from the Church to the Reception. Please meet on time at 2:00 PM in front of the hotel to be picked up by the shuttle bus. Please try to make sure the following people are on-board, but make sure to leave by 2:15 PM, to make it to the church ceremony in time.

Shuttle takers from Hotel to Church (there might be more than those 23 listed here)

- Inge and Klaus Böhle
- Viktor and Sina Konitzer
- Mina Skowronek and Sascha Groß
- Ulrike Ribbe and Philipp Gutowski
- Erich Colzman
- Thomas Mayer and CJ Baba
- Armin Eichhorn
- Patrick Mesenbrock
- Jens, Mia, and Theo Riedel,
- Hanna, Felicitas and Martin Wagener, Annika Kaiser and Justus Albert
- Merri and Henri Jones-McKeown

Additional 4 shuttle takers from Church to Reception

- Javiera Reyes
- Christiane & Georg Wagener-Lohse
- Luise Holzhauser

CHURCH CEREMONY

*3:00 PM — Libertyville Covenant Church
250 S St. Mary's Rd, Libertyville, IL 60048*

We want to get married in front of our friends and family as a witness to the role you all have played, and continue to play, in our lives.

Please come witness our marriage and then join us for a large group photo afterwards in front of the church. Please do not take pictures during the service.

WEDDING RECEPTION

6:00 PM — Kenilworth Club
410 Kenilworth Ave, Kenilworth, IL 60043

Directions how to get from the church to the reception will be available as you leave the church. (In case you are not taking the shuttle.) Please arrive at the Kenilworth Club on time at 6:00 PM to give Anika and Tobias a bubbly welcome.

Then join us in celebrating our marriage as we enjoy a delicious vegetarian dinner together. Followed by dancing and the German tradition of games and performances by guests.

To get back to the Hotel, we recommend that you either find someone going back to the hotel by car (see list of Hotel guests above), or take the (green) Union Pacific North Metra Line from the Kenilworth station (3 minute walk) to the Braeside station and request a pickup by the Hotel Shuttle from there. If you stay until the end of the Reception, until midnight, then you can join the Bride and Groom on the 12:06 train to the hotel, where a scheduled Hotel Shuttle will pick you up from there.

AFTER-PARTY

midnight — Bar of Courtyard Marriott Chicago Highland Park/Northbrook Hotel
1505 Lake Cook Rd, Highland Park, IL 60035

We hope you will not be tired yet by midnight and join us for a few more drinks at the hotel lobby. Don't miss the last train at 12:06 AM from Kenilworth.

SATURDAY PROGRAM

BOTANIC GARDENS

between 12 and 5 PM — Chicago Botanic Gardens
1000 Lake Cook Rd, Glencoe, IL 60022

Enjoy an early afternoon of strolling through the lovely Botanic Gardens of Chicago. Be sure to check out the Regenstein Vegetable Garden demonstration kitchen cooking events at 1:30 PM and/or 2:30 PM.

This is a less organized event, and more a suggestion for a lazy Saturday morning to recover from the party the night before. Admission is free, you just have to pay for parking. If you are staying at the hotel, you can arrange for the hotel's free shuttle to bring you.

RAVINIA PICNIC AND MOVIE-CONCERT

5:30 PM — Ravinia Festival
418 Sheridan Rd, Highland Park, IL 60035

Ravinia Festival is a staple of the Chicago North Suburbs for outdoor concerts and films. The park has a pavilion with set seating and a large open lawn for picnicking and relaxing during the performance. The 1939 American classic *The Wizard of Oz* will be shown on big screens throughout the park, while the Chicago Philharmonic plays the soundtrack live!

Please bring food and drink, as we will be picnicking together before the show begins. Join us at 5:30 PM to hang out and dine before the show starts at 7:00 PM.

Bring money to pay the Bride's mother back, Julie Williams, in cash or with check (made out to her) at Ravinia in exchange for your ticket. Someone from the Wedding Party Group will be at the Main Gate to hand out tickets. Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$13 for students (including university and PhD students, valid only with student ID which indicates an expiration date), and \$5 for children under 15. All tickets include a chair and a shared table, which will all be set up for you before you arrive.

SUNDAY PROGRAM

CHURCH SERVICE

10:30 AM — DeerGrove Covenant Church
225 E Helen Rd, Palatine, IL 60067

Join us for morning worship service at the Bride's home church, in the tradition of the contemporary Evangelical Covenant.

If you don't have a car, try to get a ride with a Hotel guest that has a car, or get a taxi. There is not really any good way to get to the church via public transit.

CITY TOUR

2:30 PM — Meet at Jamba Juice in Union Station
225 S Canal St, Chicago, IL 60606

Experience the breathtaking architecture and colorful history of the Windy City with us on a walking tour.

You can best get downtown with the (orange) Milwaukee District North Line from Lake Cook, where the Hotel shuttle can bring you. When you arrive at

Union Station (the last stop), go upstairs and find the Jamba Juice, where we will meet up at 2:30 PM.

The tour will be tip-based, and we recommend to tip around \$10 per person.

BREWERY TOUR

*5:30 PM — Revolution Brewing Tap Room
3340 N Kedzie Ave, Chicago, IL 60618*

End the evening with a guided tour and tasting at the Chicago craft brewery Revolution Brewing. Learn about the different styles of beer that have become famous in the US in the past few years and enjoy some delicious cold brew.

We will have dinner at the brewery together at 5:30 PM. We will have pizza delivered to the brewery and beer is available for sale. The brewery tour begins at 6:30 PM.

Bring cash to pay us back for dinner (approx. \$10) and \$5 to pay for the brewery tour which includes a pint glass and beer tastings.

MONDAY PROGRAM

ART INSTITUTE VISIT

*1:00 PM — Art Institute of Chicago, left Lion
111 S Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60603*

We would love for you to join us in visiting Chicago's most famous museum, the Art Institute. Walk past the famous bronze lions and enter a great museum with some amazing art, including the Chagall window, Impressionist and Expressionist paintings, Edward Hopper's Nighthawks, and some miniature dollhouse rooms (little Anika's favorite exhibit).

Whoever wants to come can just show up at 1:00 PM. We will be meeting at the big left Lion (left when entering the museum).

WHITE SOX BASEBALL GAME

*7:10 PM — US Cellular Field, Gate 3
333 W 35th St, Chicago, IL 60616*

Join us for a classic ballgame between the Bride's favorite team, the Chicago White Sox, and the Cleveland Indians. Be sure to wear black and white! And absolutely no red!

Tickets for the game will be handed out before the game. Meet us around 6:45 PM at Gate 3 to get your ticket in exchange for \$11 per ticket. We will be sitting in Section 520, Rows 10-13.