

Who, What, When, Where, and Is a Gift Required?

Planned events from the engagement party to the belated reception

Type of Party

Who Hosts

Who Attends

When to Invite

Engagement

Bride's parents, groom's parents, bride & groom or friends

Anyone being invited to the wedding 8 to 6 weeks in advance Optional depending on region Only invite those who will

Bridal Shower

Friends or family of the bride Friends, family & future in-laws 4 weeks in advance

OK to include registry information with invitation if on a separate insert

Bachelorette

Maid of honor, bridesmaid (s), close friends, bridesmaids, & bride's relative 2 to 4 weeks in advance

Bridal Luncheon

Bride and/or her mother or bride's primary party & mother 2 to 4 weeks in advance

Rehearsal Dinner

Either set of parents or the immediate family, grandparents 4 to 6 weeks in advance

Belated Reception

Either one of or both set of parents or the bride & groom 4 to 6 weeks in advance