



Stress-free wedding

THE MICHELLE TAYLOR AND TRAVIS SCHULTZ WEDDING

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Travis and Michelle Schultz wanted a stress-free wedding. So where did they decide to go?

Cannon Beach, of course!

It was an easy drive from Sherwood, where the couple lives, and it was already a familiar location.

“We went there all the time,” Michelle said. “We would drive to Cannon Beach, bring the dogs and have bonfires.”

The Stephanie Inn’s “elopement package” intrigued them.

With a wedding officiant, cake or cupcakes, the bouquet and boutonnieres, a bottle of wine or cider,

lodging and dinner for two included in the package, “It seemed like the easy way to do it,” Michelle said.

Their ceremony on the beach was low key – just as they wanted it – with their family surrounding them and the Rev. Barbara Beach, of Seaside, officiating.

“You don’t have to stress about it at all,” Travis said. “You just have to show up.”

Although the couple works for the same company, they were in different locations. They sometimes attended the same company meetings, but it wasn’t until they started corresponding online via Tinder that they realized they knew each other.

“Once I found out who it was, I asked her out,” Travis said.

Michelle wore a dress with a lace top and tulle skirt for

the afternoon wedding on May 20, 2017. Travis wore a suit.

“It was the first suit I ever owned,” he said. “We picked it out together.”

Since both work at Danner Boots, Travis decided to wear a pair of dress boots, while Michelle went barefoot.

After they said their “I dos,” they ran into the ocean. That’s when Michelle experienced a bit of stress she hadn’t planned on: Her dress started to fall apart.

Thus, the one piece of advice Travis offers to other couples planning a beach wedding: Don’t run into the ocean in your wedding clothes.

But the idea of getting married at the beach was still a “great decision,” said Michelle, who spent her honeymoon with Travis in Bali and Japan. ♥