

Ice cream cake may be a decadent option in lieu of more traditional wedding cake.

**Make fans to hand out to guests**

Homemade fans of thick cardstock and popsicle sticks can keep

guests comfortable. Such cards can double as thank-you messages or ceremony programs.

Summer weddings are preferable, and couples can take several steps to make sure they're both beautiful and comfortable. —Metro

**They say when you marry in June...**

... You will always be a bride.

Historically, June has been the most popular month for getting married. But July and even October have begun to edge out June as the most popular months to tie the knot.

The June wedding tradition may be traced back to the ancient Romans. Romans honored Juno, the goddess of marriage and childbirth. The month of June was named after her, so it is fitting that weddings take place in her name-sake month.

As centuries passed, June remained a popular month to get married. In the fifteenth century, June weddings meant children would be born close to or during the following spring. This helped assure youngsters' survival during the rough and often lean months of winter.

Spring births would not conflict with the autumn harvest, either.

Even when weddings began shifting from pragmatic business transactions to romantic affairs, June remained popular. —Metro

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