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**Editor's Note:** *Will and Katie grew up in Mayville, Wisconsin, and now reside in Columbus, Wisconsin. Katie is available for media interviews or to answer any questions.*

### **This Friday's "Say Yes to the Dress" Episode to Feature Wilderness Resort Wedding in Wisconsin Dells**

WISCONSIN DELLS, Wis. — The staff at Wilderness Resort's Glacier Canyon Conference Center are particularly excited about this Friday's "Say Yes to the Dress" episode airing at 8 p.m. CST on TLC. That's because the popular show will be featuring Will and Katie Koenitzer's October 17<sup>th</sup> wedding which was held at the Wisconsin Dells' Resort.

Will and Katie's journey to being featured on show began shortly after they got engaged, and Katie mentioned to her parents that it would be neat to get her dress from Kleinfeld's in New York City. For Christmas, her parents bought four airline tickets and got Katie an appointment to try on five dresses at the famous bridal store. However, once at Kleinfeld's it was the sixth dress, which made Katie's mom cry. It was then that Katie said "Yes" to the dress.

Six months later, Katie received an email from the show's producers asking her if she wanted to be on the show, and have her alterations filmed. She was able to take four of her nine bridesmaids and her mom with her to New York City for the taping. Katie says the day was really emotional since she is her mom's only daughter.

On a crisp, fall day last October, the New York Film crew descended upon Wilderness Resort's Glacier Canyon Conference Center. Despite there being a chill in the air, the couple hosted the dress reveal outside in a scenic area behind the Conference Center. Katie started by showing her grandfather her dress, then her father and finally, her groom. Sentiments ran high during this heartwarming moment as the couple saw each other on the first day of their marriage.

As a special seasonal touch before the outdoor ceremony on one of the patios, the couple offered an apple cider cocktail with spiced rum and a cinnamon stick garnish. After the service, the couple hosted

a cocktail and appetizer reception, an elegant dinner, and a dance for over 300 people in the Sandstone Ballroom.

According to Jenny Akers, wedding sales manager for the Wilderness, "Katie and Will really thought out every detail of the day. They went with a woodsy theme and carried it out beautifully with centerpieces that featured birch logs, pheasant feathers, pieces of wheat and pine cones. Katie's grandfather made a card box that looked like her parent's log cabin home and later in the evening they hosted a S'mores station which was a big hit with all the guests."

"We had so much fun helping to plan and hosting Katie and Will's big day. It was definitely one of those amazing weddings we will be talking about for years to come."

The Wilderness Resort consists of over 600 wooded acres in Wisconsin Dells and is home to Wilderness Hotel & Golf Resort, Wilderness on the Lake, Glacier Canyon Lodge, Wild Rock Golf Club, Sundara Spa and Glacier Canyon Conference Center. In 2016 it will be host to over 125 weddings. For more information on the resort or for reservations, visit their web site at [WildernessResort.com](http://WildernessResort.com) or call 1-800-867-WILD (9453).

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