Q1: How do I make a reservation?
A: A signed agreement and deposit are required to reserve the date. If your event is booked in advance, full payment is due 4 weeks before the event date. If the time is less than 4 weeks, full payment is due with the agreement.

Q2: Can I see the space prior to signing an agreement?
A: You may call 510-522-3366 or Email to: alamedahomeoftruth@gmail.com to schedule an appointment to see the property and/or space you want to rent.

Q3: What type of tables and chairs do you have?
A: We have plastic, rectangle folding tables that seat six, and stackable upholstered chairs in the cottage. Our table size is 72” X 30”. See pictures on website.

Q4: If we are renting both the cottage and the sanctuary on the same day, do we have to rent them both for the same time, or can we stagger the start and end times?
A: If you are renting the sanctuary and the cottage, start and end times must be the same.

Q5: Can we rearrange the furniture?
A: Yes. When your event is over you must reset it in the “standard” position. You may not move the piano in the sanctuary. In the cottage, the buffet table and coffee service table cannot be moved. See the room reset pictures:

Q6: How many people can attend our event?
A: Sanctuary capacity is 80; cottage capacity is 60; courtyard capacity is 20, the meeting room capacity is; Ohana-15 and Rix 10.

Q7: Do you have a projector or screen we can rent?
A: In the sanctuary, yes (extra $50 charge); in the cottage, no.

Q8: Can we use your sound system & microphones?
A: In the sanctuary, yes. In the cottage there is a small audio system which can play CDs or use a mini-jack input from your phone or mp3 player (not provided).

Q9: May we use the grand piano in the sanctuary?
A: Yes, but you may not move it. We tune the piano several times a year. If you need it tuned specifically for your event, you must pay for that service.

Q10: Can we use the kitchen in the cottage?
A: Yes. Our galley kitchen has a refrigerator, a stove and a microwave, but space is tight. We do not have a dishwasher or icemaker. You can bring a grill if you want.
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Q11: What about catering?
A: You may cater your event. There are a number of good caterers in Alameda.

Q12: Do you supply place settings, napkins, table cloths, cutlery, or garbage bags?
A: No. We recommend paper place settings and plastic utensils. You may use our dishes and utensils, provided you wash, dry and put them away.

Q13: May we decorate?
A: Yes. However, you may not use nails or push pins. Use only removable tape.

Q14: May we set up tables in the courtyard?
A: Yes. You must put them away at the end.

Q15: May we serve alcohol?
A: Yes, alcohol is allowed. However, you must respect that we are located in a residential neighborhood and you must provide temporary event insurance.

Q16: Is there a smoking area?
A: No. Smoking is not allowed anywhere on the Home of Truth property.

Q17: May we have a DJ or a band?
A: DJ, yes. Band, if they are small group, yes. Amplified sound must be kept to a reasonable amount for our residential neighborhood and end by 10 pm-Friday and Saturday and 9 pm on Sunday - Thursday.

Q18: Is there enough room for dancing?
A: Yes, in the cottage, if you clear away the tables and chairs.

Q19: What time must we end?
A: Your event end time must be as agreed to in your rental contract.

Q20: Do you have wi-fi?
A: No, we do not have wi-fi access; you must supply your own.

Q21: What if we need wheelchair access?
A: We are not ADA compliant. Neither of our bathrooms are wheelchair accessible. We do have a set of ramps you may use (at your own risk of liability). The ramps are stored inside the building under the front stairs to the left of the front entrance. You are responsible for set-up and return. Watch the video on the rentals page for instructions.

Q22: What if I have to change my date or cancel altogether?
A: There is a 15% cancellation fee, and a 10% change fee. This will be deducted from your deposit.