# **Sniqsay Weddings**

### **Traditional Marriage Customs**

Customary marriage ceremonies of the Sniqsay take different forms, but generally follow common themes that experienced extraterrestrial sociologists can easily identify.

#### **Engagements**

Sniqsay girls are considered eligible for matrimony at the age of 13. This number is of course calculated using the unusual <u>Sniqsay calendar</u>. The adult Sniqsay male chooses his bride by putting a bunch of names into a hat and then eating the hat. Once he has the permission of the bride's third-grade school teacher, the marriage is go for launch.

### **Elaborate Breakfast Banquet**

Usually the bride is in charge of the elaborate breakfast banquet. Since the actual ceremony is for the friends of the bride and groom, the banquet is considered the time for random strangers to congratulate the couple. While the bride makes flapjacks and buys pudding cups, the groom travels to the nearest grocery store and invites random people to come to the banquet. It is considered very bad manners not to accept the invitation. A typical banquet lasts for 2-4 hours and occasionally includes activities like snowboarding and painting pictures of oranges.

### **Wedding Ceremony**

Immediately following the banquet, the bride and groom attend the wedding ceremony. Traditional ceremonies are usually held in a telephone booth, but in recent years there has been a substantial movement toward preferring tree-houses. Usually the ceremony itself lasts for about an hour.

## **Wedding Reception**

After the wedding, the newly married couple often travel to the nearest bowling alley, where they spend the rest of the day. Customarily, friends and family try to steal all the bowling shoes that are the couple's size before they arrive. Going bowling in shoes that do not fit is considered a very romantic way to spend the afternoon in Sniqsay culture.

## **Controversy Over Playing Excessive Tuba Fanfares in Wedding Music**

Of course, there will always be a few aliens who don't like tubas. Traditional weddings are usually scored by popular live alien dubstep groups. In more recent years, the addition of tubas has created controversy. The Sniqsay government has remained neutral on this issue.

## **Traditional Dress at Weddings**

At a typical Sniqsay wedding, the bride wears white overalls and a red plaid sweater. The groom wears all green, which is symbolic in Sniqsay culture of liking lettuce on your sandwich. The assembled guests usually wear whatever they want. It is considered bad manners to wear shoes at the wedding, or to throw your shoes at anyone, so usually Sniqsay just skip the shoes altogether.