<u>Here are the things you'll need to get the most out of your weekend!</u>

- **Software & System Readiness**

  - Open FOREVER Artisan® 6 at least one week before the event — make sure everything opens smoothly. If it is not, book some time with FOREVER Client Care.

  - Check for the latest software update (Help > Check for Updates in Artisan).

  - Ensure your Windows operating system is up to date to avoid surprises mid-crop.

  - Restart your computer after any updates to ensure smooth performance.

- **Digital Content Check**

  - Open your current project(s) and ensure all content loads properly.

  - Pre-download any newly purchased digital art kits from your FOREVER account.

  - Install and activate any fonts you plan to use.

- **Backup & File Management**

  - Back up your projects to an external hard drive or flash drive.

  - Save or write down the path to your working files folder so you can easily find and access during the crop.

  - Consider bringing a second backup device, just in case!

- **Gear & Accessories**

  - Laptop + charging cable

  - Mouse (you'll thank yourself later)

  - Mousepad for comfort

  - Extension cord or power strip

- USB drive or external hard drive

- **Project Planning**

  - Make a list of layouts or photo books you want to work on.

  - Gather any journaling notes or photo captions ahead of time.

  - Organize your photos into folders by project or event for easier importing.

- **Comfort & Essentials**

  - Bring your glasses or blue-light filter glasses for long screen sessions.

  - Don't forget your favorite snacks, water bottle, and cozy sweater.

  - Bring a notebook or planner to jot down ideas and tips from other croppers.

- **Bonus: Troubleshooting Tools**

  - Have your FOREVER login info handy.

  - Know how to access Artisan support resources (support.forever.com or help articles).

  - Print or save any installation keys or content license codes, just in case.