

Thank you all for making this engagement weekend unforgettable!

The plan is in place and everyone is on board - not to mention that my beautiful Bride-To-Be has been misdirected so much that she thinks we're not getting engaged for 2 years!!! I can't wait to see the look in her eyes!

For starters, here is everyone's contact info for the weekend:

Sycamore Mineral Springs

1215 Avila Beach Drive, San Luis Obispo, California, 93405
Reservations 1 (800) 234-5831, Direct 1 (805) 595-7302

Our Sycamore Contact: Kathy Saeger (email: ksaeger@smsr.com)
805.234.4862 Cell, 805.273.4236 Direct at Sycamore

My Parents: June and Merrell Siegel
713.927.9565

Her Parents: Laura and Ken Marblestone (arrive from Philadelphia on Friday)
215.499.1872



Read on to see the plan details...

THE PLAN:

Friday, June 1st, 2007

- 8:25am Laura & Ken Depart Philadelphia, PA for Los Angeles, CA on US Air #1417 (Locator: LKANWG)
- 10:30am Richard and Andrea depart LA for San Luis Obispo
- 11:24am Marblestones arrive LAX and wait for June or Merrell to pick them up outside Baggage Claim
 - After Lunch, Ken & Merrell play golf while Laura & June go shopping.
- 1pm'ish Andrea & Richard lunch in Pismo at Splash Café (famous for their seafood & clam chowder)
Splash Café, 197 Pomeroy Ave, Pismo Beach, CA 93449 (805) 773-4653 • splashcafe.com
- 1:45pm After lunch, I will excuse myself to the restroom and call Kathy Saeger to let her know we are finished lunch and on our way to check in at Sycamore and to prepare the front desk staff.
- 2:30pm We checkin but the person behind the desk can't find my reservation. I will pull out a fake reservation confirmation page that I will create with my actual Confirmation Code on it showing we have a Harmony Building room reserved for two nights including two deep tissue massages and a \$50 gift card to the restaurant. The person behind the desk will get flustered and then find the reservation. At that point they will realize they are double-booked and tell me they have no rooms available. I'll protest and they will say would we mind having a seat for a few minutes while they figure out a solution with the manager. John, the Manager, will come out after deliberating for a minute or two with the person helping us, then ask me to come back and say they apologize for the inconvenience but he's sure we'll be very happy with the solution as he is upgrading us to one of the only rooms still available called the "Splendor" for no extra charge. We will be handed the Spa Massage vouchers, the \$50 Gift Card, and our keys. The Splendor may not be ready for check-in yet as they weren't expecting guests in it so we may have to come back at 4pm to pickup the keys when the room has been cleaned and prepared.
- 8:00pm We have dinner reservations at the Gardens of Avila Restaurant

Saturday, June 2nd, 2007

- 6:45am It's early but just in case you run into major traffic, the Parents will leave LA for San Luis Obispo
- 10:00am We will be woken up with Breakfast in Bed delivered to us in the "Splendor" - surprise for Andrea
- 10:15am Parents will probably arrive in the vicinity of the Resort & should call Kathy to let her know you've arrived & then go eat and relax at <http://www.fatcatscafe.com/> at the beach 2.5 miles down the road past Sycamore. Take the Avila Rd. all the way to the Harbor (805.595.2204)

- 11am'ish Andrea and I will leave the room to hike the trail behind the resort to the top of the mountain for that spectacular view - a 30-45 minute hike to the top (it's moderate to difficult).
 - Kathy's contact will keep an eye out for us leaving & then notify Kathy we've left the room. This person will then follow us keeping a little distance behind us.
 - Kathy will call June's cell (or any of them if they're having reception problems) to let them know to come to the resort and Kathy will also have the room serviced at that time.
- 11:30am Parents will arrive and be escorted up (in a golf cart?) to the "Splendor" and Kathy will show them to the bedroom where they will wait QUIETLY WITH CELL PHONES ON VIBRATE!
- 11:40am Andrea & I arrive at the Vista view point where we will stop and take in the view. I will take out my camera to take a few pictures and then turn to see "our stranger" approaching and ask him/her to take our picture. I will hand the camera over and sneak the ring box into my hand out of the camera backpack. We will pose for one picture and then I will turn to her to say a few brief heartfelt lump-in-my-throat words and get on one knee. At this point the "stranger" should start repositioning themselves to take more pictures but NOT BEFORE this point. Then "stranger" should start taking as many pictures as they can favoring Andrea's reaction. With tears in our eyes and a ring on her finger, we'll thank "Stranger" and walk rather urgently back to the room to get on our cell phones and call Laura first.
- 12:00pm We enter the "Splendor" and all Parents remain QUIET with CELL PHONES ON VIBRATE in the upstairs bedroom with the door closed. Our cell phones will have been left by the front door on the bottom floor and as soon as Andrea has said "We're engaged!", the Parents burst through the door and yell "MAZEL TOV!!!" ~ at which point Andrea starts crying again!
 - Phone calls to Grandparents and immediate family to follow... and also to LA friends & family to invite them to meet us at Mark's apartment on Sunday afternoon.

PLAN B IN CASE IT RAINS OR WE DON'T GO HIKE FOR WHATEVER REASON.

- 11:15am I'll insist we go sit in the hot tub and I'll call the "front desk" (Kathy) and let her know to come pick up the breakfast trays as we'll be in the tub. This will be code for bring up the parents.
- 11:30am Parents will be ushered into the upstairs bedroom as described above.
- 11:45am I'll get out to go get my camera and back with it and propose to her in the tub surrounded by the forest - I'll try not to drop the ring in the tub.
- 12:00pm We'll put our robes back on & come inside to make the call from our cell and proceed as above.
- 1:00pm We'll have lunch at <http://www.novorestaurant.com/>
726 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, PHONE: (805) 543-3986
- 2:30pm Parents check into "Heavenly" and get ready for Forest Jacuzzi & Massages
- 3:30pm All 6 of us will report to the Spa to hot tub (separately) before our pre-arranged massages:

- 4:15pm Hot Tub 1
Andrea Marblestone - Deep Tissue with a female. (1 hour)
Richard Berman - Deep Tissue with female (preferably) or male. (1 hour)
- Hot Tub 2
June Siegel - Hot Stone massage with Female. (1.5 hours)
Merrell Siegel - Swedish massage with Female (preferably) or male. (1 hour)
- Hot Tub 3
Laura Marblestone - Swedish Massage with Female. (1 hour)
- 4:45pm Ken Marblestone - Deep tissue with Female. (1 hour)
- 8:30pm Dinner Reservations for 6 people. Restaurant said they would put us in the "quieter" spot so we can celebrate.

Sunday, June 3rd, 2007

- 9am'ish Checkout and drive back to LA stopping for breakfast at <http://www.oldcustomhouse.com/>
404 Front Street, Avila Beach, CA 93424, 805-595-7555
- 1pm'ish Have lunch in Malibu at Geoffrey's, 27400 PCH, Malibu, CA 90265, 310.457.1519
- 2:30pm Show up at Mark's place for afternoon tea and hang time by the pool with close friends & family.
- 6:30pm Dinner
- 8:15pm Drop the Marblestones at the airport
- 10:00pm Marblestones depart on US Air 1446 arriving the next morning at 6:10am in Philly.

I'm so excited. Thanks for making this happen. I really appreciate everyone's help in making this momentous day for us go flawlessly. See you this weekend!!!

Most sincerely and passionately,



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