

Hi Everyone

Our trip to Pacific Grove is coming up in just a couple of weeks – we are really excited!

We have a total of 22 cars and 44 people going on this trip. WOW – this will be a large group. We will travel in three groups. Michelle and I will lead the first group, Terry and DiAnn Rooney will lead the second group, and Sunny and Gene Simons will lead the last group.

We will depart Orchard Creek at 8am on Tuesday April 12. Please show up by 7:45 to leave time for pictures. We will provide maps Tuesday morning. Please bring this email with you.

The route will take us through the toll booth at the Golden Gate Bridge. We found last year that it is easiest if we stay in the right toll booth lane and follow each other through. This will take a little longer but will avoid having us get out of sequence, particularly because the traffic there can be pretty heavy. We will go slowly after the toll booth to let everyone catch up. Immediately after the Golden Gate Bridge we will turn right on 19th Ave (CA-1) which goes through Golden Gate Park.

The only change to last year's route will be that we will turn right immediately on coming out of Golden Gate Park onto Lincoln Way, and head directly out to the coast and get on the Great Hwy. There is a little trickiness getting on the Great Hwy, but we will avoid many of the stop lights that we went through last year. We will hand out the detailed directions when we get together on the 12th.

We will have a rest stop at Panera Bread in Vacaville, lunch at Mezza Luna in Half Moon Bay, and a brief potty break at the Sea Cliff Inn in Aptos. We should arrive at the Seven Gables Inn in Pacific Grove about 3:30.

Information About the Inn

There are only 5 or 6 off street parking spaces at the Inn. Be careful, the driveway to the little parking lot is fairly steep. Our sports cars will have to go very slowly and at an angle or you risk damaging your under carriage.

The rest of us will have to park on one of the side streets next to the Inn. The hotel suggests parking on the side street that is most convenient to your room. Fountain Ave is on the east side street of the Inn in front of the main house. This is a one way street going up the hill. Grand Ave is on the west side street in front of the Beach House building. Grand is a two way street. Of course, you can park wherever you like, but this will keep your walk to your room as short as possible. Please refer to the email that you have already received from the Inn. In that email they should have told you which street is the closest for your room.

lease do not bring in your luggage when you come to the lobby to register. It will be easier if you retrieve your luggage once you know where your room is located. The hotel plans to register us in groups, those in the main house first, and those in the other buildings after that.

Doing it this way the hotel staff can escort each group to their rooms together, which will be quicker, and then you can go and get your luggage.

Wine and cheese is from 4pm-6pm each day.

Breakfast is from 8am-10am on a first-come, first-seated basis. They have a very nice breakfast buffet. You can ask the waiter for egg whites if you want. They can seat about 30 guests at a time for breakfast, so hopefully we will arrive at different times. Are there any late sleepers?

Dinner at Fandango

For those of you going to Fandango for dinner on Tuesday, dinner is at 7pm. Michelle and I will be walking there about 6:40, so please join us if you want to walk. The directions for walking are Grand Avenue away from the ocean, right on Lighthouse Ave, left on 17th street. It is about 4 blocks. Your dinner is prepaid, but you will settle individually for any orders from the bar.

Monterey Bay Aquarium

The Monterey Bay Aquarium is about a 25 minute walk along the ocean towards Monterey. Michelle and I will be leaving about 9:45 to get the first group of people there in time for the first behind-the-scenes tour at 10:30. Because breakfast seating is limited, if you are in a later tour, and are not a really early riser, please have breakfast a little later, perhaps at 9 instead of 8, so that those on the first tour can leave in time. Here is the final list for the behind-the-scenes tours:

10:30 Tour	12:00 Tour	1:00 Tour	2:00 Tour
Goleno	VanCott	Crowther	Brinsley
Hobby	Andre - Drake	Neeson	Kremesec
Milbauer	Brewster	Penman	Rooney
Simons	Breckon		
Long	Rafferty		
Berry			

Of course, you can show up and go through the Aquarium at any time you want. You will buy your ticket to go through the Aquarium at the door. We will give you \$2.00 off coupons in your packet.

If you pre-paid for the behind-the-scene tour, your tickets will be in your trip packet. There is a place just inside the door for you to meet for your tour. Arrive at the Aquarium early enough to purchase your entrance to the Aquarium prior to your tour.

There is no parking at the Aquarium. If you want to drive to the Aquarium, go down Ocean View Blvd towards Monterey. Ocean View becomes Wave street. You will see a large parking garage about two block past the Aquarium.

Dinner at Le Normandie

For those of you going to dinner on Wednesday at Le Normandie, dinner is also at 7pm. This restaurant is only about 2 blocks away. Just walk on Fountain Ave away from the ocean to Lighthouse Ave. The restaurant is on that corner, Lighthouse and Fountain. We will leave the Inn at 6:45. We will have tags for you with your menu choices. Please bring them to the restaurant. One glass of wine or beer is included in your pre-paid dinner. The restaurant has arranged a guitar player to sing for us. We are told he has a large repertoire and takes requests. He is working only for tips, so if you like the music, please be generous.

That's about all I can think of. If you have questions, please send us an email,

(See the LHSCG Roster for contact information)

Good luck,

Tom and Michelle Breckon

Note: Following pages are here for general information See above pages for official tour details

Hello Everyone

Our plans are firming up for our trip to Pacific Grove on April 12 to 14. We have 21 cars signed up, 41 people, so we will have a wonderful large group to enjoy. We are planning to divide into 3 groups. Here is a description of the events. I will need to collect some money, so I have attached a form to fill out with your choices.

The route will be the same as last year. To avoid the rush hour traffic around Sacramento, we will take the back way to Woodland, down 113 and 80, and make a coffee stop at Panera Bread in Vacaville. From there we will take 37 to Novato, Hwy 101 across the Golden Gate Bridge and connect to Hwy 1. This is such a beautiful stretch of road. Lunch will again be at Mezza Luna, an Italian restaurant in Half Moon Bay. We will make a rest stop in Santa Cruz, and arrive at the Seven Gables Inn about 3:30 pm, in plenty of time for complementary wine and cheese at the Inn from 4 to 6.

Dinner on Tuesday evening will again be at Fandango's at 7pm, an easy 3 block walk from the Inn. We got a lot of good comments last year about this restaurant.

The Inn provides a very nice breakfast on Wednesday morning, served between 8 and 10 am.

After breakfast you have the choice of heading with the group to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, or you may strike out on your own. The Aquarium is about a mile up the road from the Inn, so Michelle and I will lead a walk there at 10 am, but you can drive if you wish. Depending on the time of your behind-the-scene tour, you may decide to go to the Aquarium at different times, and you may walk through the Aquarium either before or after your tour. Everyone will be on their own for lunch on Wednesday. We will not have an opportunity to sit down together because we will all be doing the behind-the-scene tours at different times.

There is another wine and cheese available at the Inn Wednesday afternoon.

On Wednesday evening you have the option to join us for dinner at Le Normandie, a French restaurant which is highly recommended by the Inn. Le Normandie is even closer to the Inn than Fandango, so again we will be walking.

Here are some of the details:

Mezza Luna Restaurant (Lunch Tuesday)

459 Prospect Way

Princeton by the Sea, CA 94109

www.mezzalunabythesea.com

The food at Mezza Luna is excellent. We will be ordering from the normal menu. We recommend, however, that you eat lightly, because wine and cheese will be served at the Inn at 4 pm followed by dinner at 7 pm. We will be seated at tables for 4. I tried to get separate checks, but compromised, like last year, that the restaurant will give us a single check per table. Please come prepared with cash to divvy up the check at each table.

Fandango Restaurant (Dinner 7pm Tuesday)

223 17th Street

Pacific Grove, CA 93950

www.fandangorestaurant.com

I know this is another Italian restaurant, but a trip to Pacific Grove for us simply must include dinner at Fandango. We will have the following special menu to choose from.

Canneloni Nicoise (Fresh pasta rolled with spinach, ham, beef, cheese & tomatoes)

Carmel Valley Organic Green Salad

Choice of Main Course

Roast Black Angus Sirloin with wild mushroom sauce

Filet of Salmon, grilled

Beef Bourguignon

Chicken Picatta

Pasta Puttanesca (Diced tomato, capers, garlic, basil, olives, olive oil)

Profiteroles (Cream puffs filled with cappuccino ice cream, whipped cream & hot chocolate sauce)

Coffee or Tea

The above is a fixed cost menu, \$55.58 per person including tax and tip. A no-host cash bar is available. You can choose your main course at the restaurant.

Monterey Bay Aquarium (Wednesday)

If you choose to go to the Aquarium, you can walk with us at 10 am or you can drive. If you drive, there is parking at the Cannery Row Public Parking garage about 2 blocks away from the Aquarium, on Wave street. Ocean View Blvd (the street the Inn is on) becomes Wave, and the garage is between Prescott and Hoffman.

You will individually purchase your admission at the Aquarium. The normal admission cost is \$29.95 per person, \$27.95 if 65 or over. I will pass out coupons on Tuesday that will get you \$2.00 off these prices.

Behind-the-scene tours are available for an additional \$12.00 per person. Tours begin at 10:30, 12, 1, 2 and 3. These tours go through some small spaces, so they can handle at most 10 to 12 people at a time. I will reserve these tours in advance. I will be collecting money for the tours and making these reservations. Please tell me your first and second time choice.

Le Normandie Restaurant (Dinner 7pm Wednesday)

French Restaurant

542 Lighthouse Ave

Pacific Grove, CA 93950

This is a small mom and pop restaurant. Mom serves, dad cooks, and the son helps out. I don't think it is very fancy, but the Inn says Le Normandie's food is excellent. Michelle and I will try it out in a couple of weeks.

The following will be our special menu:

1 glass of wine is included

Soup or salad

Choice of main course, all with vegetables and potatoes:

Beef bourguignon

Roast half chicken

Seafood bouillabaisse(tiger shrimp, cod, salmon, scallops, saffron broth)

Chicken chasseur

Lamb stew

Duck confit

For dessert, choice of pear tart, raspberry tart, chocolate ganache cake, or their famous triple cream cheese cake.

Coffee.

The above is also a fixed cost menu, \$50.00 per person including tax and tip.

This restaurant prepares all their dishes fresh every day. Because they are so small, they need to know our main course choices in advance. Your dessert may be selected at the restaurant.

Finances

I will be collecting for the two dinners in advance. I will also be collecting for the Aquarium behind-the-scene tours.

Please use the form on the next page to let me know your choices, and enclose with your checks made out to Tom Breckon.

We are looking forward to having a great time.

Tom and Michelle Breckon

(See LHSCG Roster for contact information)

Pacific Grove Trip

April 12-14

Choices

Name(s): _____

1. Will you have lunch with the group on the drive down at Mezza Luna? Yes / No

(No payment required now, I just need a count for the restaurant.)

2. Will you go to dinner with us at Fandango on Tuesday evening?

Number of people _____ at \$55.58 each Total _____ Price
includes tax and tip.

3. Will you go to dinner with us at Le Normandie on Wednesday evening?

Number of people _____ at \$50.00 each Total _____ Price
includes tax, tip and 1 glass of wine.

Please indicate your choice of main course:

Beef bourguignon _____

Roast half chicken _____

Seafood bouillabaisse _____

Chicken chasseur _____

Lamb stew _____

Duck confit _____

4. Do you want to go on a behind-the-scene tour at the Monterey Bay Aquarium?

Number of people _____ at \$12.00 each Total _____

Please indicate your choice of when to start the tour. If possible, please give me a second choice.

10:30 am _____

12:00 pm _____

1:00 pm _____

2:00 pm _____

3:00 pm _____